

**“EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS”
2014 -2020 FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

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ABSTRACT: *Entitled “Europe 2020”, the new EU strategy is focused on smart, sustainable and inclusive growth to overcome the economic crisis in Europe. The “European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds” are the main financial instruments of European Union for cohesion policy. For the current programming period, 2014 - 2020, ESI funds were reformed to optimize their management and to align the new European Strategy for 2020. The Common Provision Regulation (EU) 1303/2013 has introduced shared rules for all five ESI funds and a conversion of triple objectives of Europe 2020 strategy into eleven Thematic Objectives (TOs). These are European and national reference points for ESI funds, Partnership agreements and programmes. Under TO no 11 “Improving the efficiency of public administration”, the investments are devoted to institutional capacity building, structures, systems and tools. More than EUR 6 billion from ESI funds have been allocated for TO no 11, giving to all Member States and regions a real opportunity to enhance the public administration in the European Union.*

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