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Together for a  
sustainable growth

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Lissabon:

EU-economy to become world's most competitive, knowledge-based economy by 2010.

Gothenburg:

Sustainable development of the EU economy.



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Midterm review conclusion in 2005:

Disappointing results so far.

Therefore re-launch with:

- More growth, through i.a. increased attractiveness and innovation
- More and better jobs, through i.a. increased adaptability and flexibility
- Better Governance, through more efficiency and less red tape.



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3 objectives for 2007-2013 regional cohesion policy:

- **Convergence:** Speeding up convergence of least-developed MS and regions
- **Regional Competitiveness and employment:** strengthening regions' competitiveness, attractiveness and employment
- **European Territorial cooperation:** strengthening cross-border, interregional and trans-national cooperation.



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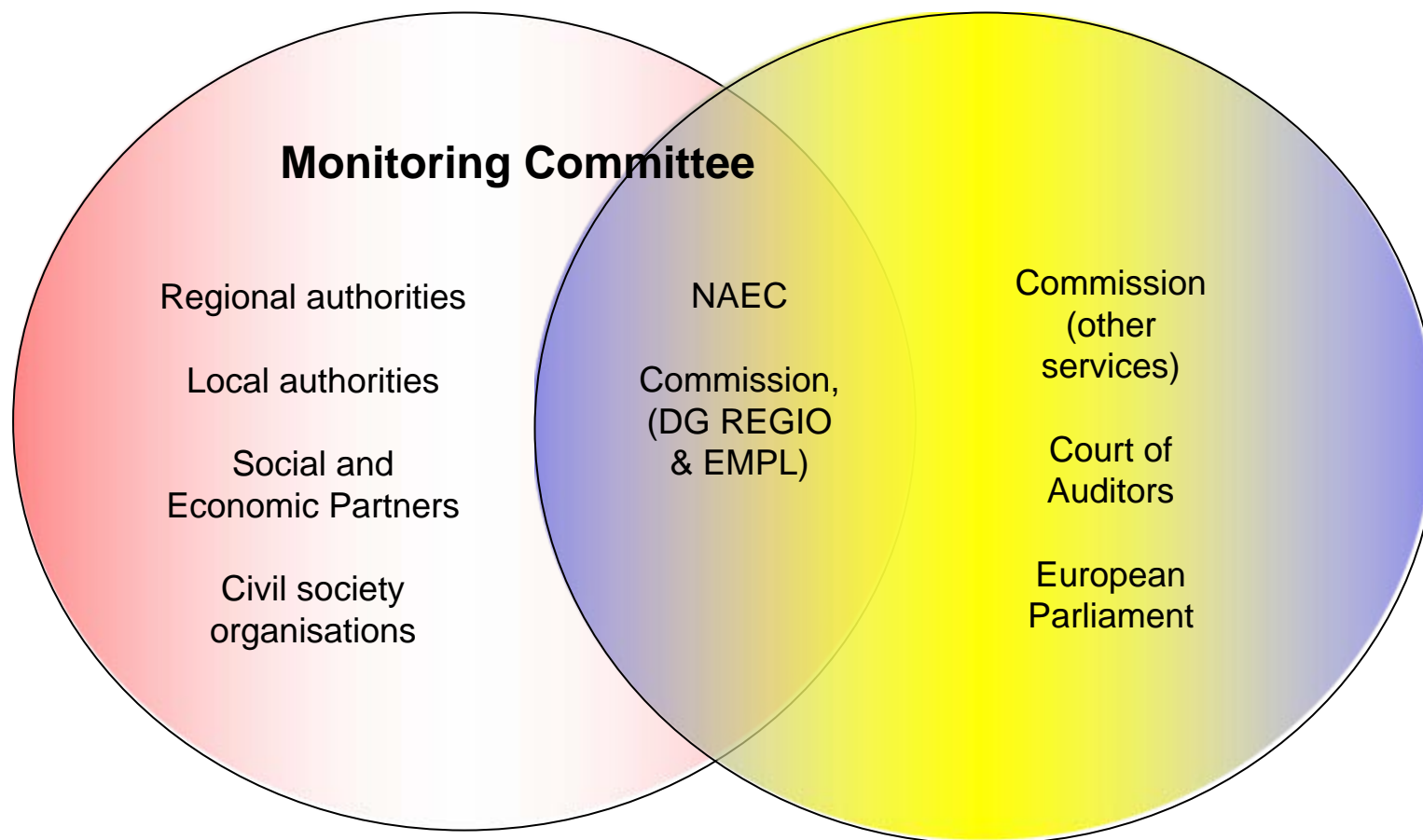


The aims referred to in art. 3.2(b) of Regulation (EC) 1083/2006 on the Regional competitiveness and employment objective are to strengthen regions' competitiveness, attractiveness and employment, by anticipating economic and social changes, through

- an increase and improvement of the quality of investment in human capital,
- innovation
- promotion of the knowledge society,
- entrepreneurship,
- protection and improvement of the environment,
- improvement of accessibility,
- adaptability of workers and businesses
- development of inclusive job markets.



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### Human resources

- \* Central to ensure adaptability vis-à-vis new knowledge and proper exploitation of innovation

### Innovation

- \* In the core of Lisbon agenda to enhance and cement EU leadership

### Use of new technology

- \* A tool with high potentials to push forward growth

### Entrepreneurship

- \* SMEs are crucial in ensuring sustainable welfare.  
**JEREMIE!**



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Some issues during negotiations on ERDF:

- Number of priorities. COM wants guarantees that all needs identified in strategy are addressed. Three “ERDF”-growth-drivers to be the turning point with commitment of a minimum consumption reflecting the strategy.
- Regional development plans to implement the programme – but not yet conceived. The ERDF approach presents possibilities, which regions choose from. COM must be ensured that all needs according to the strategy are met.
- Peripheral areas. COM wants to be sure that no geographical areas that lack behind are left behind, if they could have been helped. Government decision on guaranteed allocation to areas identified as peripheral.
- Interesting feature: Pool subject to competition amongst regions on themes identified from spontaneous needs. Best practice.



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**Good luck!**

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