

# The future of Regional Development and Cohesion Policies

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# Why is today's debate so timely and relevant?

## Portuguese reasons:

- Portuguese NSRF has just been approved;
- OECD territorial review of Portugal is undergoing;

## International reasons:

- Countdown to mid-term EU budget review;
- Recent developments in economic policy literature;

# EU budget 2007-2013

	<b>M€</b> (2004 prices)
<b>1. Crescimento sustentável</b>	<b>382 139</b>
<b>1.a Competitividade para o crescimento e emprego</b>	<b>74 098</b>
<b>1.b Coesão para o crescimento e emprego</b>	<b>308 041</b>
<b>2. Preservação e gestão dos recursos naturais</b>	<b>371 344</b>
<b>Dos quais: despesas de mercado e pagamentos directos</b>	<b>293 105</b>
<b>3. Cidadania, liberdade, segurança e justiça</b>	<b>10 770</b>
<b>4. A UE enquanto agente mundial</b>	<b>49 461</b>
<b>5. Administração</b>	<b>49 800</b>
<b>6. Compensações</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>864 316</b>
<b>Em % do RNB</b>	<b>1,048%</b>

# Questions looking for debate ... and answers

What purposes shall the EU budget  
serve?

... and, not independently from the  
previous, what level of budget do we  
need?

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What's the right balance between...

- **Cohesion and Competitiveness?**
- **Coherence and Subsidiarity?**
- **Integration (Territorialisation) and Sectoral Approach?**
- **Flexibility and Accountability?**
- **Cooperation and Competition?**

# Questions looking for debate ...and answers

- Was the rural development secession from Cohesion policy a good idea?
- How can European policies best respond to new cross-sectoral challenges like climate change?

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More operational questions ...

- Beyond GDP?
- How to improve policy targeting?

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