

# Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII)



**Making EU funds  
resources fully available  
for the fight against the  
coronavirus crisis and its  
economic consequences  
Cohesion policy**

# Commission proposal on CRII

## *Regulation (EU) 2020/460 on CRII adopted:*

- published in OJ on 31 March: link [here](#)
- entry into force: 1 April

## *Main CPR and ERDF changes:*

- A simplified procedure for re-programming (not requiring COM decision) to transfer certain resources inside an OP;
- Expenditure for operations for fostering crisis response capacities in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak - eligible as of 1/2/2020;
- Additional liquidity to MS - no issuing of recovery orders (pre-financing not covered by payment claims);
- ERDF can support working capital in SMEs in grant form
- ERDF can also support investments in products and services necessary for fostering the crisis response capacities in public health services under TO1;

# Commission proposal on CRII Plus

- published on 23 April: link [here](#)
- Non-utilised support from the cohesion policy funds can be mobilised to address the effects of the public health crisis on our economies and societies
- Certain procedural steps linked to programme implementation and audit will be simplified in order to grant flexibility, ensure legal certainty and to reduce administrative requirements.

# CRII Plus - More flexibility and liquidity thanks to:

- **Full flexibility to transfer resources**
  - between the 3 Cohesion policy Funds
    - full flexibility for the 2020 allocations
    - No limitation for ESF and Cohesion Fund
  - between categories of regions
    - Full flexibility between all 3 categories for the 2020 allocations
- **Full flexibility on thematic concentration**
  - for programme amendments no need to respect thematic concentration requirements

# CRII Plus - More flexibility and liquidity thanks to:

- Increasing EU co-financing rates to 100%
  - Applicable for the accounting year 2020-2021
  - Optional – Member States may request it for one or more priorities of the programme; for one or more programmes
  - Requires a programme amendment (notification of the financial tables)

# Distribution per Funds and Category of regions

Fund	2020 allocation
CF	10.063.146.374,00
ERDF (excluding ETC)	30.177.701.476,00
ESF	13.784.706.092,00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>54.025.553.942,00</b>
Category of regions (ERDF and ESF)	2020 allocation
Less developed	28.940.164.763,00
More developed	8.822.267.586,00
Outermost or Northern Sparsely Populated	235.627.457,00
Transition	5.964.347.762,00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43.962.407.568,00</b>
<i>Excl: ETC and YEI</i>	

# CRII Plus - Less administrative burden thanks to:

- No more amendments to Partnership Agreements
- Extended deadline for the submission of annual reports
- Eased use of a non-statistical sampling method for audit
- Facilitated adjustment of financial instruments if extended to working capital
- Projects selected after 1 February 2020 in view of fighting the health crisis may have already been completed before selection
- Undertakings in difficulty – undertakings receiving support under the State aid Temporary Framework or de minimis can receive support
- Decommitment and force majeure – ease of reporting
- Up to 10% financial flexibility per priority at programme closure