



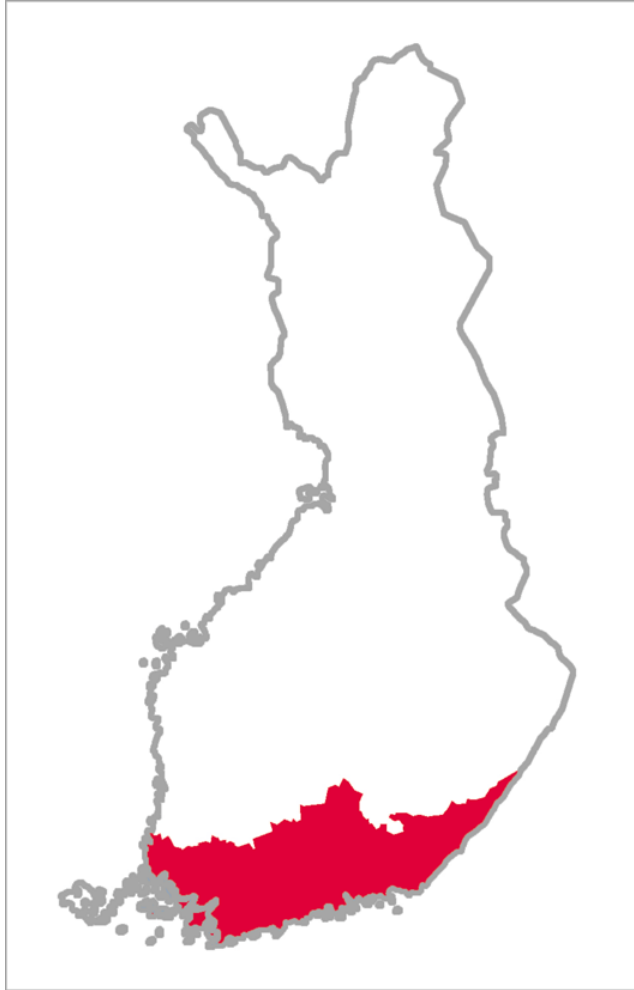
FOCUS ON MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA-BASIN STRATEGIES

How ERDF can contribute to the EUSBSR?



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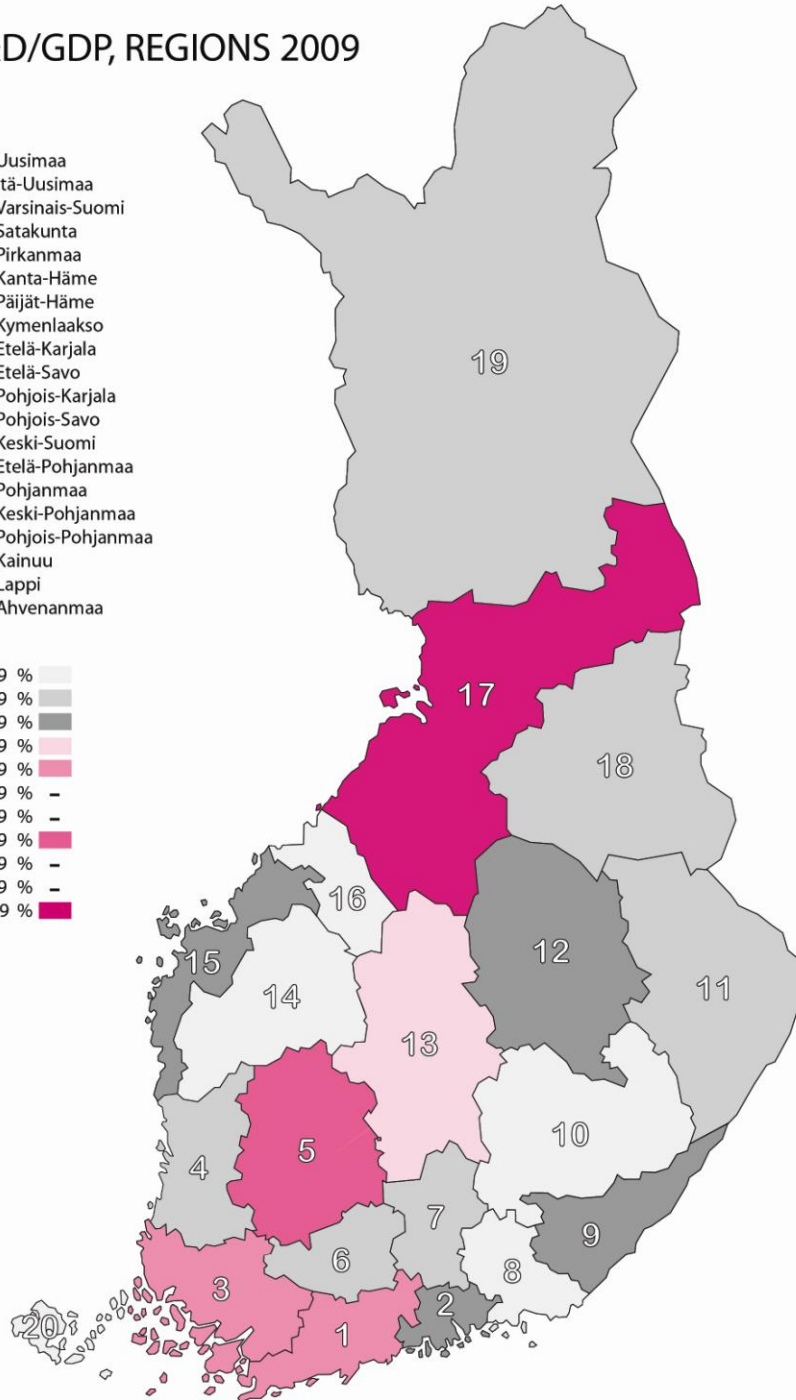


- 50% of the population
- 12% of the area
- 60% of the GDP
- 65% of foreign trade
- 63% of the investment in research and education
- 76% of motorways
- 95% of international flights

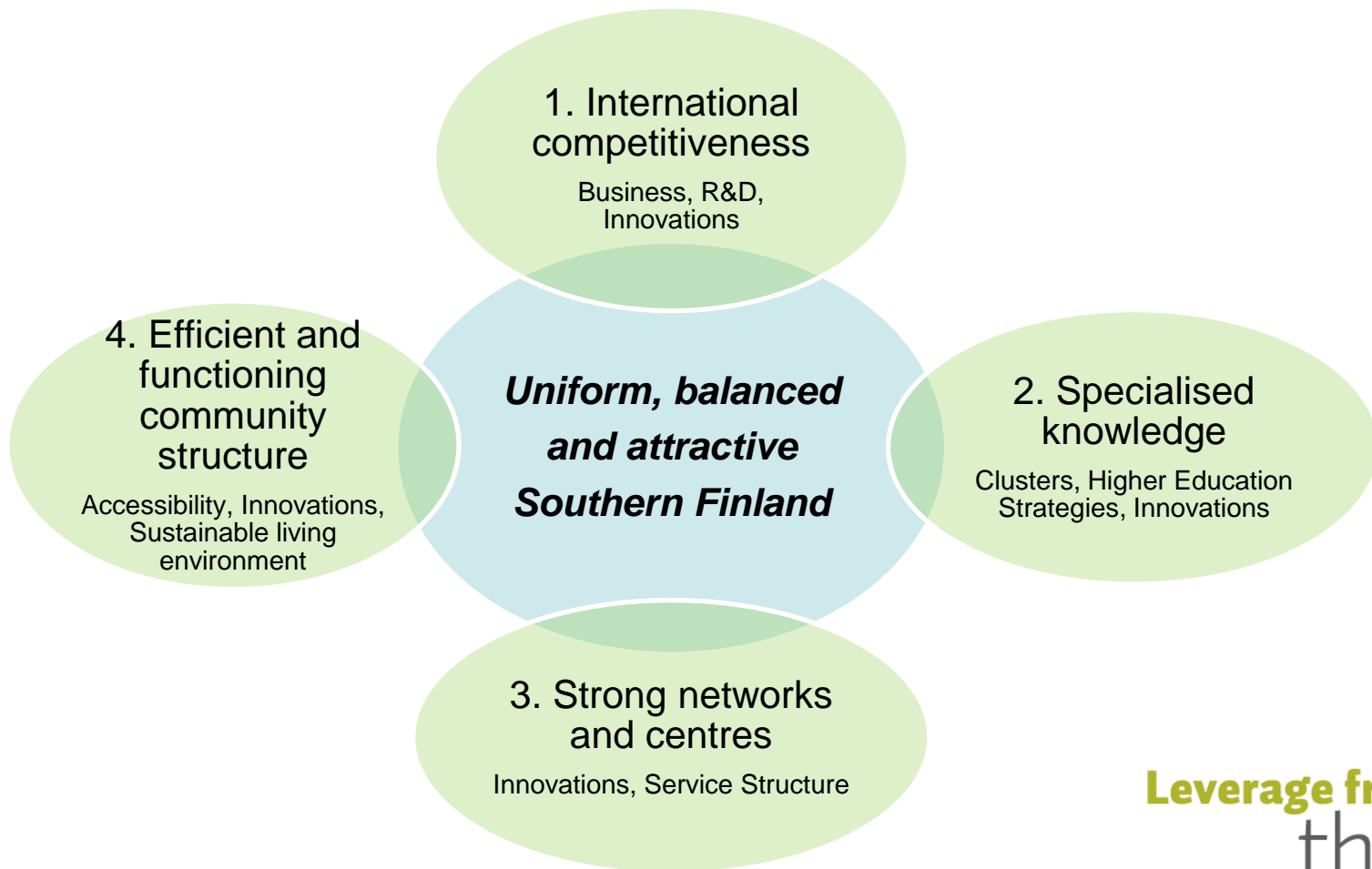
R&D/GDP, REGIONS 2009

- 1 Uusimaa
- 2 Itä-Uusimaa
- 3 Varsinais-Suomi
- 4 Satakunta
- 5 Pirkanmaa
- 6 Kanta-Häme
- 7 Päijät-Häme
- 8 Kymenlaakso
- 9 Etelä-Karjala
- 10 Etelä-Savo
- 11 Pohjois-Karjala
- 12 Pohjois-Savo
- 13 Keski-Suomi
- 14 Etelä-Pohjanmaa
- 15 Pohjanmaa
- 16 Keski-Pohjanmaa
- 17 Pohjois-Pohjanmaa
- 18 Kainuu
- 19 Lappi
- 20 Ahvenanmaa

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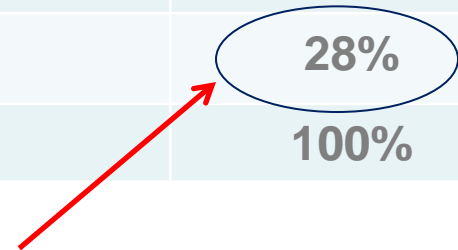


Strategy of the ERDF Programme for Southern Finland 2007 - 2013

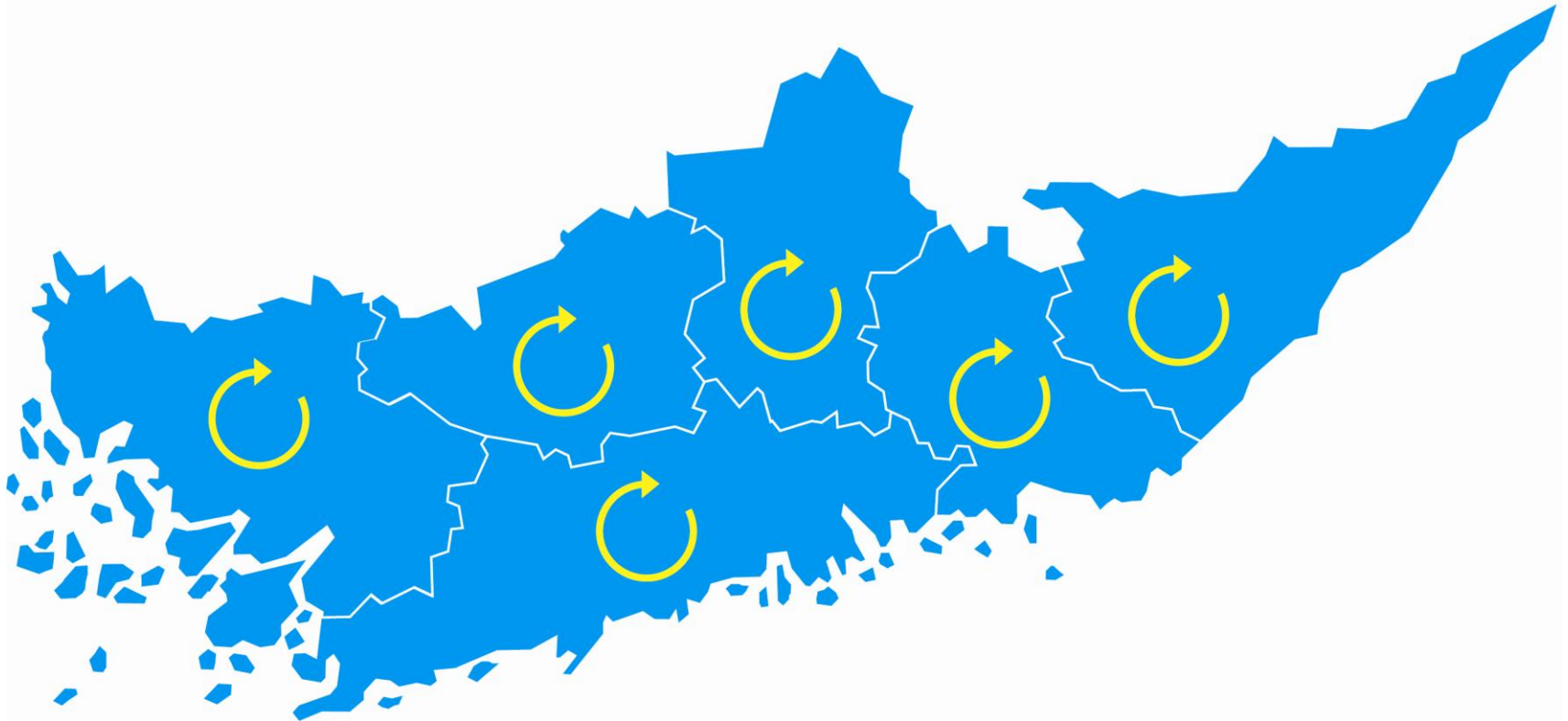


Priority axis of ERDF in Southern Finland 2007-2013

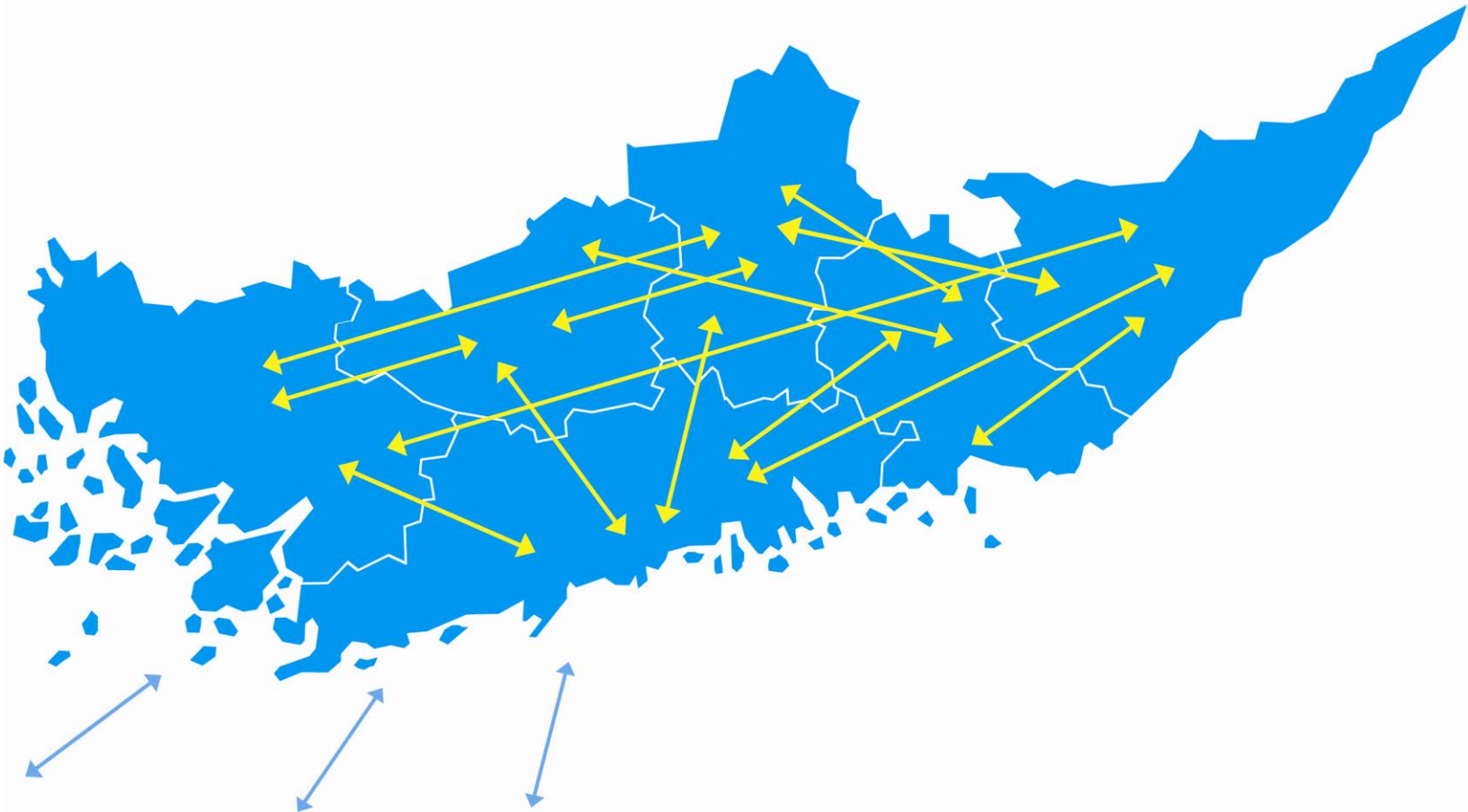
1. Promotion of business	
2. Promotion of innovation activity and networking and strenghtening of skill structures	67%
3. Improvement of the accessibility of regions and the operating environment	
4. Development of major urban areas	5%
5. Special interregional themes	28%
	100%



Regional projects



Inter-regional projects



Leverage from
the EU
2007-2013

Inter-regional cooperation in Southern Finland

(priority axis 5)

- New approach for 2007-2013 - unique in Finland
- Target:
 - ✓ to promote interregional co-operation
 - ✓ to strengthen the competitiveness and networking of *knowledge clusters*
 - *In Southern Finland*
 - *In Finland*
 - *In the BSR, at EU level and internationally*
 - ✓ increase investment in R&D
 - ✓ increase synergies
- Balance between cohesion and competitiveness:
 - The ability of the region to create new strategic partnerships
 - ***capacity building!***
- Integrated approach and the principle of multi-level governance
- Link to EUSBSR (e.g. Innovation flagship)

SELECTED THEMES SUPPORT KNOWLEDGE CLUSTERS

- 2 -3 themes/clusters per year
- Six regions (NUTS III) select themes together
 - *Regional Smart Specialisation Strategies*



SELECTION PROCESS: TWO PHASES

1) *Open call for project ideas*

- Very simple application form
- Thematic networking events

436 ideas*

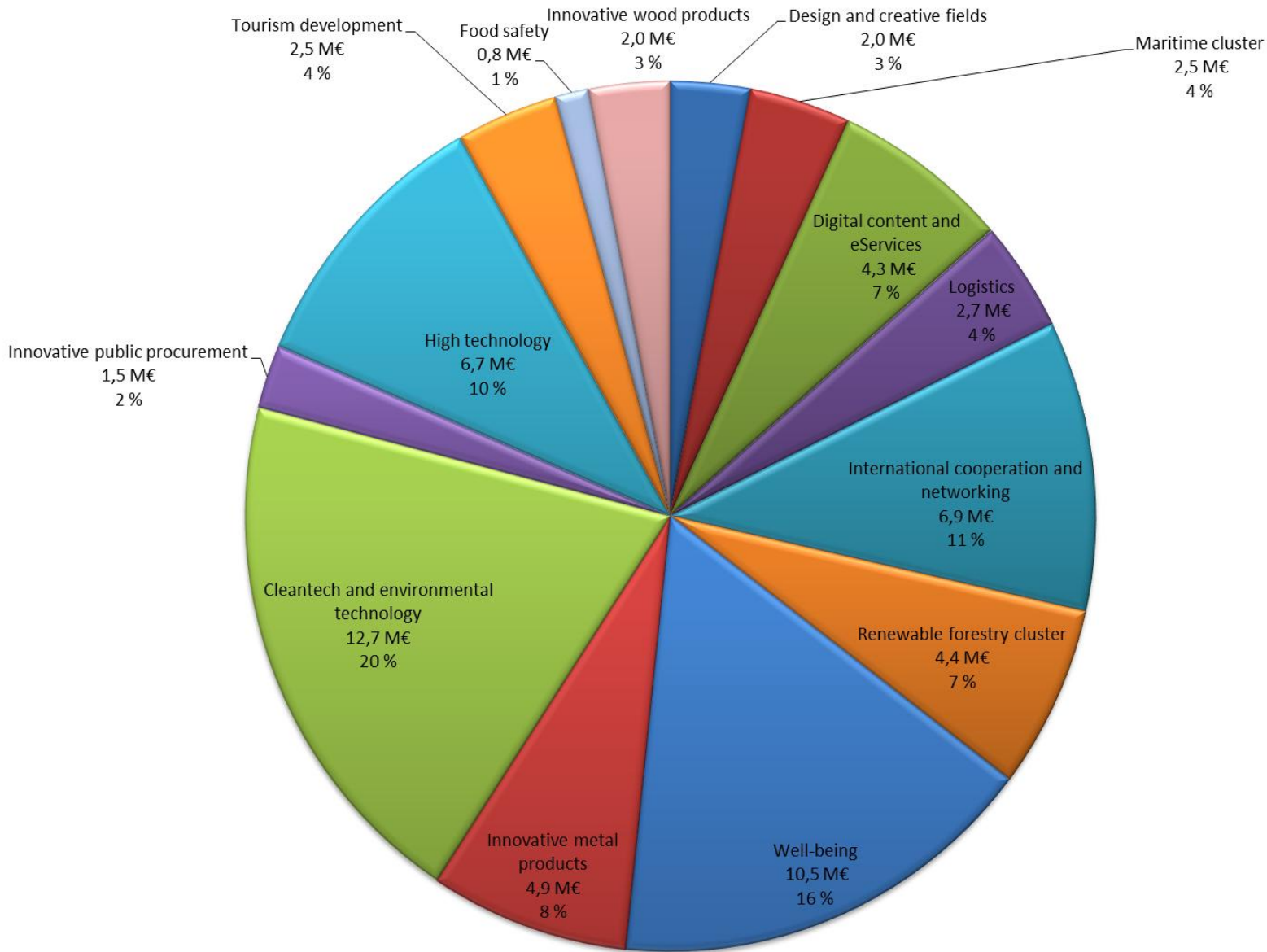
2) *Open call for applications*

210 applications

3) *Regions evaluate applications and select the best projects*

75 projects

*) 2007 -2013



Allocation of ERDF and state financing 31.12.2012

2014 - 2020

- A national multi-fund programme (ERDF + ESF)
- Financing of the Structural Funds in Finland – 26% compared to 2007 – 2013
- Special attention to NSRF in Northern and Eastern Finland
- Reduction of the number of Intermediate Bodies
- Two priority axis for ERDF
 - 1) The Competitiveness of SMEs
 - 2) R&D&I

→ SMART use of ERDF

→ more attention to ETC Programmes and Horizon 2020

Thank You!

