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# STRATEGIC COHERENCE

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Analysis of relevant National and EU concepts and strategies (sectoral and territorial), highlighting the most relevant contents of these strategic documents in terms of development

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## 1. Introduction

This document aims at the overview of relevant EU, national and regional concepts and strategies (sectoral and territorial), highlighting the approach applied on EU and national level in prioritising development objectives.

## 2. Relevant legal framework and strategic documents on European level

For the forthcoming programming period legal framework is only existing in form of various drafts that are currently in the law-making process.

- Proposal for Common Provisions Regulation, COM(2018) 375;
- Proposal for ERDF and Cohesion Fund regulation, COM(2018) 372;
- Proposal for ETC regulation, COM(2018) 374;
- Border Orientation Paper Hungary-Croatia – 2019;

For the New Cohesion Policy five main objectives have been defined<sup>1</sup>:

- Smarter Europe: focusing on innovation, digitalisation, economic transformation and support to small and medium size enterprises.
- Greener, carbon-free Europe: implementing the Paris Agreement and investing in energy transition, renewables and the fight against climate change;
- More connected Europe: including strategic transport and digital networks;
- More social Europe: delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights and supporting quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equal access to healthcare;
- Europe closer to citizens: by supporting locally-led development strategies and sustainable urban development across the EU.

The new cohesion policy aims at simplification of procedures, improved synergies between the various funding instruments (Cohesion Policy, Common Agricultural Policy, community initiatives). Besides non-refundable instruments a higher focus will be put on financial instruments, and their combination with grants.

The new Interreg programmes will aim at overcoming cross-border obstacles and develop joint services. The Commission has proposed the European Cross-border Mechanism, in order to harmonise legal frameworks. The new Interreg promotes building of pan-European clusters in some priority sectors, including big data and circular economy.

The new legal framework is currently in the development process and shall be finalised in autumn 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/2021\\_2027/](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/2021_2027/) (28.02.2020).

Macro-regional strategies represent an integrated framework, which is supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds as well. These strategies cover several policies, many of them are relevant for cross-border cooperation as well. For the Hungary-Croatia programme area the EU Strategy for the Danube Region is relevant, as both Hungary and Croatia are involved in the Danube Region. The Strategy lists 11 priority axes in four main pillars (Connecting the Danube Region, Protecting the Environment, Building prosperity, and Strengthening the Danube Region).

### 3. Relevant strategies for Hungary

The following list of strategic documents should be taken into consideration in the programming process and to which the Cooperation Programme will refer as key strategic documents involved. As strategies are currently being revised, the list should be regularly updated.

On national level the main relevant document is the National Development 2030 – National Development and Territorial Development Concept, which has been adopted by the Parliament Resolution No. 1/2014. (I. 3.) OGY. The document is valid until 2030, however revision may take place, in line with the new cohesion policy, if found needed. Table 1 lists national strategies relevant for the current period.

Sector	Title of document	Validity period
Smart	Strategy for strengthening Hungarian micro, small and medium-sized enterprises	2019-2030
	Digital Welfare Capital Program	2015-
	National Research and Development and Innovation Strategy	2013-2020
	Digital Agro-Strategy	2019-2022
	National Smart Specialisation Strategy	2014-2020
Social	Science Policy Strategy	2014-2020
	Public education development strategy	2014-2020
Green	The Second Climate Change Strategy of Hungary (NCCS-2)	2014-2025
	National Energy Strategy	2010-2030
	National Sustainable Development Framework Strategy	2014-2020
	National Strategy for the Conservation of Biodiversity	2015-2020

	National Waste Management Strategy (updated strategy under development)	2012-2015
Connected	National Transport Infrastructure Development Strategy	2014-2020
Integrated	Regional Development Policy in Hungary	2014-2020
	Rural Development Strategy	2014-2020
	County Development Concepts	2014-2030
	Urban Development Concepts	2014-2020

1. Table: List of strategic documents relevant for Hungary.  
Source: own compilation.

#### County Development Concepts and Programmes:

- Baranya County Regional Development Concept and Programme;
- Somogy County Regional Development Concept and Programme;
- Zala County Regional Development Concept and Programme.

Structure and methodology of the documents is identical. Overall long-term strategy – with an outlook to 2030 – has been drawn up in the county development concepts („Konceptió”), whereas more specific objectives and actions are spelt out in the programmes („Program”). Both of these programmes are valid until 2020, however programmes are taking into consideration the n+3 rule. Structure and methodology of the new county programmes is not known at this stage.

In accordance with the National Energy Strategy, all three counties, Zala, Somogy and Baranya, have developed and adopted a climate strategy specified for each territory. The strategies have been constructed under the funding of the Environmental and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme (KEHOP – ERDF) in order for local governments to create their county climate strategy and establish the county climate change platform. There are several local climate strategies available as well, which are effective from 2014 to 2020.

Integrated territorial programmes (ITP) are available for Somogy county from 2016 and from Baranya and Zala counties from 2020. These programmes constitute of models of fund use and fund allocation along with indicator commitments and scheduling. The fund allocation is divided in between five priorities of Territorial and Settlement Development Operational Programme (TOP – ERDF) that are directly linked to regional county development priorities.

Employment strategy and action plan is available for all three counties, which elaborate labour market conditions, schooling characteristics, analysis of vocational training and proposals for the transformation of the vocational school system including the issues of profession shortage and the potentials of corporate dual trainings along with a five-year action plan and the institutions of strategy execution.

#### Development Concepts and Integrated Strategies of main cities:

- Urban Development Concepts („Településfejlesztési Konceptió”) and

- Integrated Urban Development Strategies („Integrált Településfejlesztési Stratégia”) of the cities of County Rights – Pécs, Nagykanizsa, Kaposvár and Zalaegerszeg.
- Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (“Fenntartható Energia és Klíma Akcióterv”) – of county seats – Pécs, Kaposvár and Zalaegerszeg.

Structure and methodology of the documents is also identical. Overall long-term strategy – with an outlook to 2030 and beyond – has been drawn up in the urban development concepts („konceptió”), whereas more specific objectives and actions are spelt out in the Integrated Strategy. Both of these programmes are valid until 2020.

Further documents for consideration:

- As no stand-alone Regional Innovation Strategies (RIS) exist in Hungary, territory-specific information can be acquired from the National Smart Specialisation Strategy (“Nemzeti Intelligens Szakosodási Stratégia”). As many public strategies, in its current form it’s valid until 2020.
- Valid Government Resolutions (nr. 1242/2012. (VII. 17.), nr. 1321/2016. (VII. 1.)) do mention the „Ancient Drava Programme (“Ős-Dráva Program”)", as key concept that is intended to draw up the development strategy of the Ormánság sub-region. However, not any valid document that resumes a strategy is available in public.
- All local authorities with „town” ranking have a valid urban development concept („településfejlesztési koncepció”) and Integrated urban development strategies („integrált településfejlesztési stratégia”). Relevancy of these documents to the programming task is limited, nevertheless, documents will be assessed in all cases when are referred to by other documents or in interviews or workshops.

#### 4. Relevant strategies for Croatia

In the Republic of Croatia, the new national development strategy 2030 is currently under development, shall be finalised in March 2020. Besides the overall national strategy there are several sectoral strategies available, most of them are valid until 2020, however some of them go beyond the current programming period or have been adopted for indefinite period (see Table 1).

In case of the counties currently available development strategies are valid until 2020, usually formerly developed strategies have been extended until the end of the current programming period. In several counties development of the new strategy has been started and shall be adopted in 2020.

Sector / region	Title of document	Validity period
National	National Development Strategy 2030 "Hrvatska kakvu želimo" (under development)	2020-2030
Sectoral strategies by POs		
Smart	Strategy for Encouraging Innovation	2014-2020
	Development Plan of Research and Innovation Infrastructure	2014-not defined
	Strategy of Smart Specialisation (S3)	2016-2020
	Industry strategy	2014-2020
	Strategy for Cluster Development	2011-2020
Green	Strategy on adaptation to climate change	2020-2040(-2070)
	Strategy on low-carbon development (in adoption phase)	2020-2030(-2050)
	Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Environment and Planning	2019-2021
	Strategy and Action Plan for Nature Protection of the Republic of Croatia	2017-2025
	Strategy for Energy Development of the Republic of Croatia (under development)	2019-2035(-2050)
	Long-term Strategy to Encourage Investment in the Reconstruction of the National Building Fund of the Republic of Croatia	2019-2050
Connected	Strategy for Transport Development of the Republic of Croatia	2018-2030
Social	New Colours of Knowledge – Strategy for Education, Science and Technology	2017-not defined
	National Strategy for Health	2012-2020
	Strategy for Life-long Learning and Career in the Republic of Croatia	2016-2020
Integrated	Regional Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia	2017-2020
Regional		
Bjelovarsko-bilogorska	No valid development strategy	
Koprivničko-križevačka	County Development Strategy of KKC	2014-2020
Međimurska	Međimurje County Development Strategy	2011-2020
Osječko-baranjska	County Development Strategy of OBC	2019-2020
	Human Resource Development Strategy of OBC	2015-2020
	Development of the Urban Agglomeration of Osijek (ITI Mechanism)	2017-2020
Požeško-slavonska	County Development Strategy of PSC	2018-2020
Varaždinska	No valid development strategy	
Virovitičko-podravaska	County Development Strategy of VPC	2019-2020
	Joint Cross-border Entrepreneurship Development Strategy of Somogy and VPC	2013-2020
Vukovarsko-srijemska	Development Strategy of VSC	-2020

2. Table: List of strategic documents relevant for the Republic of Croatia.

Source: own compilation.