



The Information Society in the Regions and the Cohesion Policy

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THE ISSUES & THE CONTEXT

- InfSo has a potential for Cohesion
- Key to efficient InfSo:
 - Infrastructure
 - Qualification & education level
 - Promotion of InfSo
 - Technical Support
 - Public awareness
- 3 groups of MS
- 3.5% of expenditures in 2000/06



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Political awareness
- Comprehensive strategies
 - Good diagnosis of the situation
 - Cover EU, national, regional, local
 - Updated regularly
- Coordination for the delivery
- Liberalisation of the market



GUIDELINES 2007/13

- Objective: to boost growth & jobs
- 60-75% earmarked for Lisbon related priorities
- Guidelines:
 - Availability everywhere
 - Promotion of the use of ICT
 - New services (e-...)
 - Human capital
 - Support services for SMEs
 - Broadband infrastructure (obj. 1)



EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

- Public authorities are catalyst
- Regional innovation strategies
- "Laboratory" within the OP
 - Testing of pilot actions
 - Risk accepted
 - Mainstreaming in the OP



Thank you for your attention!

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