

# **THE CONCEPT OF SOLIDARITY AND IDENTITY IN COHESION POLICIES**

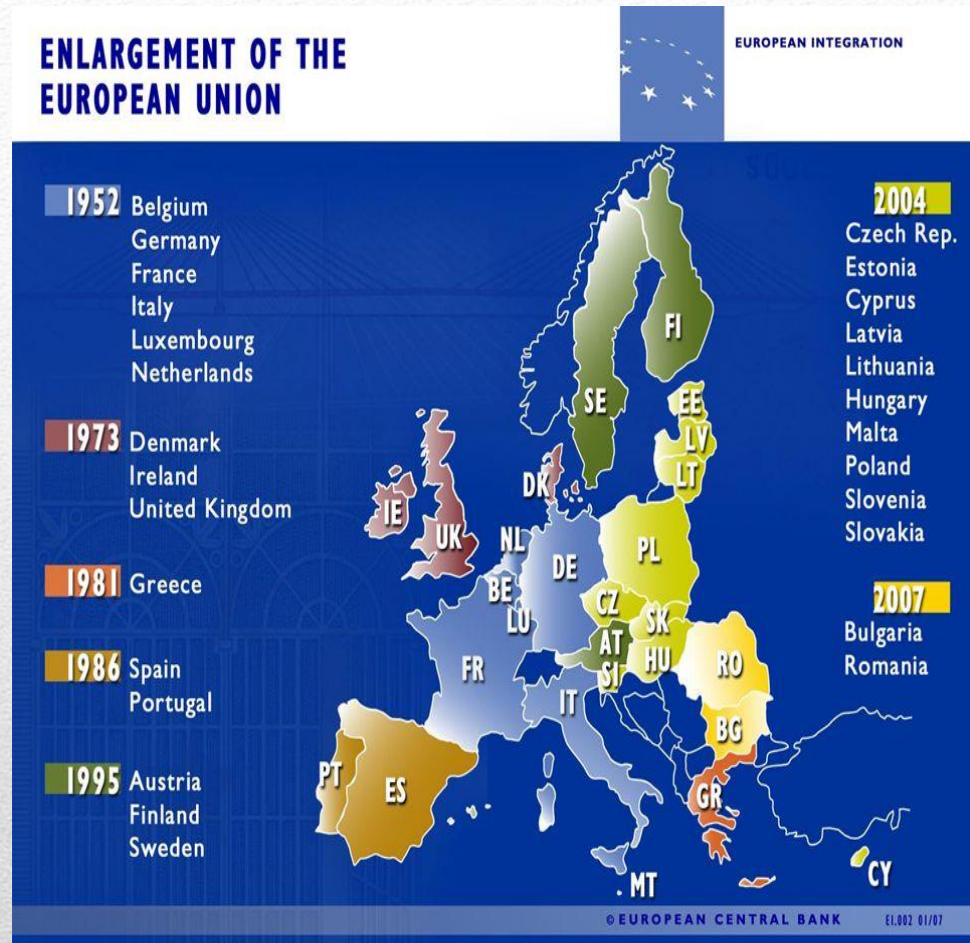
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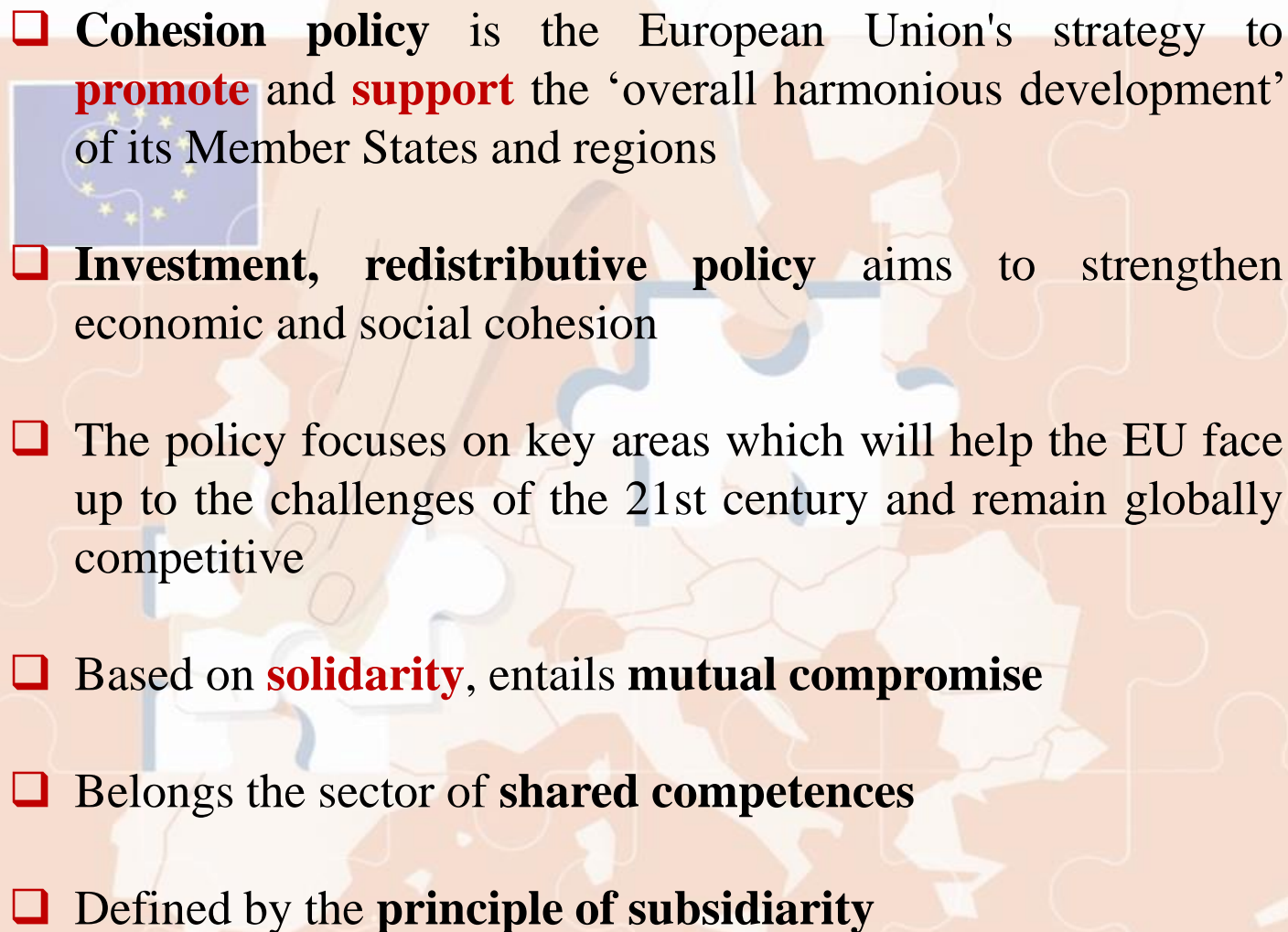
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- ❑ Europe's consecutive enlargements led to a great deal of disparities and imbalances among different european regions.
- ❑ Need to develop a regional and social policy to overcome inequalities.



## EU ENLARGEMENT

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- ❑ **Cohesion policy** is the European Union's strategy to **promote** and **support** the ‘overall harmonious development’ of its Member States and regions
  - ❑ **Investment, redistributive policy** aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion
  - ❑ The policy focuses on key areas which will help the EU face up to the challenges of the 21st century and remain globally competitive
  - ❑ Based on **solidarity**, entails **mutual compromise**
  - ❑ Belongs the sector of **shared competences**
  - ❑ Defined by the **principle of subsidiarity**

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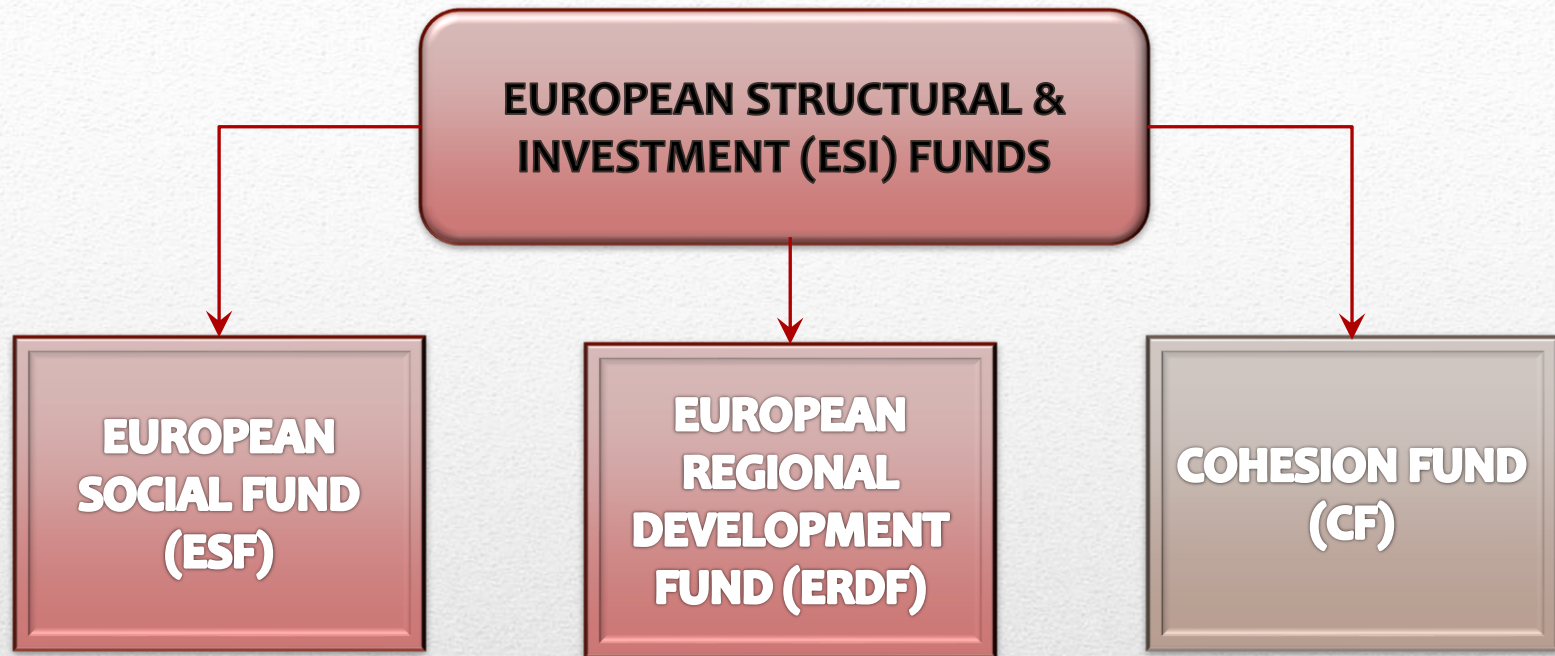


- ❑ **Promote** structural adjustment of regions whose development is lagging behind,
- ❑ **Assist** region restructuring affected by industrial conversion,
- ❑ **Combat** long-term unemployment,
- ❑ **Facilitate** the professional integration of young people,
- ❑ **Accelerate** (a) adjustment of agricultural structures, (b) promote the development of rural areas.



## COHESION OBJECTIVES

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- ❑ **ESF** : invests in people, with a focus on improving employment and education opportunities across the European Union. It also aims to unify EU's economies especially the most vulnerable people at risk of poverty.
- ❑ **ERDF** : enables investments in a smarter, greener, more connected and more social Europe that is closer to its citizens.
- ❑ **CF**: supports investments in the field of environment and trans - European networks in the area of transport infrastructure

## EUROPEAN FUNDS

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- ❑ Fundamental value
- ❑ Appeared alongside cohesion in Single European Act (1986) and the Maastricht Treaty (1992)
- ❑ Treaty of Lisbon continues and expands this commitment (2009)
- ❑ Implementation legal frameworks, mechanisms, funds, and programs financed by the European budget
- ❑ To strengthen European Social Model and promote EU integration
- ❑ Economic crisis, security, health crisis



## LACK OF SOLIDARITY

**Aim:** Upgrade the meaning of the principle. **HOW?**

## EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY

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- ❑ European Solidarity Corps (2016)
- ❑ Managed by the European Commission
- ❑ Helps young people (18 – 30) take part in projects and help community, by supporting vulnerable people and responding to societal challenges
- ❑ Offers an inspiring and empowering experience for young people who want to help, learn and develop
- ❑ Builds an inclusive society
- ❑ Involving volunteering, traineeships jobs, local Solidarity Projects



## EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

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- ❑ Presented in the Paris Declaration (2019),
- ❑ Eu Moto – **United in Diversity** indicating its roots in national cultures,
- ❑ Common denominator **Christianity, Roman Law & Greek Culture,**
- ❑ To strengthen European Social Model and promote integration and sustainable development.



**Aim: Pluralistic Identity** based on **diversity** to promote political identity

## EUROPEAN IDENTITY

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- ❑ Cohesion - solidarity - pluralistic identity intertwined because they form a framework based on shared values and principles which includes both rights and responsibilities for all.

## CONCLUSION

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