

# South East Europe Programme

## experience gained and its future

SMART SEE Seminar  
Timisoara, Romania, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012

SEE Joint Technical Secretariat

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# Agenda

- **The objectives of the seminar**
- **The SEE Programme - Where we are**
- **Future perspectives**

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# The objective of the seminar

- demonstrating what SEE programme & projects have achieved
  - extending impact of project activities by making aware new stakeholders about results
  - creating networks of institutions with similar needs - possibility for forming project clusters or new project ideas
- supporting decision makers and stakeholders to better prepare the future programming period
  - exchanging opinions about future of territorial cooperation and SEE Programme
- Four thematic seminars
- focus on thematic issues (and not administrative processes)



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# Programme Area



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## EU Member States:

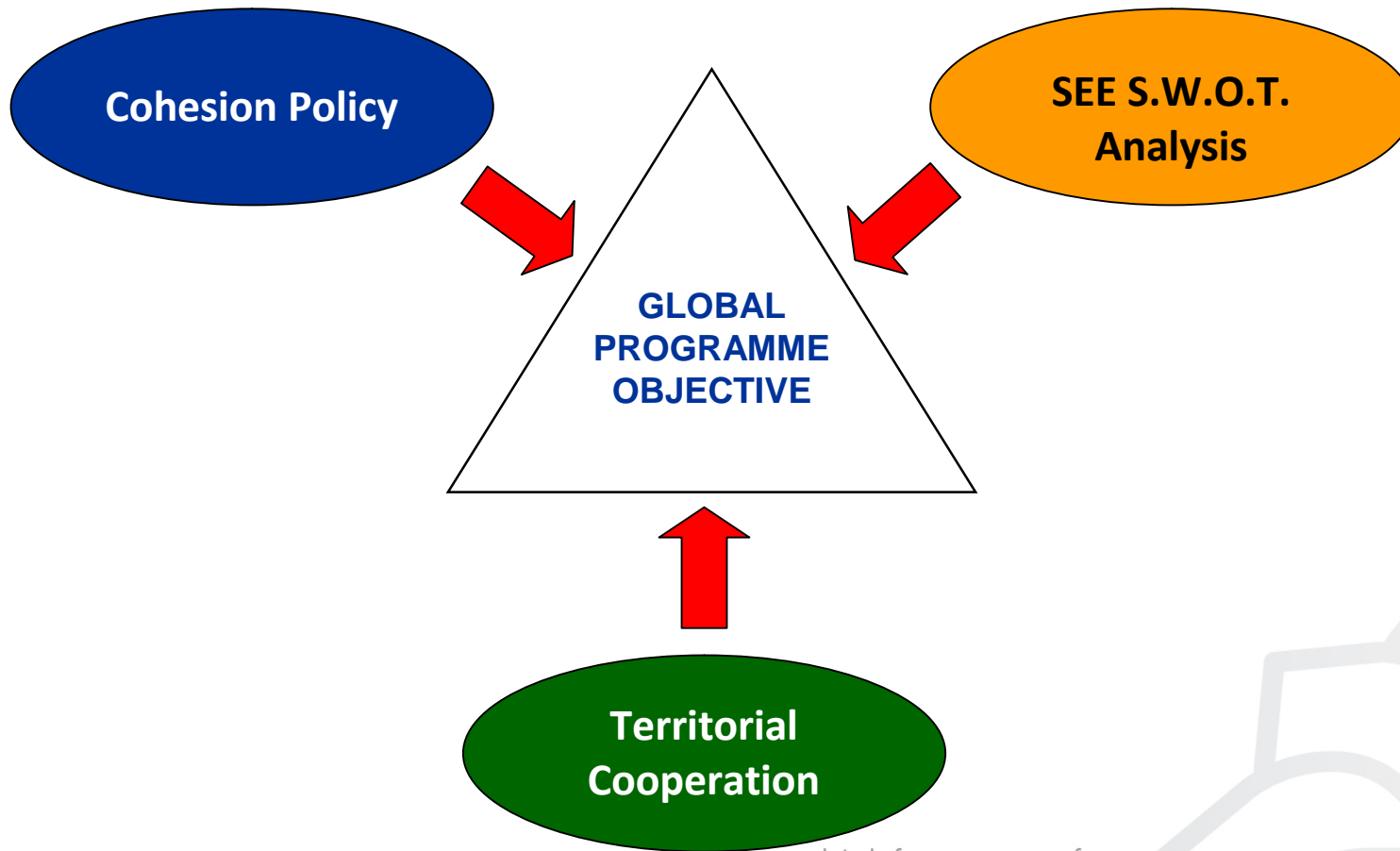
**Austria, Bulgaria, Greece,  
Hungary, Italy, Slovakia,  
Slovenia, Romania**

## Non-EU-member States:

**Albania, Bosnia-  
Herzegovina, Croatia,  
former Yugoslav Republic  
of Macedonia, Serbia,  
Montenegro, Republic of  
Moldova, Ukraine**

**(Italy and Ukraine do not  
participate with its whole  
territory)**

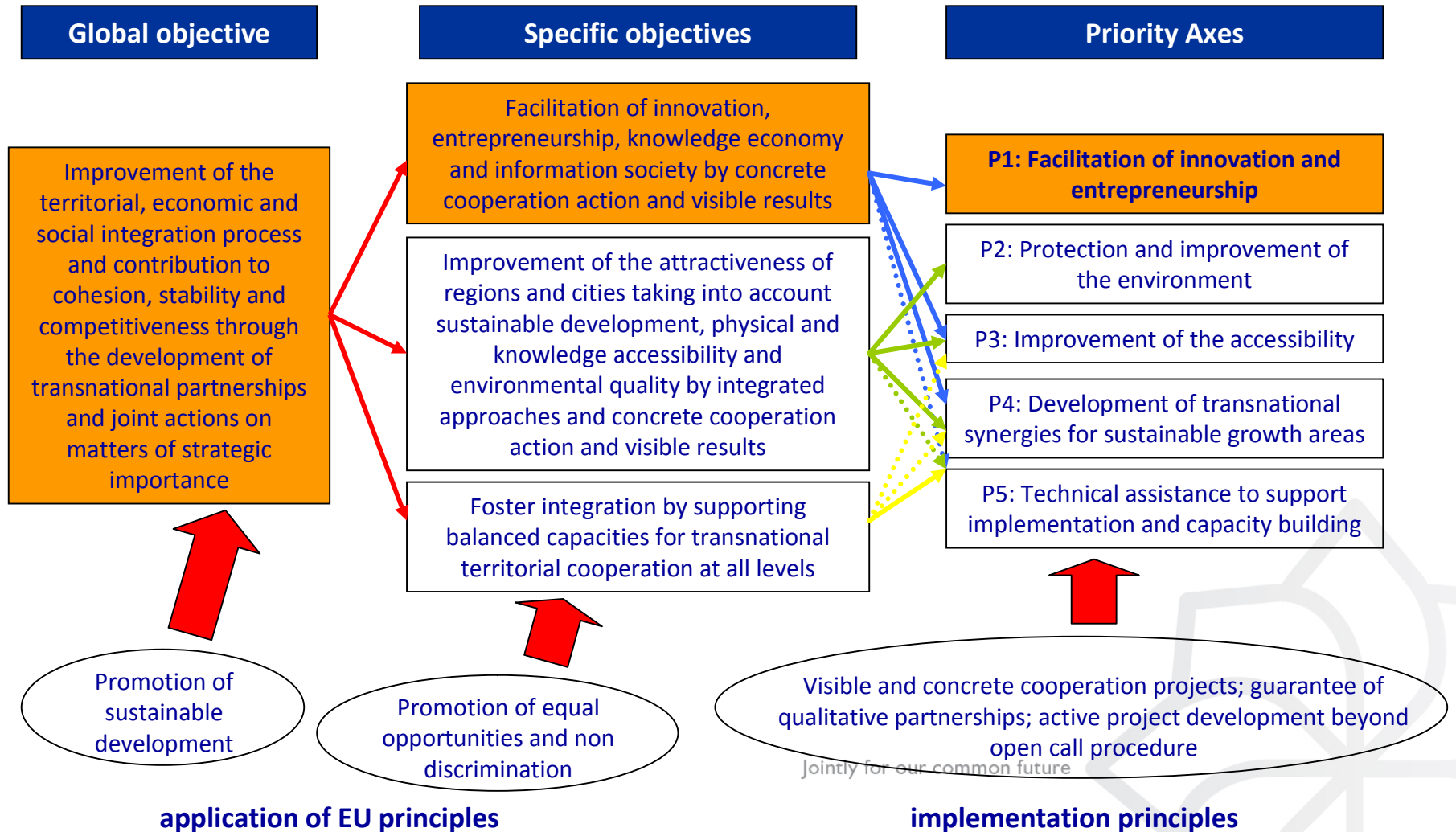
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## The 1<sup>st</sup> Call for proposal

Open Call – Bottom-up approach –

76M€ ERDF

820 Expressions of Interest (Eoi)

40 Projects approved

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for proposal

Targeted restricted – GAP filling –

43M€ ERDF

550 Expressions of Interest (Eoi)

26 Projects approved

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for proposal

Strategic Call

23M€ ERDF

44 Expressions of Interest (Eoi)

8 Projects approved

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Call for proposal

Open Call – Bottom-up approach

48M€ ERDF

341 Application Forms

37 Projects approved

# Priority 1 - Areas of Interventions - Fields of interests

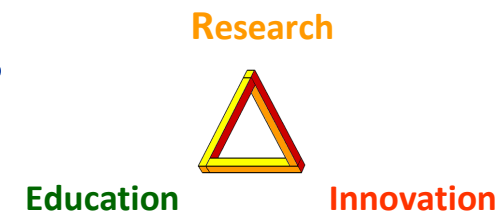
P1 / Area of Intervention	No. of projects	Field of Interest
<b>Aoi 1</b> -Develop technology and innovation networks in specific fields	7	Serious gaming; industrial informatics & embedded systems; valorisation of research results; eco-design & certification
<b>Aoi 2</b> -Develop the enabling environment for innovative entrepreneurship	11	IPR support services; business park development; innovation & finance agencies; social enterprise development; developing automotive networks
<b>Aoi 3</b> - Enhance the framework conditions and pave the way for innovation	10	Supporting innovation systems (developing RDAs); foresight (ICT); governance & policy coherence; RTDI evaluation; public awareness. Cluster policy learning





# Observations

- Enormous interest
- Holistic transnational partnerships
  - EU / candidate / prospective
- Strong mutual learning
- Concrete results
- Most interest in SME support measures (1.2)
- High level of interest in processes and structures for knowledge transfer (1.1)



# Territorial cooperation 2014-2020

## Commission position

- Support for development & implementation of Macro Regional Strategies
  - **Danube & Adriatic regions**
- Synergies between programmes to be promoted
- Simplification incl. greater harmonisation of rules
- Specific rules for the application of State Aid
- Coverage of regions both inside and outside EU
- Thematic concentration
  - **limited no. of thematic objectives (4/11)**
  - **1 priority axis = 1 thematic objective**



# Thematic objectives - Commission proposal

1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
2. Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies
3. Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and the fisheries and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF)
4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
5. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
6. Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
8. Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
9. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
10. Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning
11. Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration



# Thematic objectives - Investment priorities

Regulation proposals	
Priority Axis 1 Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship	
<b>Strengthening research, technological development and innovation</b> (Theme 1)	Enhancing research and innovation infrastructure (R&I) and capacities to develop R&I excellence and Promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest
	Promoting business R&I investment, product and Service development, technology transfer, social innovation and public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialization
	Supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced Manufacturing capabilities and first production in Key Enabling Technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies

# Thematic objectives - Investment priorities

Regulation proposals	
Priority Axis 1 Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship	
<b>Enhancing the Competitiveness of SMEs</b> (Theme 3)	Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms
	Developing new business models for SMEs, in particular for internationalization



# Conclusions

- Maintain the „programme” (in some form)
- Maintain the interest level
- Simplify administrative procedures
- Develop programme
  - in line with key initiatives e.g. EU innovation agenda
  - with development driven by stakeholder interests

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