



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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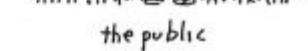
What about Innoviris?



science communication



scientists



the public



Opinion-based
policy making



Evidence-based
policy making

Some figures



 ✨ **H2020** (2014-2017) : 444 million EUR (925 projects)

✨ **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 »



Employment for all (with a focus on young people and persons excluded or at risk of exclusion)

RDI, (sustainable) economy and social inclusion

$$\text{ESIF} = \underbrace{\text{ESF (+ YEI)}}_{98 \text{ million EUR (52 EU)}} + \underbrace{\text{ERDF}}_{192 \text{ million EUR (96 EU)}}$$

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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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