

Climate Change and the EU's Budget 2021-2027

Operational Programmes

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From PA to OP

PAs are broken down into more detailed OPs

- **OPs operationalize PAs**
 - Detailed plans with national, regional and sectoral focus
 - Define how money is spend during programming period
 - more specific objectives, concrete plans and financial allocations
 - descriptions of management and control systems

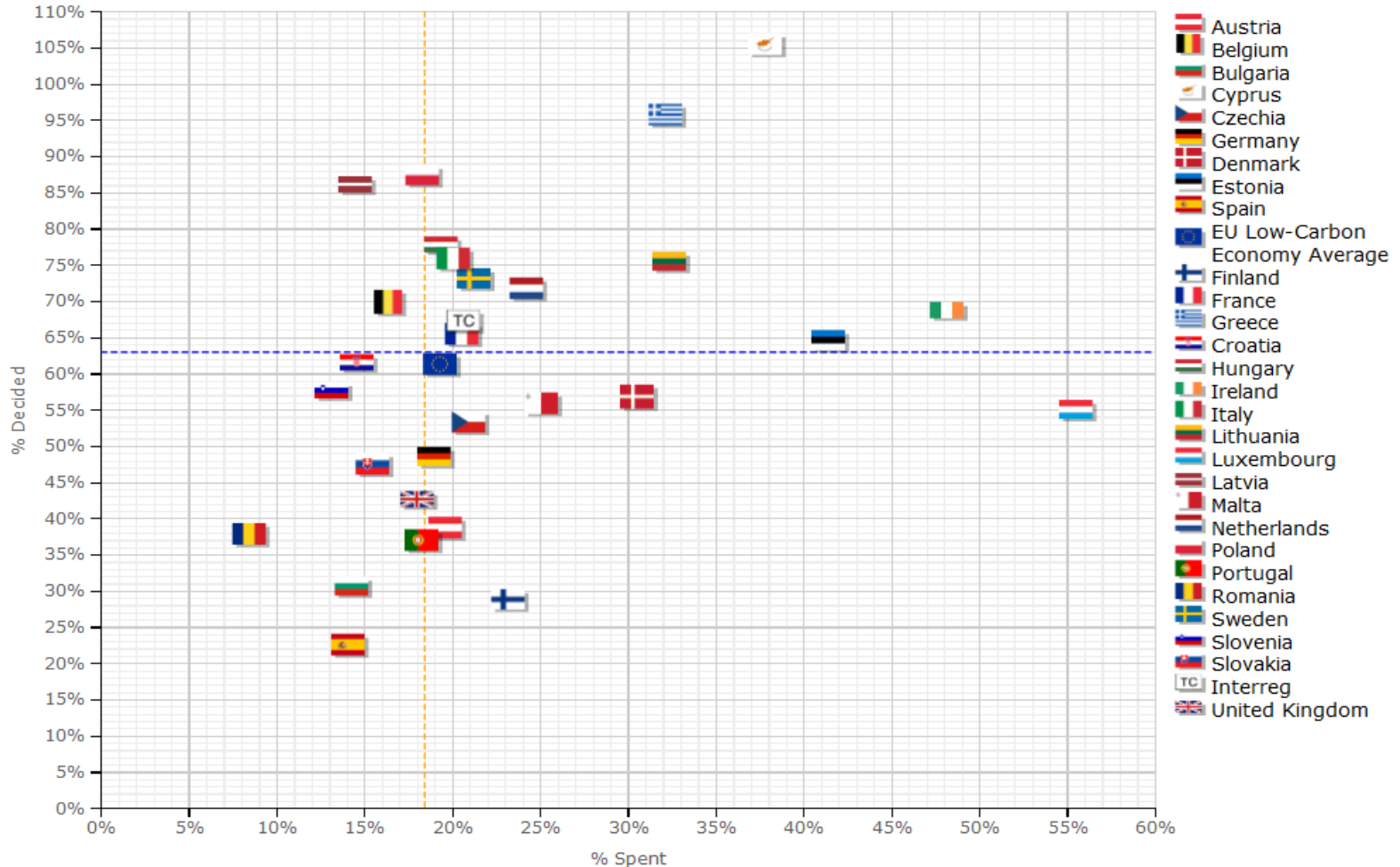
OP Nordrhein-Westfalen ERDF 2014-2020

Managing authority: Ministry for Economy NRW

- **Total OP budget:** € 2.4 bn (**EU:** € 1.2 bn) -> MFF is a lever
- **Main objectives:** “The Programme aims to [...] contribute to achieving the Europe 2020 targets for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. It should [...] reduce CO₂ emissions in the region and support integrative concepts for sustainable urban development [...]”
- **Expected impacts:** Reduce CO₂ emissions by 260,000 tons
- **Funding/Thematic priorities:** e.g.
 - reduction of CO₂ emissions (low-carbon economy)
 - Sustainable urban development/prevention; environment and resource efficiency
 - Social inclusion

... not doing ,the good' Implementation by Member State

Low-Carbon Economy – total cost of selection and spending as % of planned



OPs more generally

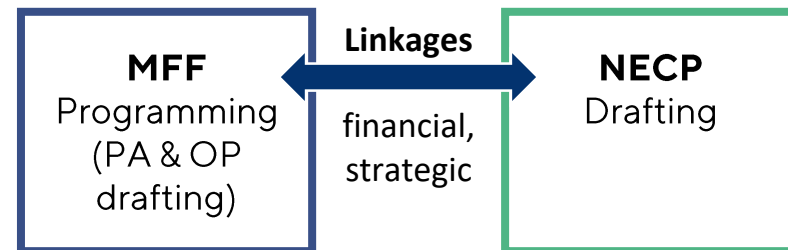
There are several hundred OPs that operationalise EU money

- Example: The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is delivered via 290+ operational programmes.
- **OPs often have a regional focus:**
 - Germany e.g. has 16 OPs – one for every federal state
 - Bulgaria has 6 – e.g. “Innovations and Competitiveness” and “Environment”
 - Many cross-border, transnational and interregional OPs, like the many Interreg programmes

MFF and NECPs linkages

... Why are they important?

- Parallel and linked processes that can reinforce climate action
 1. MFF financing of NECPs
 2. Strategic alignment of MFF and NECP



Demands & Recommendations (excerpt)

- **WS Berlin:** objectives and goals in PA & OP not very ambitious so far
- **Do 'the good':** Increase climate spending and efficient use of funds
- **'Climate proof' PAs and OPs:** Consistency and vertical coherence of programmes and spending plans: EU's overarching strategies and climate goals have to be anchored in these documents
- **Strengthen Public Participation:**
 - officially intended in PA & PO processes by EU Governance Regulation and Code of Conduct on Partnership
 - CSOs have the opportunity and the **legal right to be heard** ->

Partnership Principles

Member States are required to:

- **Ensure involvement** of partners in all stages of the process, from planning to evaluation
- **Transparency** in the selection of partners
- **Sufficient information and time** for partners to get involved in the consultation process
- **Support capacity building of partners**
- **Create platforms** for exchange and learning

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