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## Competition, Cooperation, Solidarity

### The Common Strategic Framework and its Impact on Rural Development

In October 2011, in the context of the next financial programming discussions, the European Commission proposed a Common Strategic Framework for five EU funds that will cover 42% of the 2014-2020 budget (ERDF, ESF, Cohesion fund, EAFRD, EMFF).

This Policy Paper analyses this proposal which simultaneously aims to facilitate the programme management for the project leaders, to encourage States and regions to better coordinate their policies and to better implement the Europe 2020 Strategy. From a macroeconomic viewpoint, it aims to give a new approach of development within the EU, on the basis of local advantages and of the territorial reality rather than on the basis of categories that have become obsolete: rural vs. urban, industries and services vs. primary sector.

Development of rural areas should benefit greatly from this reform, as it will avoid too much scattering of the measures agreed within the 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar of the CAP (EAFRD) and the cohesion policy. However, before being implemented, the new architecture raises several questions which will have to be answered to guarantee its efficiency.

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