



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.

^{*}For a better overview we have clustered the cards with contributions, which were partly in English, partly in German (translated here).