

# European Union Public Policy

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## **Lecture 11**

### **The ‘Europeanisation’ or ‘Regionalisation’ of public policy**

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*(including Bibliography for good sources on ‘Europeanisation’)*

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1. What do we mean by Regions?
2. What is meant by E.U. regional policy
3. The 'Europeanisation' of Public Policy

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### 1. What do we mean by 'Regions'

- 'Regions' defined not just by economics, but also culture and history (language, customs, traditions)
- Regions as institutions (over past 30 years)
- E.U. regions widely defined – dependent on level/amount of institutionalisation of regional government

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- Nation-state – under internal and external pressures
- Council of European Regions
- Committee of the Regions (established in Maastricht Treaty, 1993)

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### 2. What do we mean by E.U. regional policy

- aim of E.U. regional policy is to promote *solidarity*
  - produce *cohesion* in E.U.
  - based on principle of subsidiarity
- 276 regions, over 600 million people

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- entire territories of 10 new Member States of May 2004 designated as falling within *Objective 1* of E.U. Structural Funds
- two-thirds of new E.U. citizens from 2004 accession states lived in regions with GDP per head of less than half average GDP of all 25 E.U. states



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<http://civitas.brno.cz/en>

CIVITAS Project ELAN – started 2002 –  
Brno, Ghent, Porto, Ljubljana, Zagreb (39  
partners, Overall budget 29.2 million euro,  
EU grant 17.85 million euro – 61%)

Goal of the project: ‘inclusion and support of  
citizens in development of the solutions for  
the clean city ensuring quality environment  
and health of all the inhabitants’.

# E.U. Public Policy

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### 3. 'Europeanisation' of public policy

- E.U. 'single public policy areas'?
- E.U. policies affect:
  - policy style (formulation and implementation);
  - general problem solving approach;
  - policy instruments employed;
  - policy standards set (based on E.U values and principles)

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- Europeanisation of :
  - pressure groups
  - interest groups
  - epistemic communities

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4 processes of ‘Europeanisation’ of policy:

- a) ‘bottom-up’ (national state – E.U.)
- b) ‘top-down’ (E.U. – national state)
- c) ‘horizontal’ (State – State)
- d) ‘round-about’ (national state – E.U. – national state)

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‘Europeanisation’ based on underlying E.U. principles and ‘core values’:

- social progress;
- the aim of high levels of employment;
- social protection;
- the aim of raising living standards and quality of life;
- promotion of social cohesion and social justice

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### ‘Europeanisation’

= overarching E.U. core values and principles, within which individual policies are shaped, and diversity and ‘mutual recognition’ acknowledged, particularly in implementation to meet policy aims