

Focus

The future of EU cohesion policy



Dear Reader,

With the Commission's proposals to be published end of May, legislative work on the future cohesion policy is about to begin. Recognising the importance of the upcoming negotiations, REGI committee has already engaged in pre-legislative work, notably resolution on the Commission's 7th cohesion report. Expertise delivered by the Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies often provide valuable support and assistance to the Committee's work: a workshop has been organised on the 7th cohesion report, and several studies have been requested by REGI to look at different aspects of policy implementation and formulate forward looking conclusions: State aid and cohesion policy, Public private partnerships in cohesion policy, Control and simplification of procedures within ESIF, Financial instruments for energy efficiency and renewable energy, Cohesion Policy and Paris Agreement Targets, Indicators in cohesion policy, etc. Ongoing work, requested towards the end of last year by REGI committee will provide input about important and often controversial themes such as conditionalities in cohesion policy, links with structural reforms as well as digital agenda and performance orientation.

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ESIF and culture, education, youth and sport

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

May 2018



In addition to EU funding from dedicated programmes, also the European Structural and Investment Funds can support culture, education, training, sport and youth.

This study examines the support of culture, education, youth & sport through the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) in the current and preceding periods. Investigations have been conducted at an EU level and on the ground in eight Member States in order to identify and examine specific programmes and projects.

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ENVI

Workshop

19 June 2018 - 10.00 to 12.00

Future of sustainable development chapters in EU free trade agreements

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Workshop

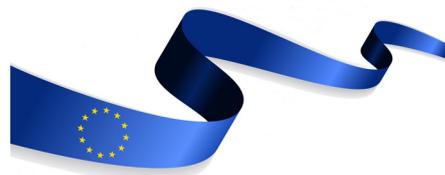
19 June 2018 - 15.00 to 17.30- ASP 1E2

The revival of wolves and other large predators and its impact on farmers

AGRI

Study presentation

09 July 2018



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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Workshop on terrorism and CBRN threat

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

April 2018



It is important to examine how well the EU is prepared for the high risk of terrorist attacks using Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) materials. In the workshop requested by the TERR committee, three experts presented their papers on "Member States' preparedness for CBRN threat", "EU civil protection responding to CBRN attacks" and "CBRN material: detection and prevention of movement". Further improvements were recommended to strengthen preparedness and response.

Oversight and management of the EU trust funds

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

April 2018



This study provides a comparative assessment of the governance and oversight frameworks of selected EU trust funds (EUTFs) and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT). Requested by CONT committee, the study explores how these EUTFs and the FRT add to and 'mix' the instruments set up under the EU MFF. It addresses the issue of their added value in light of the EU Better Regulation guidelines, their impact on the role of the European Parliament as a budgetary authority and the right to good administration.



CSDP after Brexit: the way forward

Policy Department for External Relations

May 2018



Unlike announced initially, the CSDP is likely to be strongly impacted by the Brexit. Why, and what are the options for the EU? The study requested by SEDE looks at the challenges and stakes of the CSDP in the Brexit negotiation context. It analyses the current positions of both sides, the involvement of third countries in CSDP, examines the potential impact on the latest EU defence initiatives and reviews the EU options on the table.



Energy and the MFF

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

February 2018



There is a need to mobilise a large amount of additional investment if the EU's energy and climate targets are going to be met. This ITRE study provides a summary of the EU's energy and climate targets, current levels of investment towards these goals, and estimates of additional investments in the energy sector required to achieve them. It concludes with some recommendations on what the EU could do to maximise the value of its future contributions.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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