



In the framework of EWRC 2023, the team of ERDF/JTF.NRW at the exhibition booth of North Rhine-Westpalia gave the opportunity to visitors to express their ideas, expectations and proposals for the future of EU Regional and Cohesion Policy.

# We would like to thank all those who made a contribution!

Get here an impression of the different ideas\* of our guests to the question: What do you expect from the EU regional policy / cohesion policy after 2027?





# Fundamental – content, territorial coverage, funding, co-financing

- Cohesion policy more place-based, user-friendly, agile.
- Better exploitation of new technologies and solutions. for all regions and sub-regions.
- JTF for the entire Ruhr region.
- Setter co-funding rates (50 % for more developed regions).
- Involve more youth! Paradigm shift!

# **Fundamental – implementation**

- More trust of funders in applicants and projects.
- \* More roadmaps, more customer focus, trust.
- Finally put the real sustainability and crisis practitioners at the decision tables.

### Internationalization / Collaboration

- Cooperation across borders in energythemes (Kerkrade-Herzogenrath).
- More cooperation in mainstream programs!
- More cooperation cohesion policy as a tool to solve obstacles (through pilot projects for European integration in cross-border areas).

# **General wishes**

### Communication

- I think these projects and best practices [presented at the exhibition booth] need to be shared outside NRW and the EU.
- Share best practices on climate action solutions with citizens and local governments.
- Automated project database through intelligent text recognition in the application process.
- A competitive Europe in a global perspective.
- I support new ideas. Let's continue with the excellent work, for the people.
- Peace and love.

<sup>\*</sup>For a better overview we have clustered the cards with contributions, which were partly in English, partly in German (translated here).