

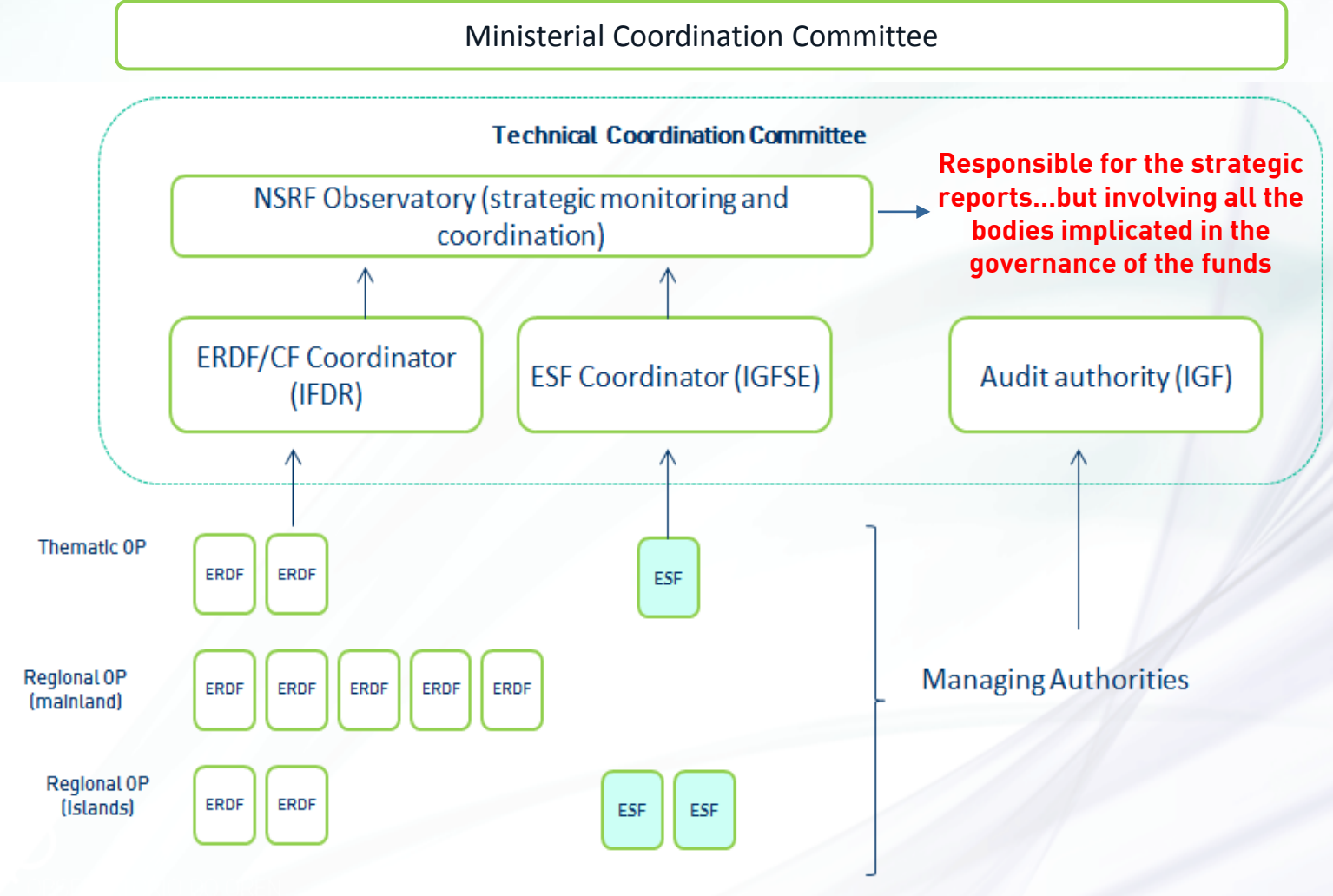
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# Preparing the Strategic Report (1)

## Institutional framework



# Preparing the Strategic Report (2)

The main sources of information to support the report



**Monthly and Quarterly reports**



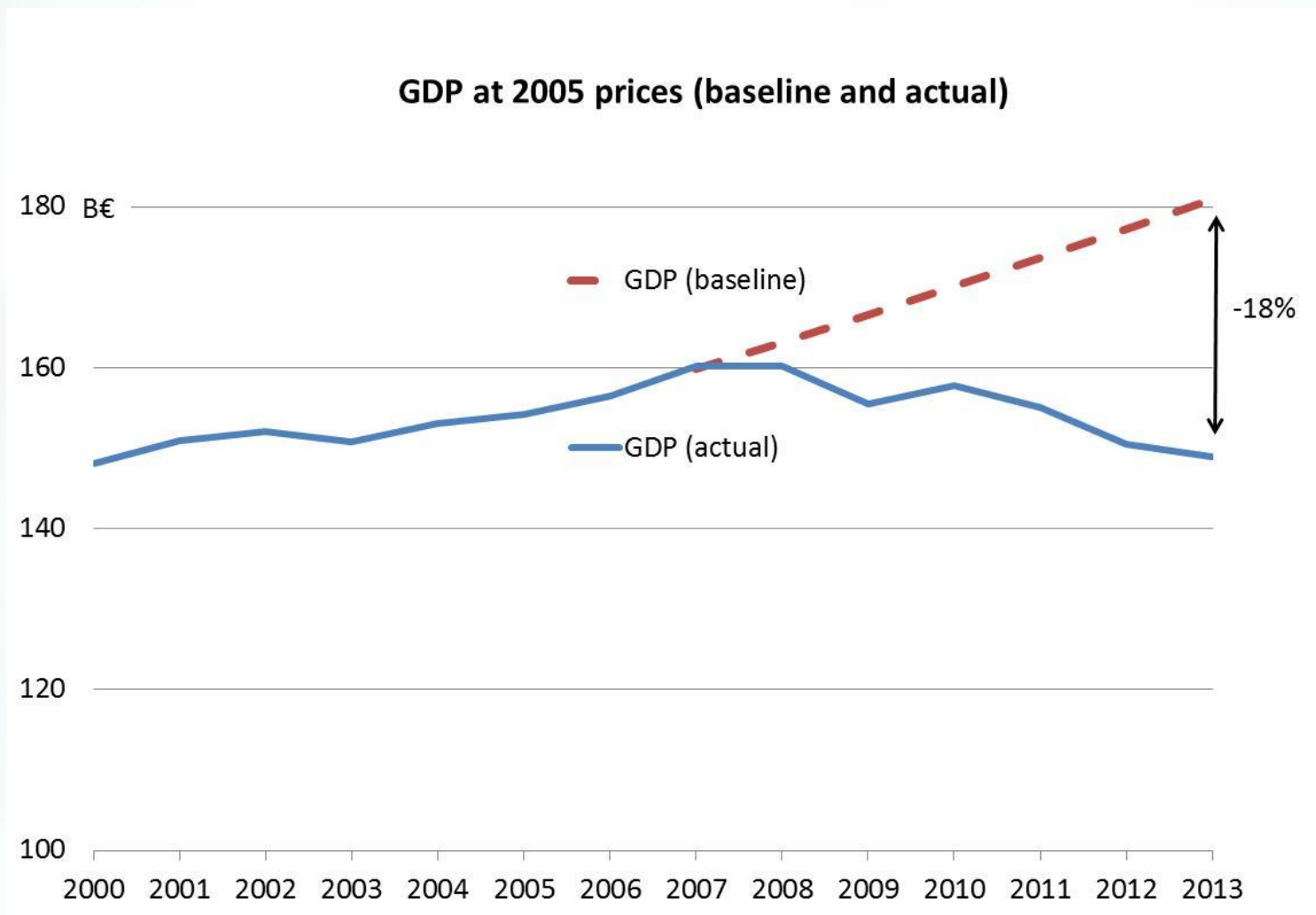
**Annual reports**



**External evaluations' reports...and other studies on cofinanced public policies**

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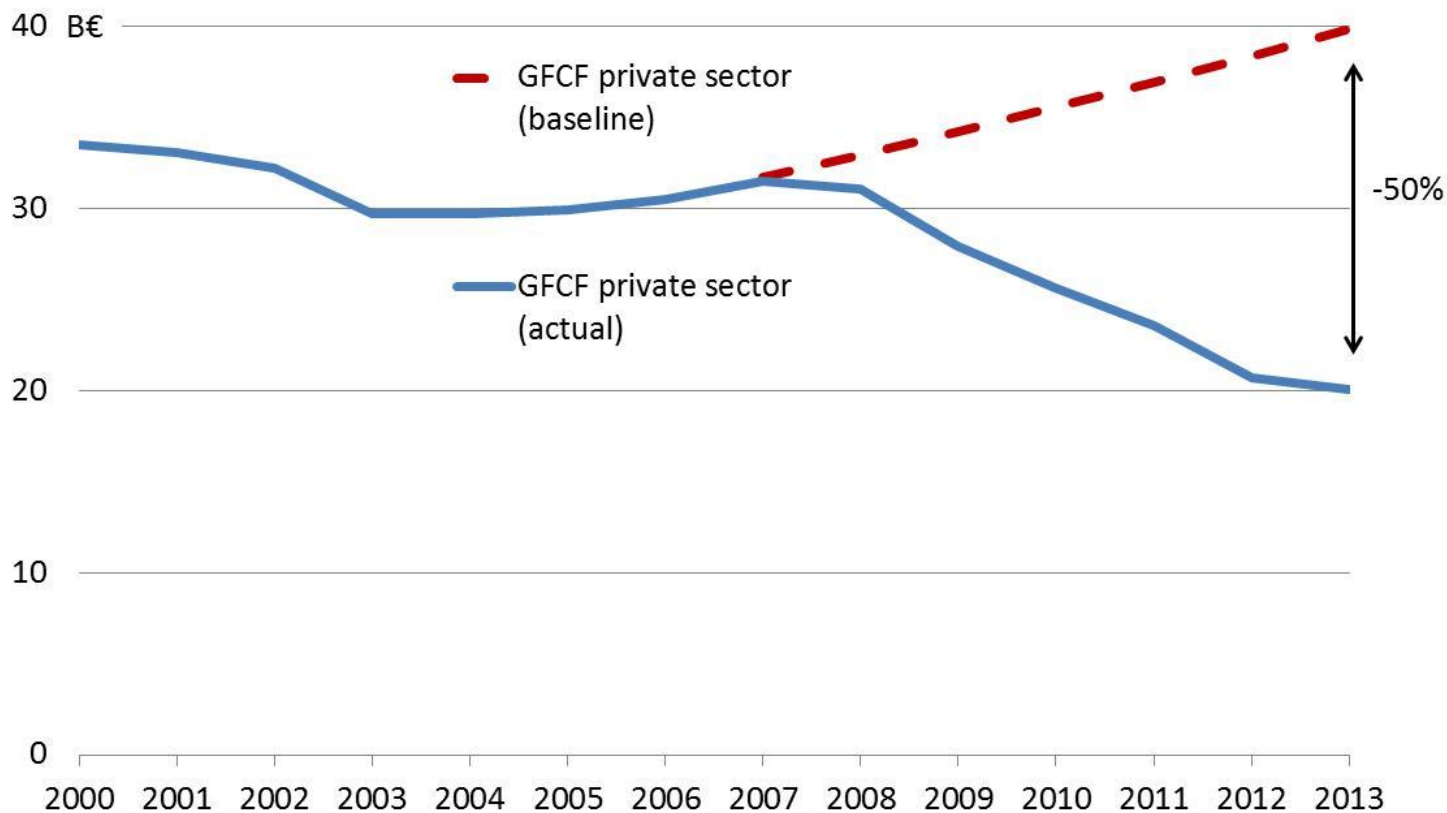
## THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDS IN A CONTEXT OF A SUCCESSIVE CRISIS



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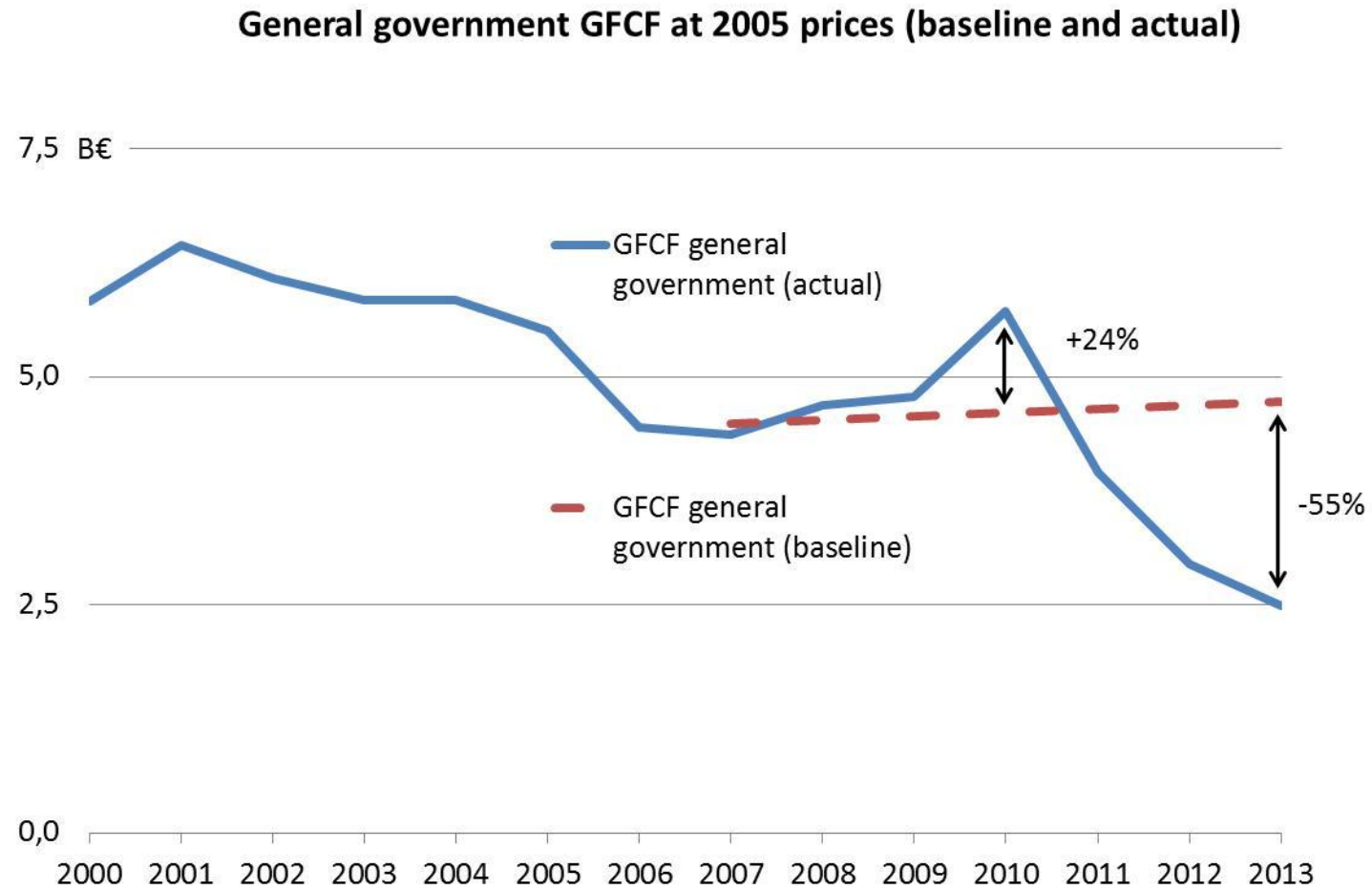
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Private sector GFCF at 2005 prices (baseline and actual)



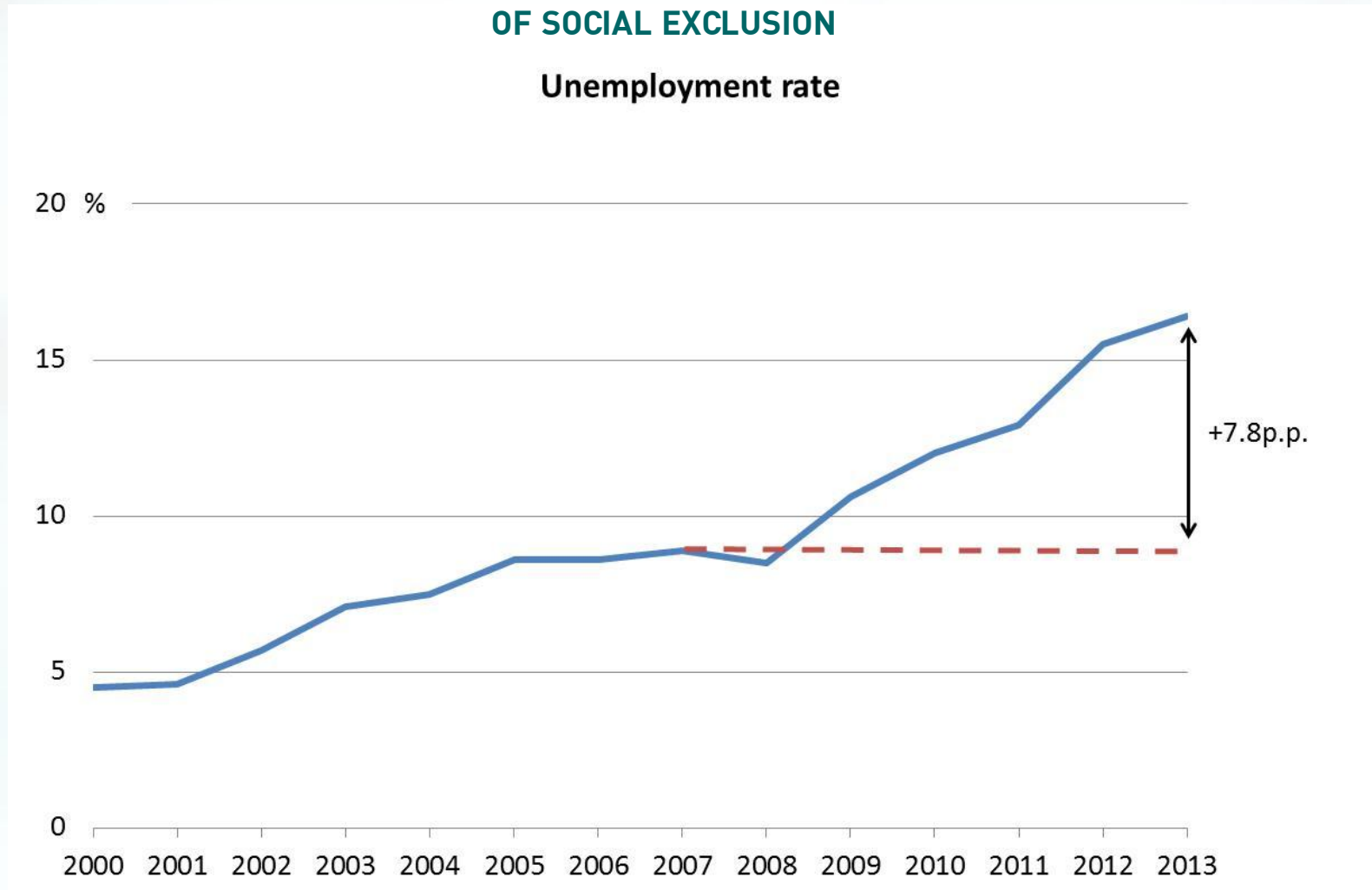
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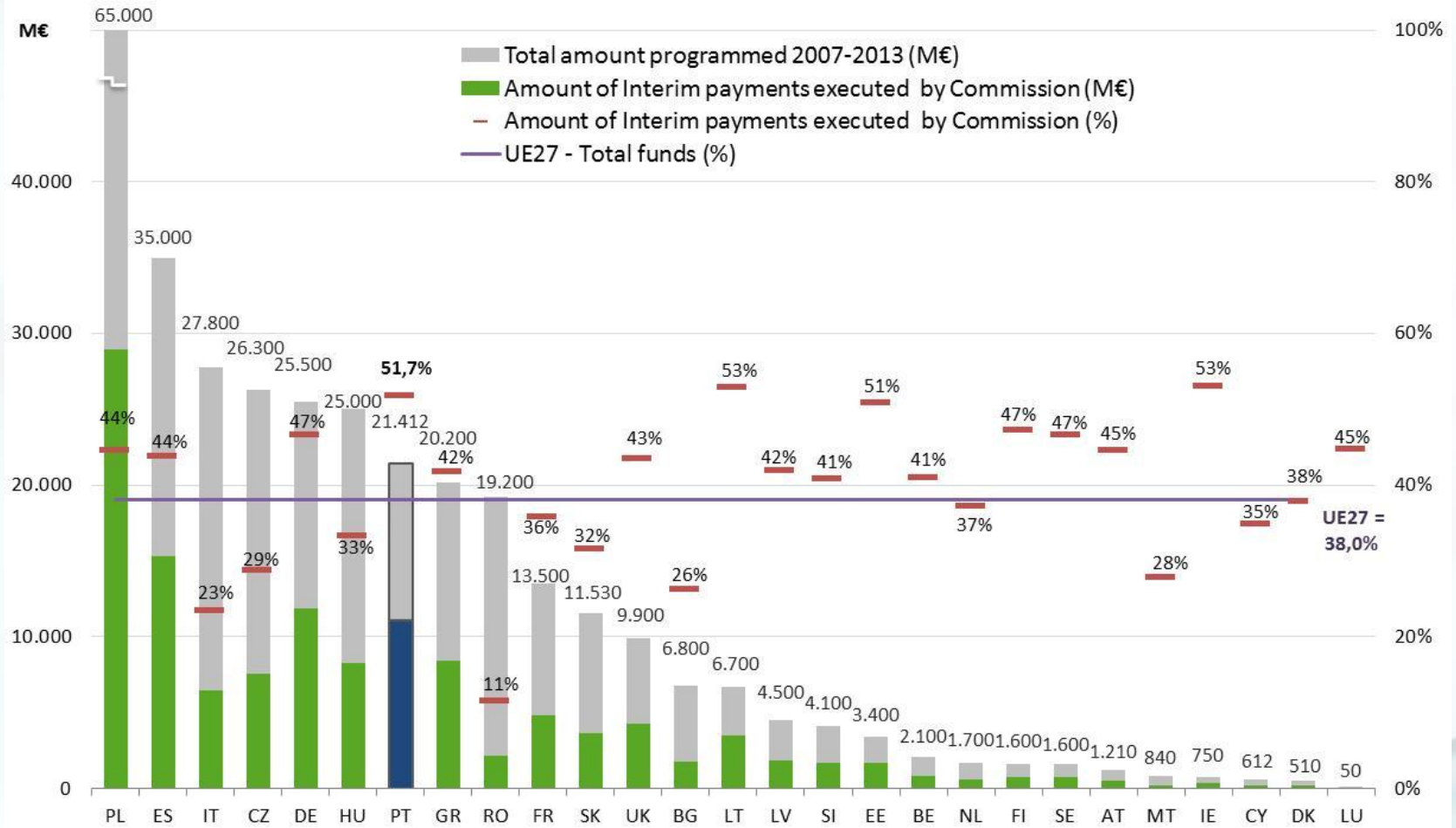
## THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE CRISIS – THE UNEMPLOYMENT GROWTH AND THE (INCREASING) RISKS OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION





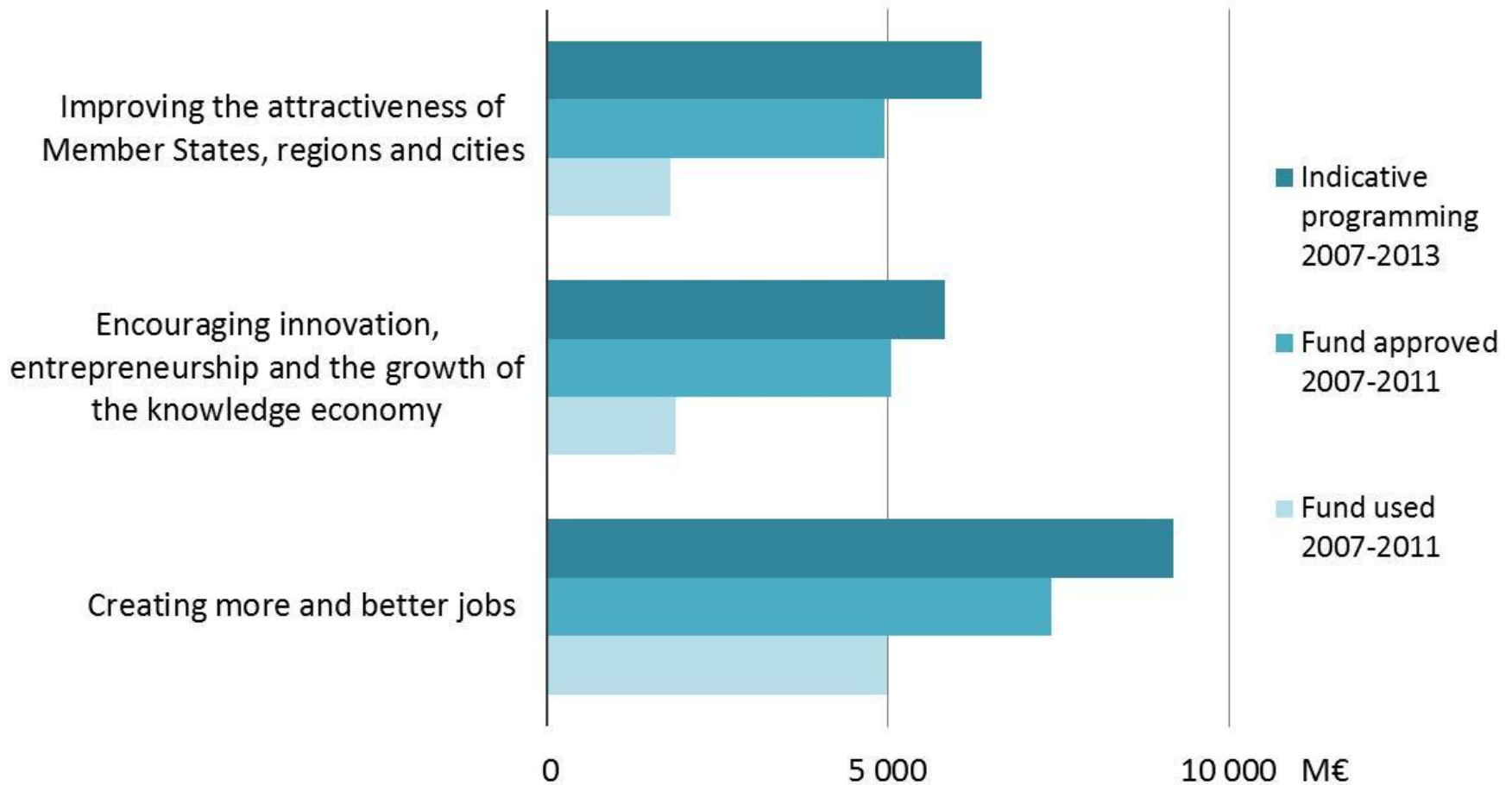
# Implementation rhythm(s)

Situation of the interim payments by the European Commission - 1-jan-2013

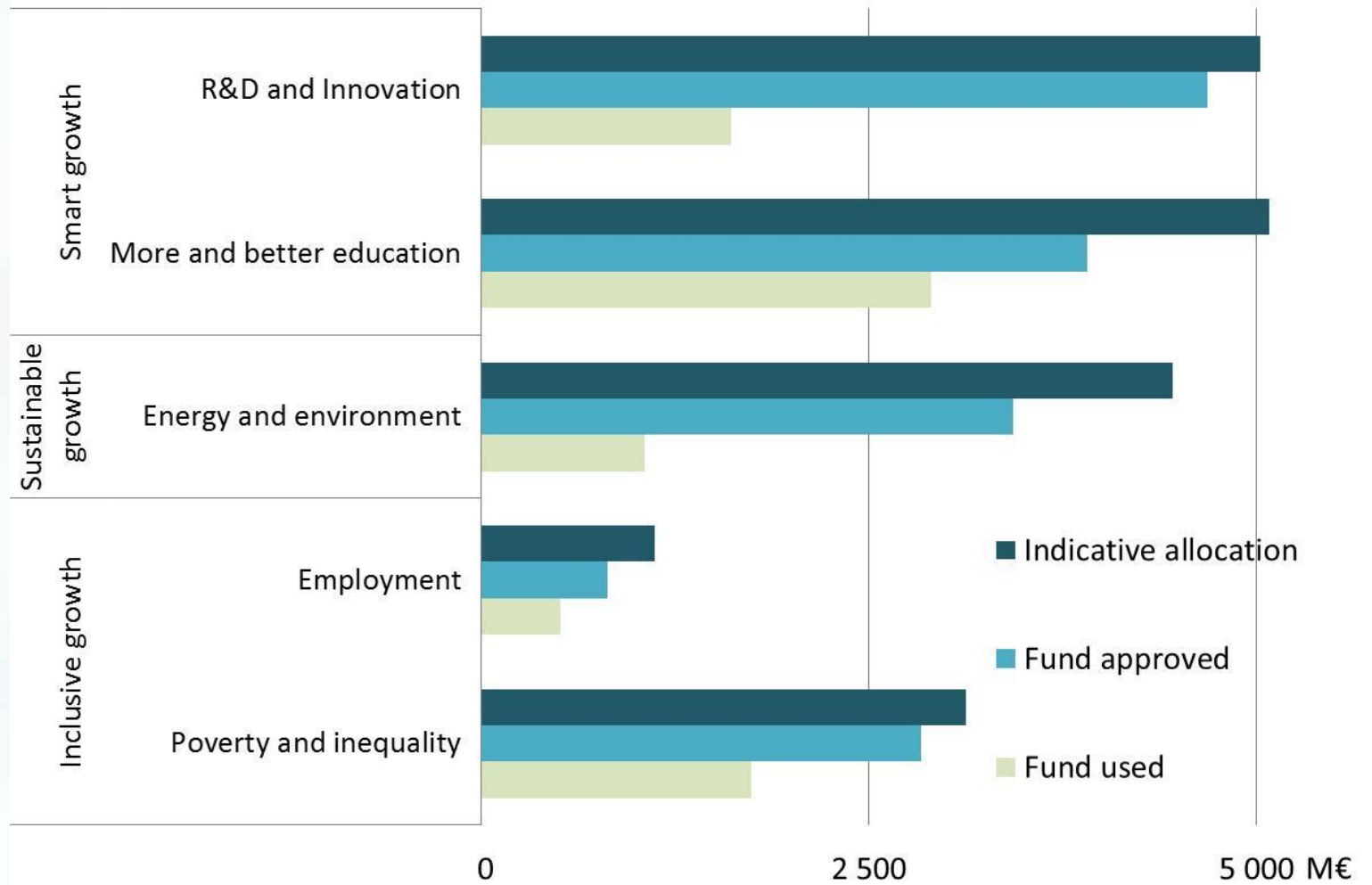




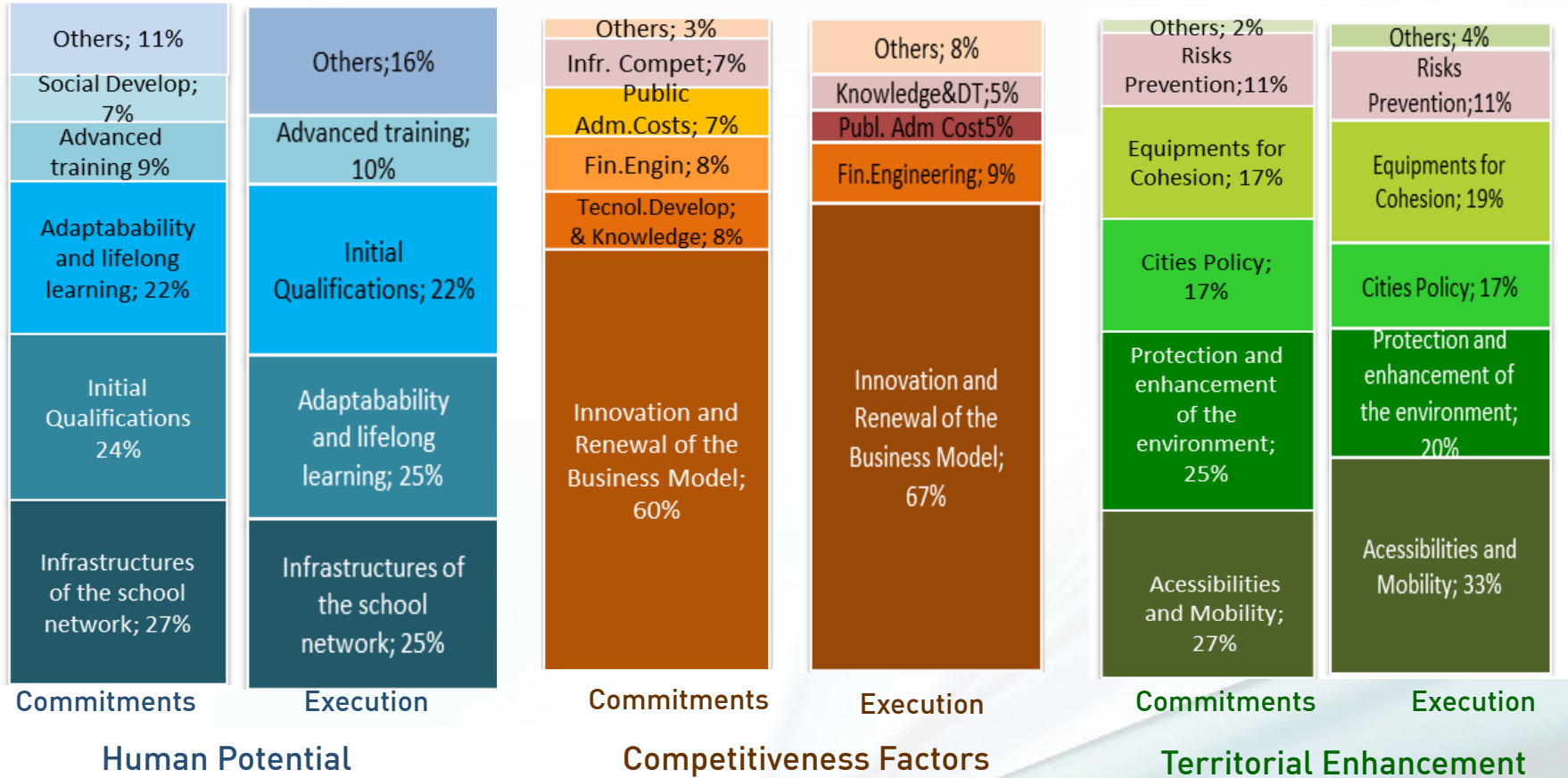
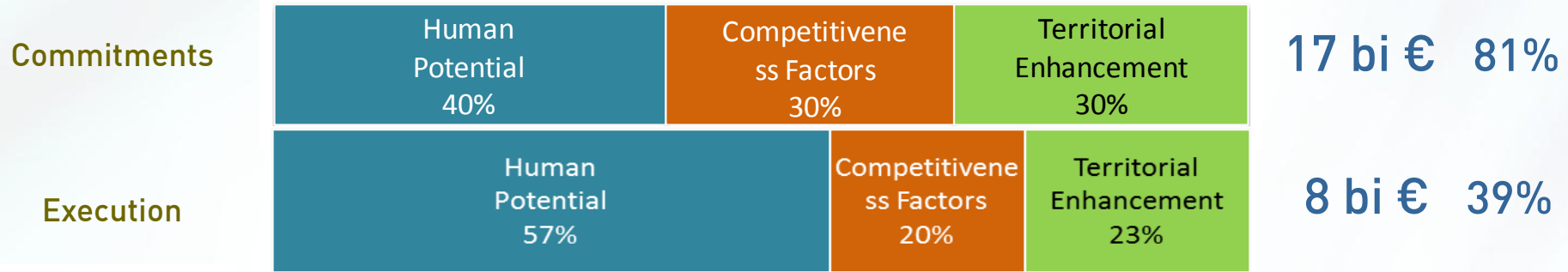
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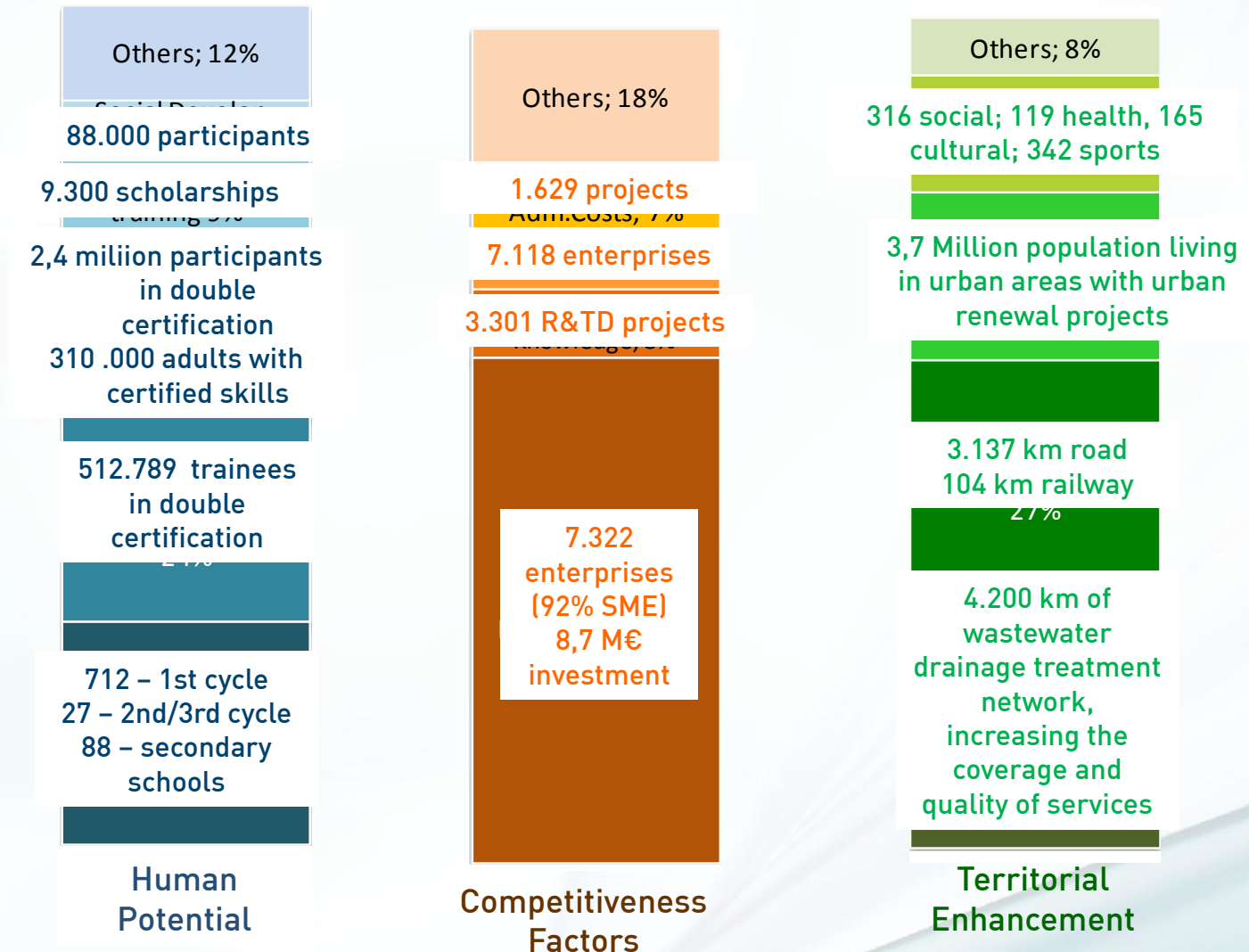
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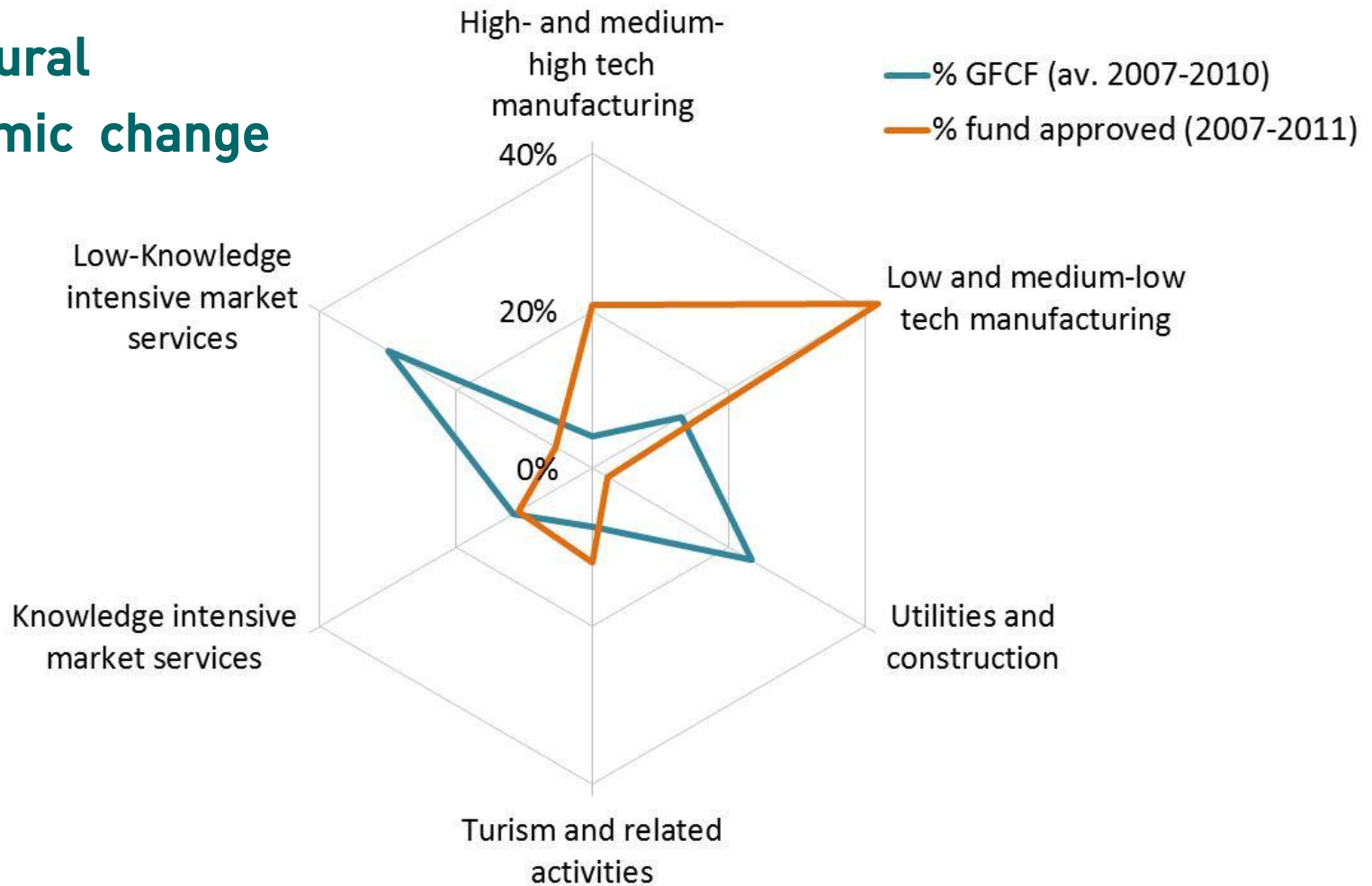


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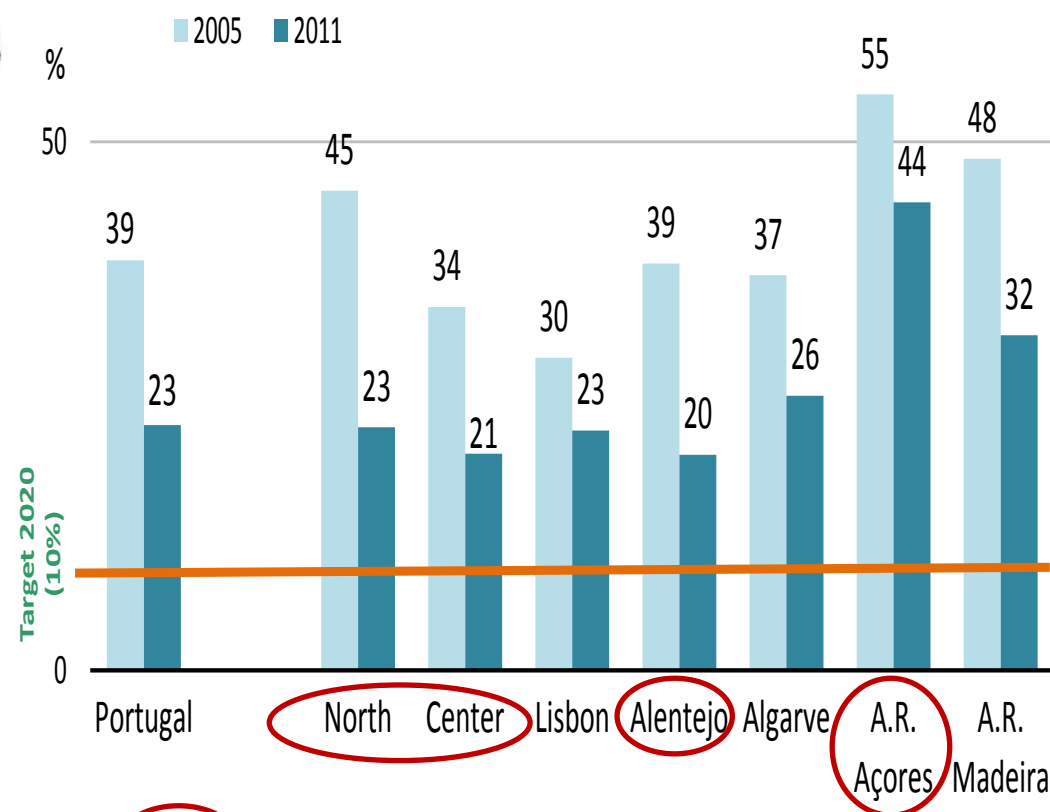
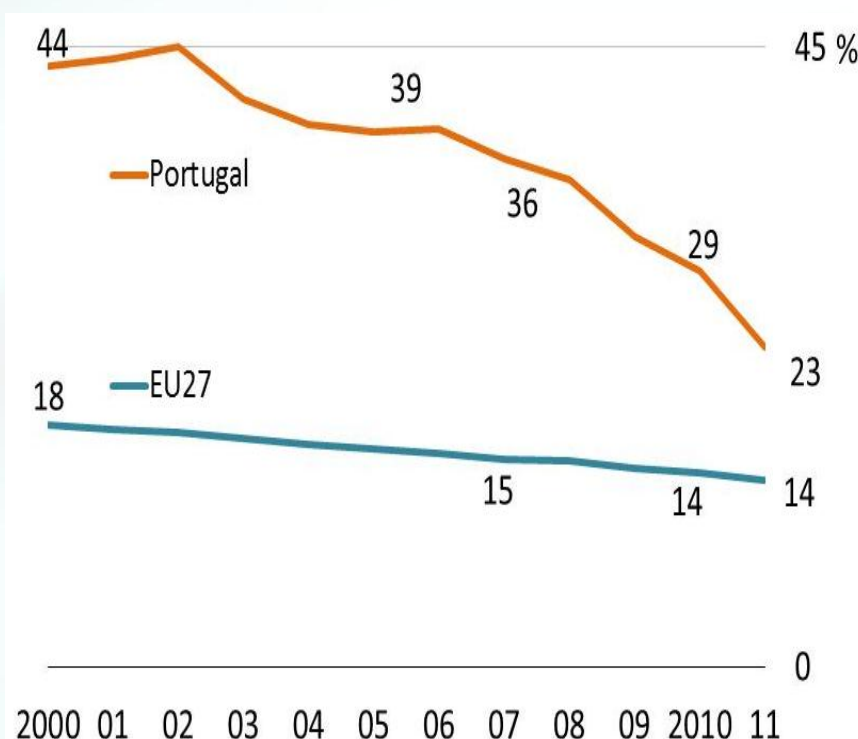
# Main results so far (5)

## Structural economic change



# Main results so far (6)

## Portugal early school leavers trajectory in the context of UE27 and in the regions (NUT2)



 **Convergence Regions**

# Main implementation challenges

- Strong restrictions in the access to credit (cost and volume) by private beneficiaries.
- Strict limits to public investment with national resources.
- Response to the labour market situation – the combat to unemployment, namely youth unemployment.
- Growing pressures on public spending on education and training, and social inclusion.

Changes in the UE framework, NSRF and OP  
to respond to these challenges





# Main Conclusions

- NSRF has helped to align the response to the successive phases of the crises with the development strategy of the country...but with tensions between strategic and immediate goals.
- In spite of financial constraints, there are no severe problems in the absorption of the funds...but with the necessary attention to the differences between the commitment rates and execution rates, especially in the ERDF and Cohesion Fund.
- The available data suggest that the NSRF is contributing to improved results in crucial domains such as youth education, structural transformation of the economy, environmental infrastructure, etc..
- ...but other domains (such as transport, networks or urban development) have been more severely affected by the crisis.



# Main lessons for the future – key conditions for success

- Consistency and persistency of the strategic objectives and priorities;
- Political commitment in the selected priorities (concentration);
- Rigorous and strong system for the selection, monitoring and evaluation of the interventions supported by the funds;
- Added value of the integrated approaches in some areas...as long as the institutional framework is adequate;
- Intelligent adaptability of the OP to a changing world;
- Compatibility between simplification and reducing administrative burden and the security and transparency in the application of the funds.



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