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-and-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