

Combining ITI and CLLD in Bretagne based on partnership contracts

Sub-regional 'project territories' (*pays*) have a long history in Bretagne. Since 2005, the regional council has been working with these entities to develop partnership arrangements and to align regional and local strategies. In 2013, diagnoses were developed with the *pays* based on development challenges identified by the region. Discussions also covered the main priorities of the 2014-20 OP and challenges to be tackled by 2030. A contractual framework was adopted in December 2013, which is the basis for a coherent approach across different regional development initiatives, including nature parks and spatial planning schemes. The 21 *pays* and two *métropoles* (Brest and Rennes) can use ITIs (as well as CLLD in case of the *pays*) in the framework of partnership contracts concluded with the EU level and the regional council.

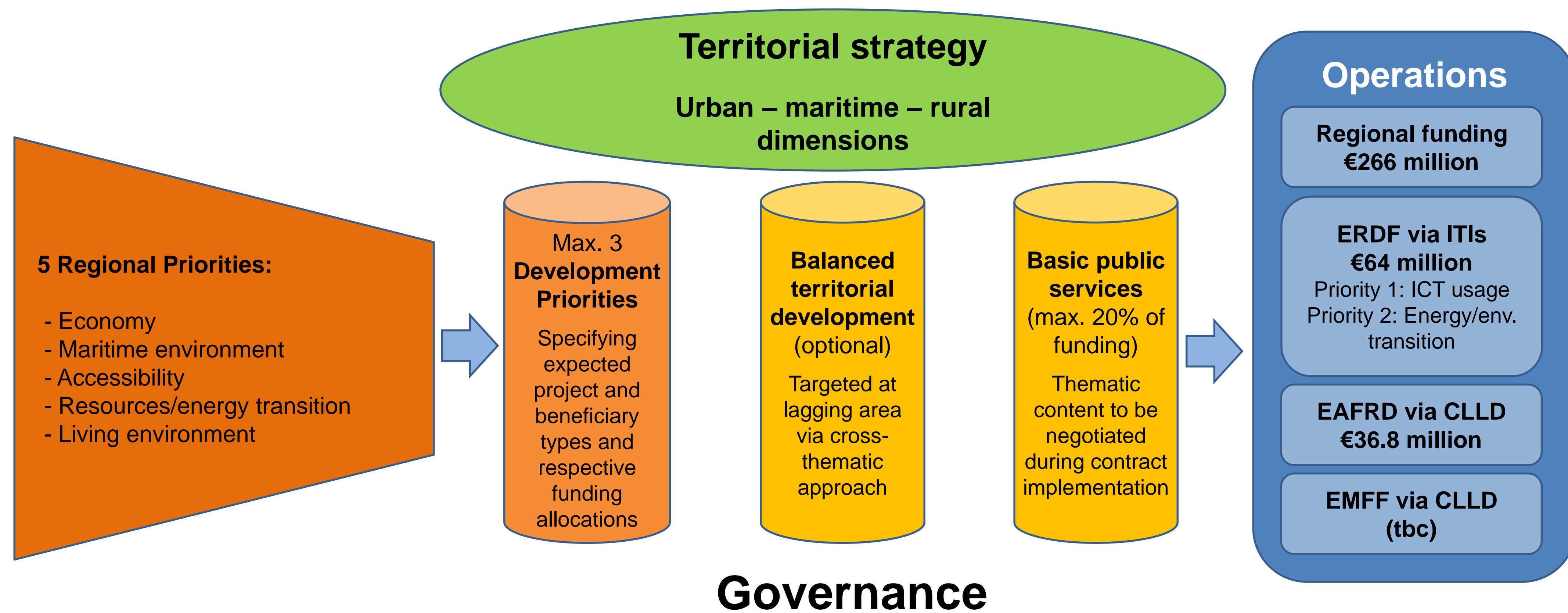
In 2014-20, the Bretagne region will implement a multi-fund ERDF and ESF programme, benefitting from €307.3 million of ERDF and €62.2 million of ESF.

The strategic approach is based on the following principles:

- territorialisation as a source of policy effectiveness;
- conclusion of contracts around high-quality projects;
- equalisation in order to promote territorial equity;
- participation; and
- support for territorial capacity- building.



Partnership contracts in 2014-20



- Individual contracts will be concluded between the regional council, each of the 21 *pays* and the two *métropoles*
- Different funding sources are mobilised to deliver the priorities in line with their respective rules
- **Single programming committees** set up for
 - *pays* (ITI/CLLD): responsible for selecting ERDF and Leader-type projects, give opinion on projects involving regional funds, composed in line with Article 34 of the CPR to simplify overall administration
 - *métropoles* (ITI): project applications appraised by regional council, selection by urban authority

Challenges

There are a number of challenges, notably around the singles programming committees:

- **Composition:** ensure sizeable representation and good representativeness of private actors, integration of fisheries actors (possibly via a sub-committee) and acceptability by local elected representatives;
- **Functioning:** avoid burden linked to high number of project applications;
- **Coordination:** promote coordination between the funds and understanding of dividing lines by applicants; align funding applications despite different regulations for different funds;
- **Shared understanding of challenges** at the level of the *pays*;
- **Use regional and EU funding to deliver territorial strategies rather than developing strategies to serve the funds!**

Background information

Call for expressions of interest for the 2014-20 partnership contracts http://www.bretagne.fr/internet/upload/docs/application/pdf/2014-06/ami_contrats_partenariats_2014-2020.pdf

Background information for call for partnership contracts http://www.bretagne.fr/internet/jcms/prod_219991/europe-et-region-se-mobilisent-pour-les-territoires-bretons

The territorial policy of the Bretagne region http://www.bretagne.fr/internet/jcms/c_11382/soutenir-les-dynamiques-du-territoire

Assessment of 2006-12 contracts between the regional council and the *pays* http://www.bretagne.fr/internet/upload/docs/application/pdf/2013-03/bilan_politique_territoriale2006-2012.pdf