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Department of Finance

- Member State Managing Authority
- Works in Partnership with EU Commission and represents IE on working groups (i.e. COCOF, HLG, Conditionality Task Force)
- Manages
 - Implementation of programmes
 - Annual examinations of programmes
 - Annual audit co-ordination meeting
 - National Co-ordination Ctte of the Funds



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Regional Policy

- Total Received since 1973 approx €19 billion
- Ireland's allocation €901m 2007-2013
 - €750m under RCE objective
 - €151m under TC objective
- National Strategic Reference Framework
 - Provides strategic context
- Three OPs
 - National Human Capital Investment OP
 - Two ERDF Regional Ops
 - Border, Midlands & Western
 - Southern & Eastern



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Key Contribution of Structural Funds

- The Structural Funds helped to:
 - keep investment in human and physical capital at a higher level than it would otherwise have been
 - provide a longer-term framework for investment planning
 - foster a more focused and structured approach to Government expenditure.
- Raise GNP by 2.5%



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Future of Cohesion Policy

- EU 2020 Strategy
- EU Budget Review
- Fifth Report on Economic, Territorial and Social Cohesion – November 2010
- Cohesion Forum – 31st Jan/1st Feb
- Proposed Financial Regulation
- Multiannual Financial Framework



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EU Research and Innovative Funding 2007-13

- Cohesion Policy (€86bn)
- Seventh Framework Programme FP7 (€53.3bn)
- Competitiveness and Innovation Framework CIP (€3.6bn)
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology EIT (€309m)



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Innovative Union

- **Strategic Approach**
 - Partnership with MSs
 - From idea to market
- **Tackling weaknesses**
 - Underinvestment
 - Fragmentation
- **Building on strengths**
 - Focus on societal challenges
 - Broad concept on innovation
 - Involving all actors



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Key issues

- **Government for National Recovery**
 - Innovation and Commercialisation
 - Promote Ireland's engagement with "Innovative Union" proposals
 - Work for greater North South economic co-operation
- **Address economic and financial crisis**
- **EU Budget**
 - Evolution rather than revolution
 - Strong Agricultural Sector
- **Maximise EU Drawdown**



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