



COHESION POLICY AT WORK



DELIVERING IN ALL EU REGIONS

A MAJOR SOURCE OF INVESTMENT

In the last two decades, Cohesion Policy invested in all EU regions and was a major source of investment, amounting to 8.5% of public investment in the EU, a figure which rises to over 50 % in a number of countries.

WHICH CREATES JOBS

It directly created 1.2 million jobs in the EU over the last 10 years as growth-supportive public investments plunged in many Member States.

AND GENERATES POSITIVE SPILLOVERS

All Member States benefit from positive spillovers generated by investments in cohesion countries: they open new markets and bring about increased trade.



The **7th** Report on economic, social and territorial **cohesion**

Regional and
Urban Policy

2014-2020 Cohesion Policy investments

will support all EU region by:

► Giving them the means to succeed in a globalised economy

1.1 million small businesses will receive support from the funds.

Cohesion Policy funds will help more than **7.4 million unemployed people find a job** and help over **8.9 million people gain new qualifications**.



► Helping them embrace the digital revolution

€16 billion will help develop digital services, boost uptake of digital technologies in small businesses, invest in high speed broadband, smart grids and intelligent energy distribution systems as well as large scale data centres.

Among the expected results: 14.5 million households will have new access to broadband. 77 500 companies will receive support to improve uptake of digital technologies. 2 million citizens will benefit from e-health services.



► Investing in education and health

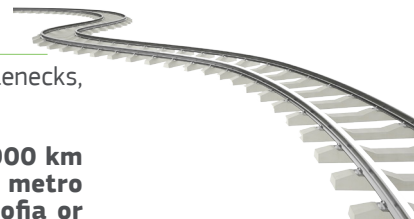
Cohesion policy invests in social infrastructure. **6.8 million children will benefit from new or modernised schools and childcare facilities. 42 million people will have access to improved healthcare services.**



► Connecting territories, reducing distances

Cohesion Policy investments in transport will help remove bottlenecks, reduce travel times and invest in clean public transport systems.

Over 4 600 km of TEN-T railway lines will be renovated, 2 000 km of new TEN-T roads will be built and 750 km of tram and metro lines will be constructed or upgraded. Cities like Warsaw, Sofia or Bucharest will have modern metro systems thanks to Cohesion Policy investments.



► Protecting their environment and using resources wisely

17 million additional people will be connected to **wastewater treatment facilities**, and **3.3 million more to smart grids**, while the energy consumption **of 870 000 households** will be reduced.



► Overcoming borders

Territorial cooperation programmes are expected to see **240 000 people** participate in cross-border mobility initiatives. **6 900 businesses** and **1 400 research institutions** will participate in cross border research projects.

