European Committee of the Regions

EU Solidarity
Future of Cohesion Policy

Infographic 1

PROCESS

Dec. / March 2014 2016
CoR study and reflection project
Opinion of C. Marini on Indicators for territorial development – GDP and beyond

May 2017
Opinion of M. Schneider (DE/EPP) on Future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020

May 2017
Event with Associations on Cohesion Alliance

October 2017
European Week of Regions and Cities launch of the Cohesion Alliance Joint REGI-COTER meeting

March 2018
Handing over of Cohesion Alliance to Commissioners G. Oettinger and C. Crețu
Opinion of C. Marini (IT/PES) on Mid-term review of the ESF preparing the post-2020 proposal

May 2018
Cohesion Alliance events in the Member States with the Territorial Associations

October 2018
Opinion of N. Dobroslavić (HR/EPP) on Multiannual Finacial Framework beyond 2020 package

Dec. / Feb. 2018 2019
Opinions on:
Common Provision Regulation / European Regional Development Fund, etc.

March / April 2019
European Parliament Position

May 2019
European Parliament Elections

IMPACT

- Allocation method extended to new criteria beyond GDP (climate, migration ...)
- CoR first institution to take official position. Good convergence with the European Parliament.
  Report of K. Westphal (DE/S&D) on Building blocks for a post-2020 EU cohesion policy
- First partners on Cohesion Alliance initiated a debate in several national media
- 5,000 Members of Cohesion Alliance and strong presence in national media
- Permanence of European Social Fund inside the Common Provision Regulation
- European Commission Proposal Cohesion Policy for all Regions:
  - Regional focus: lagging behind, transition and developed regions
  - Reference to Multilevel Governance
  - Moderate cuts for European Social Fund+ / European Regional Development Fund
  - Strong bias towards simplification
  - More flexibility for territorial development at project level