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Simple rules are important for the synergy between various financing instruments, and are equally applicable to instruments related to the financing of projects. Major obstacles are entirely different for project documentation, different evaluation criteria and ultimately also different financing options. So, for example, although the state aid rules should be applied equally, projects led by entrepreneurs and scientific institutions financed from the Horizon 2020 programme can get a bigger share of support, while the ESI funds have worse conditions and a series of co-financing rates are applied.

Why do these differences occur, and what activities is the Commission undertaking to encourage and facilitate synergy between the various financing instruments?