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a. Competitiveness for growth and jobs
- Employment and Social innovation Programme
- Connecting Europe Facility
- Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME)
- Erasmus+
- Nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes
- ITER
- Galileo and EGNOS
- Horizon 2020
- Copernicus – The EU’s Earth observation and monitoring programme

b. Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- The ESI Funds
- Cohesion fund
- European Regional Development Fund
- European Social Fund
- Youth Employment Initiative

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- Common Agricultural Policy (pillar I)
- Rural Development (CAP pillar II)
- The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

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- Europe for Citizens
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Justice Programme

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- Common Foreign and Security Policy
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- Partnership Instrument (PI)
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- Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC)
- Development Cooperation Instrument

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