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EU Macro-Regional Strategies 2021-27

Key topics to be addressed for the future

Contents:

- European Green Deal
- The digital transition
- COVID-19 recovery
- Civil society and youth
- Reboosting the tourism & culture sector

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Governance:

- Embedding into mainstream programmes
- Raise political commitment (ministerial meetings)
- Reinforce the participation of civil society and youth in the governance of the MRS

MRS and the European Green Deal

Macro-regional Strategies and the European Green Deal have common priorities and challenges:

- The sustainability dimension prominent in all the MRS
- Priorities common to all the MRS: environment and climate change, connectivity, research & innovation and (sustainable) economic development - are related to key actions of the EGD
- Most of the EGD challenges can be tackled only joint efforts

Cohesion policy 2021-2027

Cooperation:

- Cooperation introduced as a horizontal objective for Cohesion Policy
- Should be sought with partners from cross-border regions and regions covered by a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy

Build on already successful projects, scale up through mainstream programmes!

CP 2021-2027: Next steps (1)

Right now:

- Member States encouraged to submit their ERDF/CF draft programmes to DG REGIO already now
- In DG REGIO D.1 we screen the programmes from the cooperation / MRS point of view

Next steps:

- COM is ready with the legislative package 2021-27
- Council: first reading by mid-April
- European Parliament: 2nd reading in May
- Then revision by lawyer-linguists
- Expected to be published in the Official Journal by July

CP 2021-2027: Next steps (2)

- Publication of regulation by the “summer” (July)
- Preparations of secondary legislation are ongoing – they will be adopted right after the adoption of the primary legislation
- Lawyer linguist work is on track
- Formal submissions could happen on the first days of July. SFC2021 cannot open until the regulation is adopted. COM and MS should officially communicate (submission of draft PA and programmes) via SFC2014 until then. In case SFC is not available, the force majeure clause allows communicating via email.