Europe 2020

A European strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

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- Proposal COM(2010)2020, 3.3.2010
- Follow up Lisbon Strategy
- Strategy for discussion & approval
- Where do we want to be in 2020 ?
- http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020



Experiences:

- Uneven progress between Member States
- Targets not reached (R&D, employment)
- Lacking ownership
- Regions not sufficiently involved
- Too EU-inward looking



Crisis and recovery :

- GDP: -4% in 2009
- Industrial production: -20%
- Unemployment: +7 million in 20 months

What kind of recovery can we achieve ?



Current and future challenges

- National decisions impact other Member States
- Public finances severely affected
- Global competition is fierce
- Ageing population more significant

 \rightarrow Need for joint responses & policy coordination



- 1. Knowledge and innovation
- 2. High-employment society
- 3. Green and competitive growth



5 EU headline targets

- 75% employment rate
- 3% investment in R&D
- 20/20/20 climate energy
- <10% early school leavers
- 20 million people less at risk of poverty



7 flagship initiatives

- 1. Innovation
- 2. Climate, energy and mobility
- 3. Employment and skills
- 4. Education
- 5. Competitiveness
- 6. Fighting poverty
- 7. Digital society



10 Guidelines adopted on 27 April 2010

- 7. Increasing labour market participation and reducing structural unemployment
- Developing a skilled workforce responding to labour market needs, promoting job quality and lifelong learning
- 9. Improving the performance of education and training systems at all levels and increasing participation in tertiary education
- 10. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty



Future procedure and next steps

- Council and EP discussions and approval
- Social Partners involvement and contribution



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