



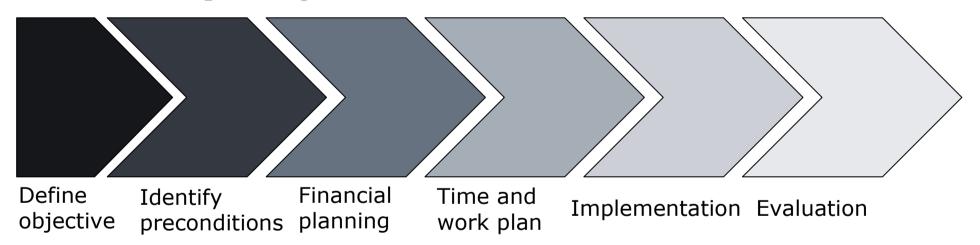
# PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS ON ELEMENTS TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE EUROPEAN COHESION POLICY

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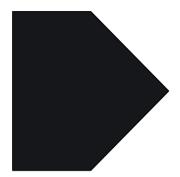
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## Standard planning model







### Define objective

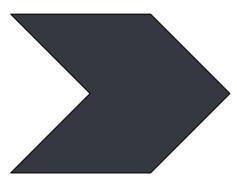
- Immediate objective
- Long term aspiration

#### Decisive

- Clarity of definition
- •Link between immediate objective and long term aspiration

#### Restrictions due to EU Regulations

- •Common strategic framework
- Partnership investment contract
- Operational programme
- Joint action plan
- Thematic concentration





- 1. Success critical
- 2.Evaluation
- 3. Assure that they are met

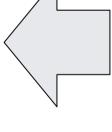


### **Effect of EU Regulations**

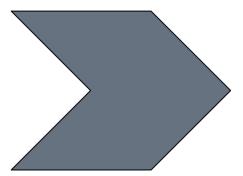
- •Ex ante conditionality
- Control list approach
- •Difficulties in implementation

#### Limitations

- •General nature
- •Does not replace planning of member states





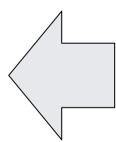


Financial planning: Estimate resources required

- Sensitivity analysis
- Control systems



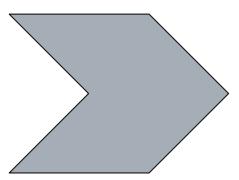
Responsibility of member states



### <u>Influence of EU Regulations</u>

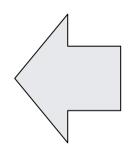
- Eligibility rules
- •Grants vs. financial instruments
- •Revenue generating projects
- •Co-financing rates





Time and work plan

- Work breakdown
- Logical dependencies
- Duration of tasks



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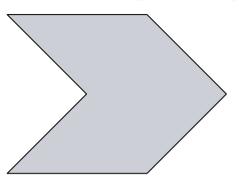
Automatic de-commitment

Identification of the critical path



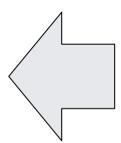
Management and control systems of member states





### Implementation

- Surveillance
- Adjustments
- •Feed back into planning process
- Financial control



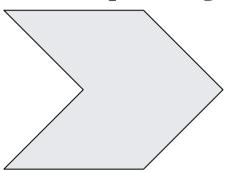
#### <u>Influence of EU Regulations</u>

- Management authority
- Certifying authority
- Audit authority
- •Monitoring Committee, implementation report



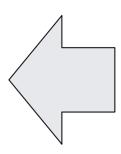
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#### **Evaluation**

- •Outcome vs. objective and aspirations
- Lessons learned



### <u>Influence of EU Regulations</u>

- Strategic reporting
- •Evaluation
- •Information and communication



Responsibility and vital interest of member states

### Main conclusions

The proposed regulations for the European cohesion policy provide but a framework and some general guidance for the planning of the member states.

>Main responsibilities of the member states are not affected by the proposed changes.

>European legislation does not replace prudent planning by the member states.