

# Synergy between Horizon 2020 and ESIF

- The emphasis on research and innovation in ESIF 2014-2020 is highly welcomed
- If mandatory, synergy by combined project funding from ESIF and H2020 would
  - annihilate the simplification achieved in H2020
  - distort the level playing field within the EU due to uneven availability of ESIF
- Instead synergy should be sought at the programmatic/strategic level
  - upstream: capacity building and research infrastructures for H2020 projects
  - downstream: implementation and valorization of results from H2020 projects
- The Seal of Excellence is an elegant solution for achieving synergy and efficiency