



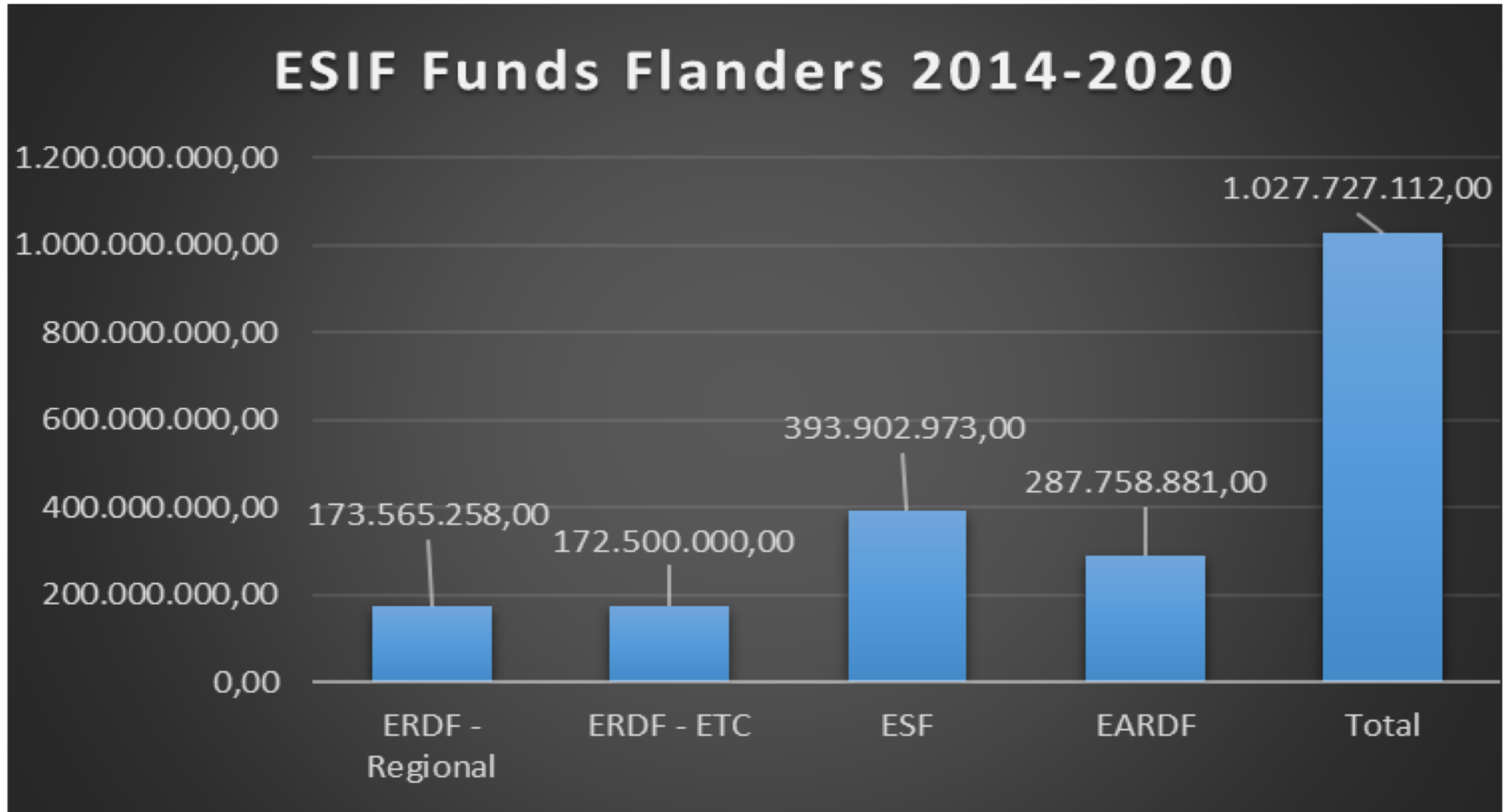
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# **Overview of the importance of ESIF and H2020 in the Belgian context – the Flemish experience**

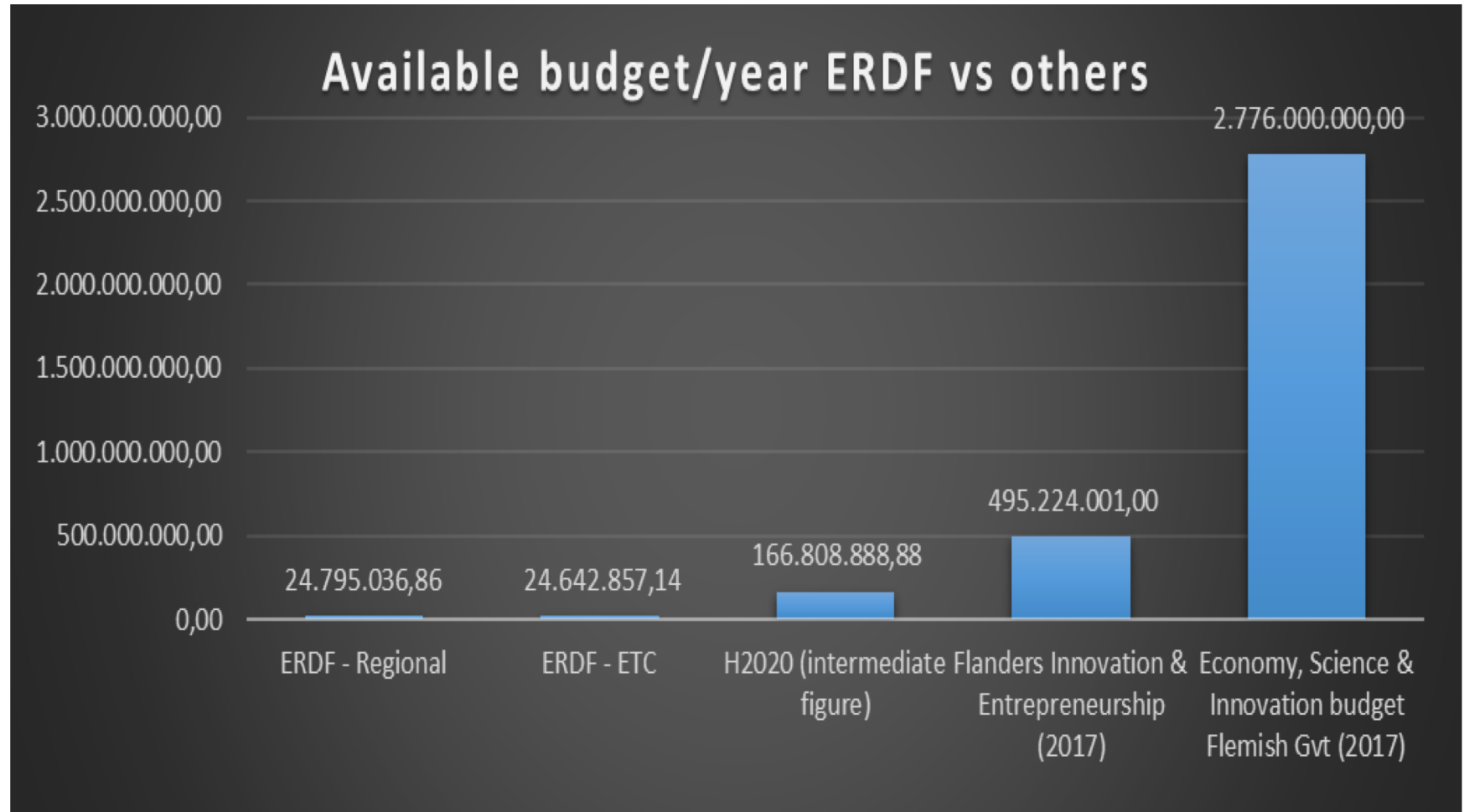
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# WHY ESIF REMAINS IMPORTANT FOR FLANDERS

## 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

Thematically concentrated

- on R&D&I, Competitiveness SMEs, Low Carbon (both our ROP as Interreg)

Mend missing links in innovation system

- E.g. nearly 50% of ROP budget in support for demo & piloting infrastructure/activities (e.g. BioBase Europe, VEG-I-TEC...)

Seed money

- support experimental cooperative actions, investments...in a S3 logic (e.g. Hydrogen Region, Factory 4.0)

Co-fund

- Large scale infrastructural development combining different EU/National/Regional/Local funds (e.g. T2 Talent and Technology Campus)

Place based

- Flemish region wide ROP strategy combined with ITI for 3 sub-regions & 2 major urban areas (Antwerp and Ghent)

# Thank you for your attention



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