



Balanced and Sustainable Development through Regional Competitiveness

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Overview

- *EU Cohesion policy in a nutshell*
- *Cohesion policy and clusters*
- *IPA Regional Competitiveness programme in Turkey*



EU Cohesion policy objectives

- ***The Treaty establishing the European community defines the objective of the European cohesion policy as follows:***
 - ***“promote economic and social progress as well as a high level of employment, and to achieve balanced and sustainable development” (Articles 2 and 4)***
 - ***“in particular, the Community aims to reduce the disparities between the levels of development of the different regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, including rural areas” (Article 158)***

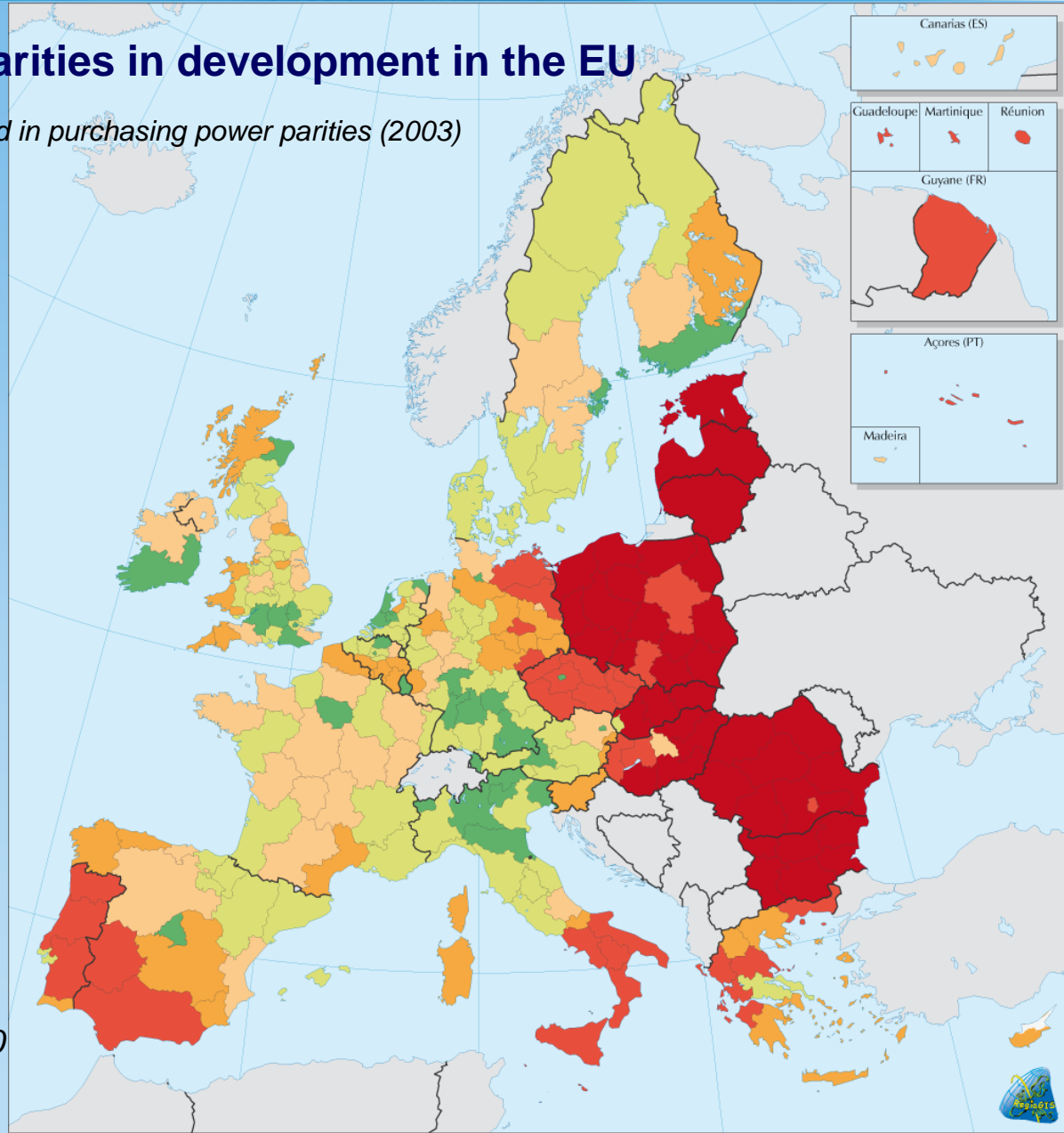


Regional disparities in development in the EU

GDP per head in % and in purchasing power parities (2003)



Index, EUR-27 = 100





EU Cohesion policy in a nutshell

- *Cohesion policy accounts for one third of the EU budget or EUR 350 billion over the 2007-2013 period*
- *3 Objectives (Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and Employment, European Territorial Cooperation)*
- *delivered through 3 instruments (European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Cohesion Fund)*



Objectives and instruments 2007-2013

Objectives	Structural Funds and instruments		
Convergence	ERDF	ESF	Cohesion Fund
Regional Competitiveness and Employment	ERDF	ESF	
European territorial Cooperation	ERDF		
	infrastructure, innovation, investments etc.	vocational training, employment aids etc.	environmental and transport infrastructure, renewable energy
	all Member States and regions		MemberStates with a GNI/head below 90%



Structural funds allocation by type of region 2007-13

- Convergence Regions
- Phasing-out Regions
- Phasing-in Regions
- Competitiveness and Employment Regions

Total: EUR 347.4 billion

Cohesion Fund: EUR 69.6 bn.

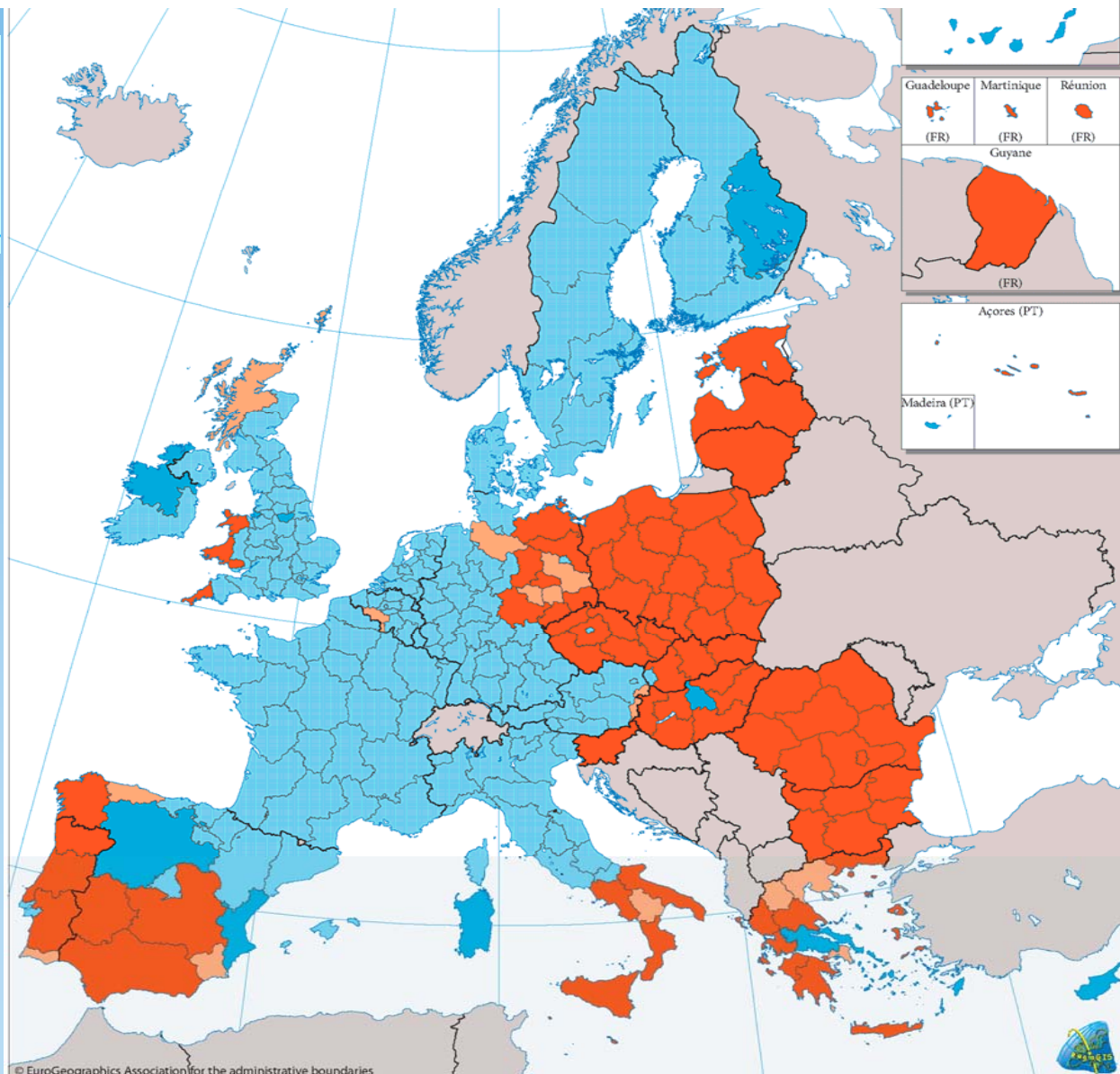
Convergence: EUR 199.3 bn.

Phasing out: EUR 13.9 bn.

Competitiveness: EUR 4.5 bn.

Phasing in: EUR 11.4 bn.

Territorial Cooperation: EUR 7.8 bn.





Cohesion policy: a natural ally for clusters

- **System of regional and multilevel governance**
- **Design and delivery of integrated and innovative regional development strategies**
- **Concentrates finances on the poorer regions: EU support + own resources**
- **Increase exchange of good practices**



How does Cohesion policy support clusters?

- **Some estimates: approx 19% of the investments made in Europe to nurture clusters during the last decade come from Cohesion Policy**
- **In 2007-2013 up to 25% (approx €86 billion) allocated to innovation**
- **Regional Operational Programmes for innovation set down by regions usually include actions related to the nurturing of clusters:**
 - **Scientific infrastructures such as science parks and incubators**
 - **Cluster initiatives (linking universities & SMEs)**
 - **Cluster organisations: special agencies, etc.**



IPA AIMS

(Regional Development and Human Resources Development)

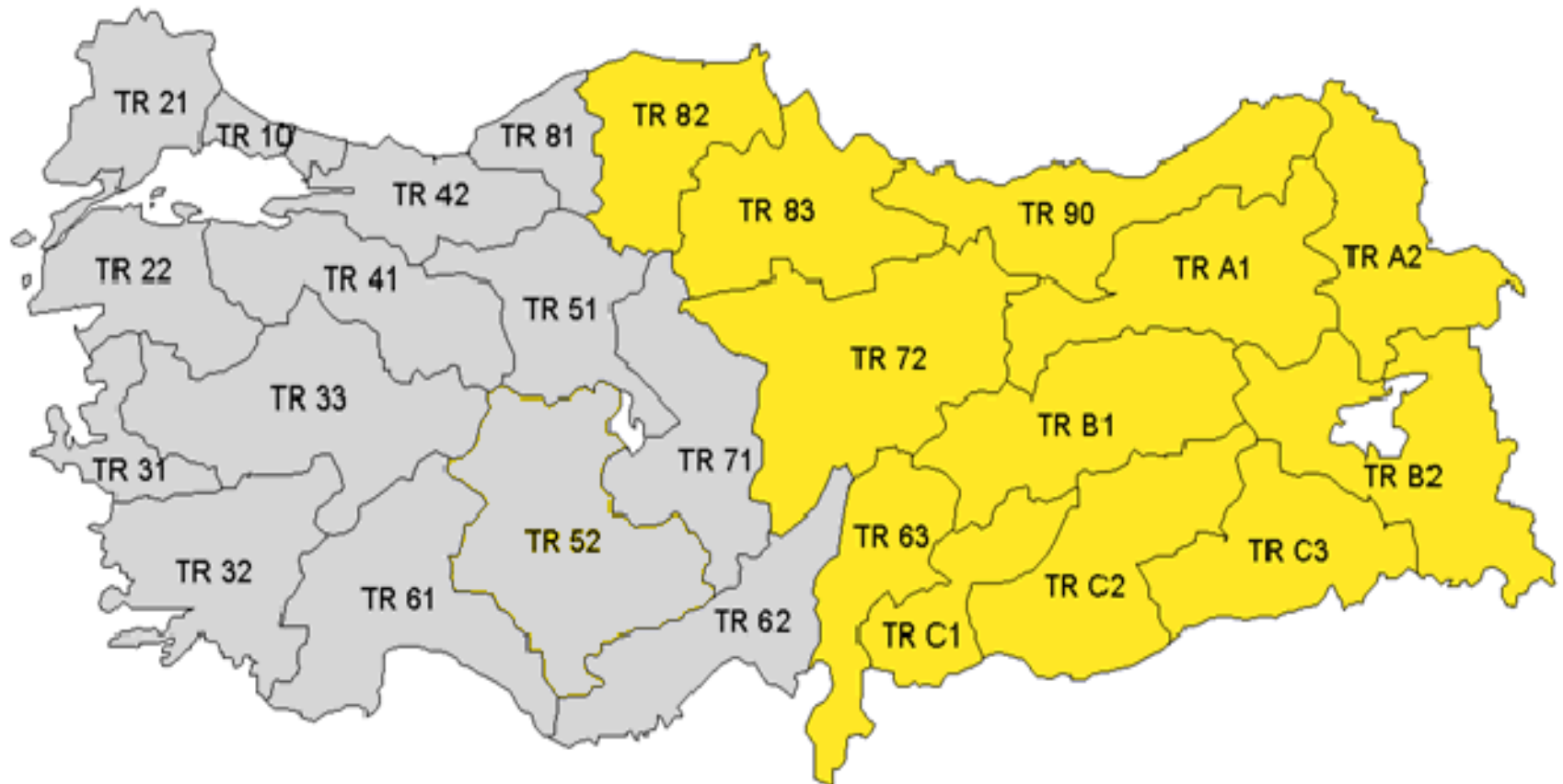
(Arts 10 and 11 Council Regulation 1085/2006)

- ***Support candidate countries in:***
 - ***policy development***
 - ***preparation for the implementation and management of the Community's cohesion policy***
 - ***preparation for the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Social Fund***
 - ***financing of the type of actions usually financed by the ERDF, CF and ESF***
 - ***« Learning by doing »***



Turkey IPA “Regional Competitiveness” programme 2007-2009

Financial Assistance Concentrates on NUTS II regions with GDP <75% Turkish average





Turkey

IPA “Regional Competitiveness” programme

- **Overall Objective**

- to increase the competitiveness of the poorest regions of Turkey by supporting enterprises

- **Specific Objectives:**

- Enhance physical and financial infrastructure
- Increase business stock
- Increase employment creation
- Enhance added value of production base



Turkey

IPA “Regional Competitiveness” programme

- Measure 1.3, specific objectives:
 - ...
 - *“to promote the collaboration on R&D and innovation, transfer of technology through establishment, development and operation of corporate networks and clusters among the public sector, universities, R&D Centres and enterprises and connecting them to international networks”*
- Measure 2.1, specific objectives:
 - ...
 - *Promoting the establishment of services and counselling activities assisting the launching and development of sectoral and regional clusters and networks among enterprises*
- *Providing information on networking and clustering to increase the awareness and knowledge of enterprises, private and public institutions*



- **More information on Regional Policy:**

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.htm

- **More information on IPA Regional Competitiveness Programme**

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<http://ipa.stb.gov.tr>

- **Call for project proposals published in the web site of the Ministry of Industry and Trade**

<http://www.sanayi.gov.tr/webedit/gozlem.aspx?sayfaNo=4246>



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