Overview of the importance of ESIF and H2020 in the Belgian context – the Flemish experience

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Available budget/year ERDF vs others

- ERDF - Regional: 24,795,036,86
- ERDF - ETC: 24,642,857,14
- H2020 (intermediate figure): 166,808,888,88
- Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (2017): 495,224,001,00
- Economy, Science & Innovation budget Flemish Gvt (2017): 2,776,000,000,00

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WHY ESIF REMAINS IMPORTANT FOR FLANDERS

INCENTIVE FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE/TRANSITION
- Aims for systemic change
- Brings long term perspective and integrated approach
- Fosters regional framework conditions as step-up towards EU excellency

SUBSIDIARITY
- Translation of EU/global topics, priorities... in a regional perspective
  - Decision-making close to local/regional level
  - Balanced top-down bottom-up approach

FUNDING
- Additional source of funding
- Able to mobilize & trigger other public and private funding
### HOW do we use ESIF and ERDF in particular

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<th>Thematically concentrated</th>
<th>• on R&amp;D&amp;I, Competitiveness SMEs, Low Carbon (both our ROP as Interreg)</th>
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<td>Mend missing links in innovation system</td>
<td>• E.g. nearly 50% of ROP budget in support for demo &amp; piloting infrastructure/activities (e.g. BioBase Europe, VEG-I-TEC...)</td>
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<td>Seed money</td>
<td>• support experimental cooperative actions, investments...in a S3 logic (e.g. Hydrogen Region, Factory 4.0)</td>
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<td>Co-fund</td>
<td>• Large scale infrastructural development combining different EU/National/Regional/Local funds (e.g. T2 Talent and Technology Campus)</td>
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<td>Place based</td>
<td>• Flemish region wide ROP strategy combined with ITI for 3 sub-regions &amp; 2 major urban areas (Antwerp and Ghent)</td>
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Thank you for your attention

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