MLE ON NATIONAL PRACTICES IN WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING SYNERGIES

An overview of the importance of ESIF and H2020 in a Belgian context: the Brussels Capital Region

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What about Innoviris?
Some figures


- **ERDF** (2014-2020): 96 million EUR (of which 29 million EUR RDI) + financial instruments

- **Regional RDI budget** (2017): 52 million EUR (383 grants awarded)
ESIF in Brussels reflects on the « Brussels paradox »

ESIF = ESF (+ YEI) + ERDF

- Employment for all (with a focus on young people and persons excluded or at risk of exclusion)
- RDI, (sustainable) economy and social inclusion

98 million EUR (52 EU)
192 million EUR (96 EU)
General setup of ERDF in Brussels

Thematic objectives:
- Research and innovation
- SMEs competitiveness
- Low-carbon economy
- Environment and resource efficiency
- Social inclusion

Alignment with Smart Specialisation Strategy
**ERDF implementation**

- **Phase 1**: call for projects in 2014
  - 46 projects funded, including 10 in the RDI axis
  - Total budget: approx. 167 million EUR (of which 29 million EUR RDI)

- **Phase 2**: financial instruments
  - 3 projects funded, including 1 in the RDI axis
Example 1: Equity for young innovative companies (financial instrument)

- Based on a need identified in RIS3 + (compulsory) ex ante evaluation

- Operated by Innoviris (RDI funding and expertise) and finance.brussels (economic support, loans and venture capital)

- Budget: approx. 6 million EUR = 4,5 million EUR ERDF + 1,5 million EUR regional funding

- Key features:
  - (Convertible) loans or venture capital
  - Max. 250,000 EUR
Example 2: Living Labs Brussels Retrofit

- Development and test of the innovative technological and organizational solutions for energy efficiency in the buildings
- Innovative public procurements
- Budget: approx. 3.7 million EUR
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