

## Eastern Norway County Network 2 April 2014



# Key issues at stake

- ✓ *EU Budget agreement:*
  - *Ex ante conditionalities*
  - *Macroeconomic conditionalities*
  - *Economic governance*
- ✓ *Thematic and Territorial aspects of growth and jobs*
  - *Macro regions*
  - *Blue growth*
  - *Connecting peripheries and maritime spaces - Revised TEN-T and CEF*



# Budget negotiations...

EU 2014-2020 BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS  
3:00 AM: PILLOW FIGHT



1a. Competitiveness  
for Growth and Jobs

2. CAP: Market related expenditure  
and direct payments

3. Security and citizenship

5. Administration

1b. Economic, social and  
territorial cohesion

2. CAP: Rural development

4. Global Europe

6. Compensations

MFF 2007 2013

EU Budget 2014 2020

Total 993.619

Total 959.988

**Horizon 2020**

**EU Maritime Fishery Funds**

**Cohesion Policy**

**Connecting Europe Facility**

**Territorial Cooperation**

Period 2007-2013

Period 2014-2020

# EU Budget and Cohesion Policy

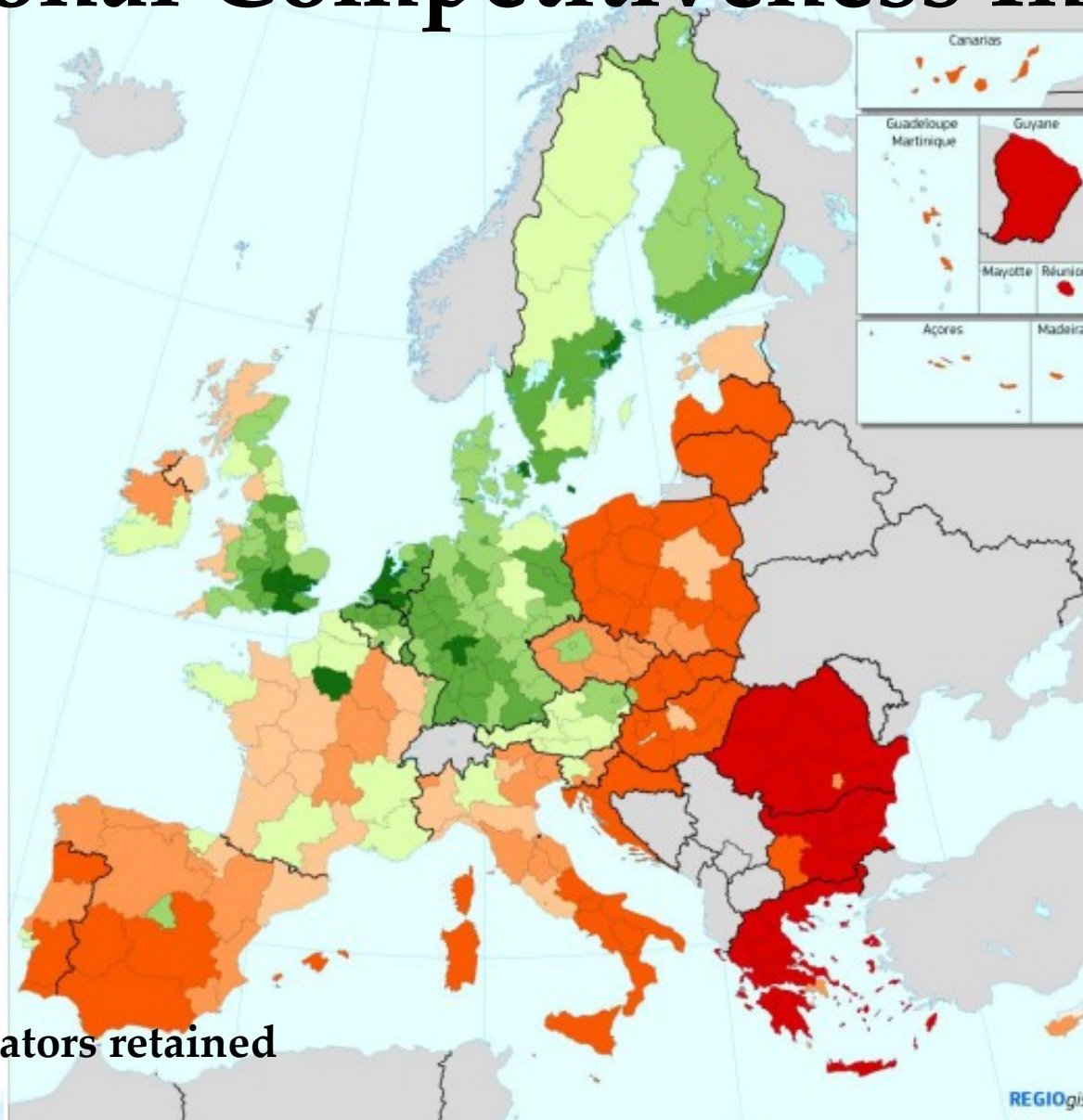
## *We asked for*

- ✓ *Sufficient budget and support to policy architecture (transition regions)*
- ✓ *Made projections to assist regional negotiations on allocations*
- ✓ *Made the case for using 2008/2009/2010 reference period stats*
- ✓ *Asked for a review clause for structural funds to benefit most to territories suffering from the crisis*

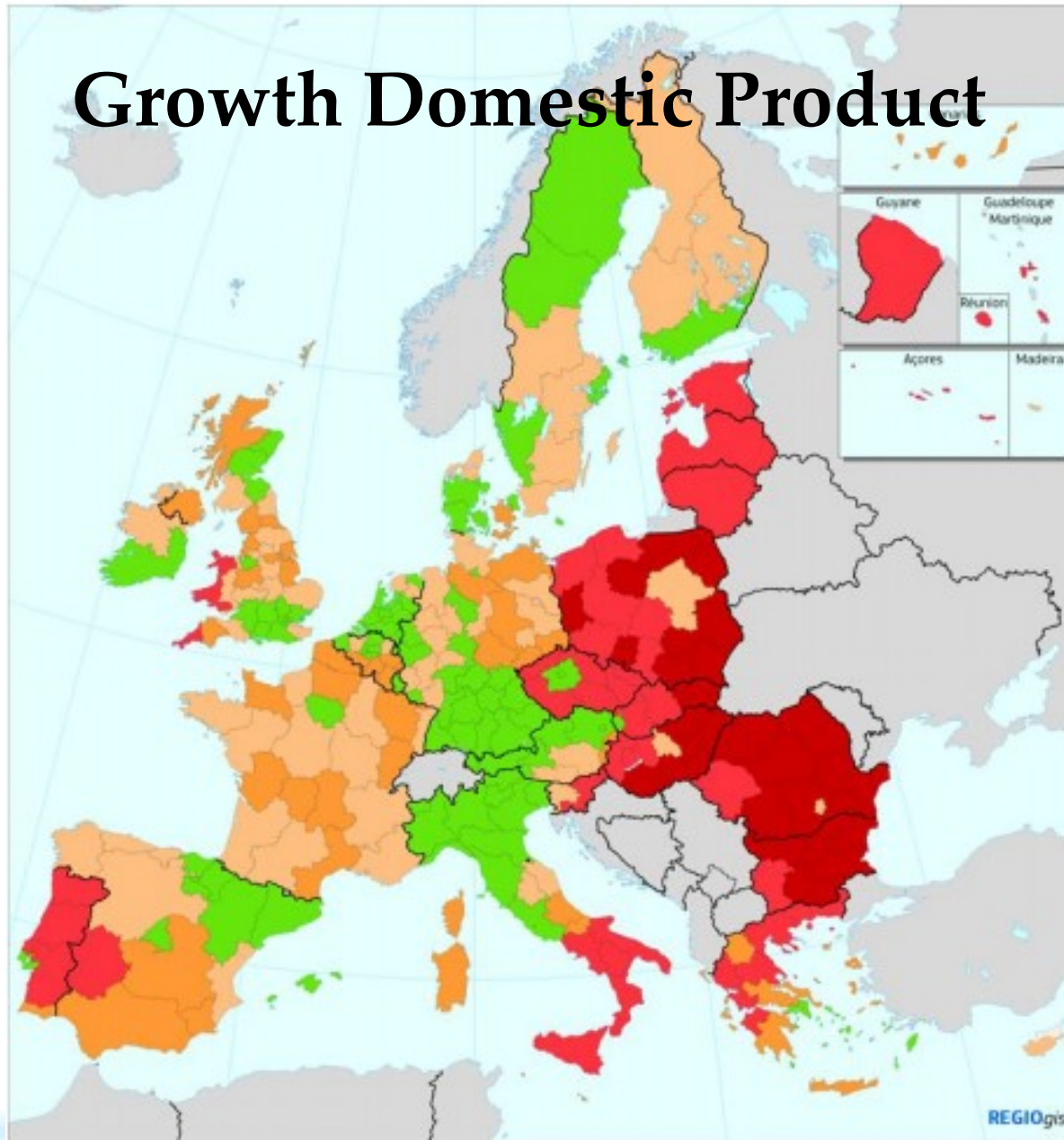
## *We obtained:*

- ✓ *Architecture and budget*
- ✓ *Assisted CPMR regions (helped secure €100 million for Border Midland and Western Ireland region)*
- ✓ *Secured review clause (2016)*

# Regional Competitiveness Index



# Growth Domestic Product





# Integrated Maritime Policy

## *We asked for*

- ✓ *Sustainable blue growth for coastal areas -Maritime tourism*
- ✓ *Maritime Industrial development*
- ✓ *Maritime safety*
- ✓ *Marine research- energy efficiency and renewables*
- ✓ *Sustainable economic development in the fisheries sector*

## *We obtained:*

- ✓ *Increased budget and references to blue growth Horizon 2020*
- ✓ *LeaderSHIP report*
- ✓ *Erika judgment and follow up*
- ✓ *EP Intergroup ...revamped*
- ✓ *Vasco Da Gama*

# [www.vasco-da-gama.eu](http://www.vasco-da-gama.eu)

- *An ambition : propose the education pillar of Integrated Maritime Policy*
- *Why the Regions? Due to the fact that European Regions usually have significant powers in the fields of education and training;*
- *Why youth mobility? It is a unanimously recognised means to tackle the lack of attractiveness of maritime careers.*
- *VDG a pioneer concrete project, approved by the European Commission in July 2013, legally contracted in December 2013 and launched in 2014 for 2-years.*

# Accessibility

## *We asked for*

- ✓ *Better addressing peripheral areas within the TEN-Ts*
- ✓ *Promotion of maritime transport and ports*
- ✓ *Effective reply to the imminent Sulphur challenge*

*( 0.1% sulphur in fuel as of 1 January 2015 for ships sailing in the EU - CPMR offers its availability to launch adaptation projects in sea basins)*

## *We obtained:*

- ✓ *Addition of 6 peripheral ports to the EC core network list of 83 (Huelva, Augusta, Tenerife, Cagliari, Heraklion, Galati)*
- ✓ *Strengthening of the Motorways of the Sea with a coordinator*
- ✓ *Inclusion of CPMR in the European Sustainable Sea Transport Forum currently being established*

# Macroregions

## *We asked for*

- ✓ *Their establishment on a needs based approach*
- ✓ *Contributed to the definition, governance and funding for macro regions- EC consultation*
- ✓ *Geographical Commissions supported Baltic, Atlantic, Med, Adriatic and North Sea Strategies – official or not*

## *We obtained:*

- ✓ *Atlantic preparatory action and participation in Steering group of MS*
- ✓ *Atlantic launch – work on Strategy and Action Plan*
- ✓ *Involvement in Med programme task force and possibly a specific priority axis in the new OP*
- ✓ *Support the Med MR approach within the ARLEM Ecoter works and involvement in the ARLEM capacity building project*
- ✓ *North Sea preparatory action*

## *And also*

- ✓ *A concrete and shared road map for the emerging strategies in the Mediterranean (EUSAIR + Western, Eastern and Integrated Strategy), the IT Presidency semester*
- ✓ *Adriatic Strategy and Action plan development within Greek Presidency and follow up with Italian Presidency: a place for Regions in the governance, an invitation to prepare projects*
- ✓ *Black Sea maritime strategy: follow up launching event Bucharest 30 January 2014*
- ✓ *Follow up preparation phase of sea basins operation programmes co-financed by European Neighbourhood Instrument in Mediterranean and Black Sea areas*



# EU agenda ahead

- ✓ *Greek Presidency (January – June 2014)*
  - ✓ *Informal Ministerial meeting on Cohesion April 2014*
  - ✓ *Informal Ministerial on Maritime Policy May 2014*
- ✓ *Italian Presidency (July – December 2014)*
- ✓ *EP Intergroup re- launch with new EP and activities prior and after its inauguration Gesine MEISSNER*

# 2014 – The timetable

- **20 December 2013** – Entry into force of the regulations
- **20 March 2014 (four months from entry into force)** – Deadline for submitting Partnership Agreements
- **22-25 May 2014** – European elections
- **End of June 2014** – Deadline for submitting Operational Programmes
- **End of August 2014** – Deadline for adoption of Partnership Agreements by the European Commission
- **October 2014** – Appointment of new European Commission
- **End of January 2015** – Deadline for adoption of Operational Programmes by the European Commission