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Welcome

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Investing in Opportunities

EC 2007-2014 evaluation: Cohesion policy led to a long term reduction in disparities

(Regional GDP, Theil index)

Source: Eurostat, regional accounts and own calculations.

State of progress of the NWE Programme
What will it bring?

Early stage, but for example we can already say:

- NWE will become a better place for enterprises:
  approved projects promise to deliver **145%** of enterprise support planned (ca. 750).
- NWE helps enterprises to introduce 'new to the market products'
  approved projects promise to deliver **57%** of the target (ca. 1.000).
- NWE aims to create jobs, but challenging
  approved projects promise to deliver **22%** of the target (ca. 1.800).

- Complex!
  For many other indicators we still have to improve the data of the projects

- **Territorial Cohesion indicators** are being developed.

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What will it bring?

Project example: E=0

- Base the successful Energiesprong programme in NL,
- Delivering net zero energy (E=0) retrofits with a 30+ years performance warranty
- Installed within one week.
- Costs paid off by the guaranteed energy savings.
- Improvement of quality & comfort, leading to wider urban renewal.
- Challenge for industry and their supply chain to innovate.
- Scale up to the NWE region opportunity for supply chain integration.

Results

- **25% of costs reduction compared to baseline (now)**
- **CO2 reduction of 150 ton and 5y after 45 kTon**

State of progress of the NWE Programme

What will it cost?

- **40 projects** approved =
- allocation of **€ 134 million** ERDF (36%)
- First certification to Commission of **€ 9,7 million**

- **E=0** in NL, LU, UK, FR and costs **5,4** m€ ERDF

State of progress of the NWE Programme: costs

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Total
Total ERDF budget (1)	130,724,334	146,569,706	95,072,242	372,366,282
Total ERDF approved (2)	29,998,082	70,362,436	33,962,982	134,323,499
	23%	48%	36%	36%
ERDF balance (3) = (1) - (2)	100,726,252	76,207,270	61,109,260	238,042,783
Number of projects approved	12	18	10	40

- **State of progress of the NWE Programme**

  - **How about project implementation?**

- All approved projects received a lump sum of €30,000 for preparation costs

- 2 progress reports October 2017
- 12 progress reports end March 2017
- 13 progress reports end September 2017
- 4 progress reports delayed
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- 68% of projects partners have First Level Controllers

State of progress of the NWE Programme
Calls for proposals

- 3 calls for proposals fully completed
- Call 4: 10 projects under step 2 development
- Call 5: 16 projects under step 2 development
- Call 5: step 2 decisions 29 May 2018
- Call 6: step 1 deadline 17 November 2017
- Call 6: step 1 decisions 31 January 2018
- Call 6: step 2 deadline 31 July 2018
- Call 6: step 2 decisions 25 October 2018
- Call 7: step 1 deadline 26 April 2018
- etc

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Brexit short term:

- UK partners guaranteed by UK Treasury
- Will the UK contribute to EU as promised?
  - If yes: no problem
  - If no: no problem yet
    - NWE slow allocation (134 m€, 36%): no impact on approved projects for NWE
    - But money might be ‘out’ sooner

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MC8 messages:

- Approved step 1: 14 projects (33%)
- Approved step 2: 16 projects (76%) for 48m€
- Targeted call '**renewable energy**'
  - TO BE DECIDED! (half December)
- Averages are not a guideline
  (e.g. budget of 3 mln or 10 partners)

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Post 2020

- 5 scenarios of Juncker
- Cohesion policy?
  - solidarity/reduction of disparities or
  - investment fund?
- Brexit: new setting with 27 MS:
  - less EU budget
  - 10 net-contributors
  - long negotiations for MFF
- Cohesion policy lower budget
- Less grants & more financial instruments

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Thank you!