Annex G

Public Call for Applications

for Development of Territorial Strategies

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**EU ISTD regulatory framework**

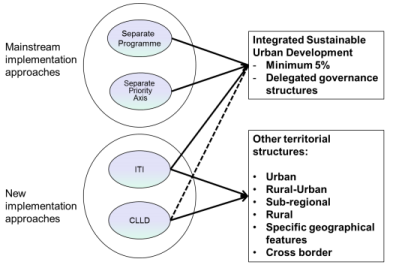
**Cohesion Policy and territorial instruments - 2014-20**

For the 2014-20 programming period, the European Commission introduced two new elements to its regulatory framework for Cohesion Policy:

● the *requirement* to invest a minimum of 5% of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) resources into urban areas; and

● the *option* to make use of territorial tools to implement Cohesion Policy funding, Integrated Territorial Investments (ITIs) and Community-led Local Development (CLLD).

Both ITIs and CLLD can be implemented in urban areas as well as in other territories (see figure below).

Source: European Policies Research Centre

**Regulatory framework for ISTD 2014-20: references to territorial instruments**

Reg. (EU) N° 1303/2013 Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)

https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/regulation-eu-no-13032013-european-parliament-an d-council

Article 15(2)(a)(i) - Content of the Partnership Agreement with regard to integrated actions for sustainable urban development

Article 32 - Community-led local development

Article 33 - Community-led local development strategies

Article 34 - Local action groups

Article 35 - Support from the ESI Funds for community-led local development

Article 36 - Integrated territorial investment

Annex I - Sections 3.3 (Integrated Territorial Strategies) and 6.5 (Arrangements for Addressing Key Territorial Challenges)

Article 96(3)(b) - Content of operational programmes with regard to integrated actions for sustainable urban development

Reg. (EU) N° 1301/2013 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Regulation https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1301&from=EN

**Article 7 - Sustainable urban development**

Article 8 - Innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development

Article 9 - Urban development network

Reg. (EU) N° 1304/2013 European Social Fund (ESF) Regulation

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1304&rid=3 Article 12 - Specific provisions on the treatment of particular territorial features

Reg. (EU) N° 1299/2013 European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Regulation

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:347:0259:0280:En:PDF Article 2(3)(b) - Exchange of experience on sustainable urban development

**Cohesion Policy and territorial instruments - 2021-27**

In 2021-27, the new Priority Objective 5 “A Europe closer to citizens” will be focusing on sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories and local initiatives. The current approach to ITIs and CLLD will be largely continued, with an increased minimum allocation to urban areas of 8%.

**Regulatory framework for ISTD 2021-27: references to territorial instruments**

Reg. (EU) N° 2021/1060 Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R1060

Article 28 - Integrated territorial development

Article 29 - Territorial strategies

Article 30 - Integrated territorial investment

Article 31 - Community-led local development

Article 32 - Community-led local development strategies

Article 33 - Local action groups

Article 34 - Support from Funds for community-led local development

Reg. (EU) N° 2021/1058 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund Regulation https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R1058

Article 9 - Integrated territorial development

Article 10 - Support for disadvantaged areas

Article 11 - Sustainable urban development

Reg. (EU) No 2021/1059 European Territorial Cooperation goal (INTERREG) supported by the ERDF and external financing instruments

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1059

Article 20 - Integrated territorial development

Article 21 - Community-led local development