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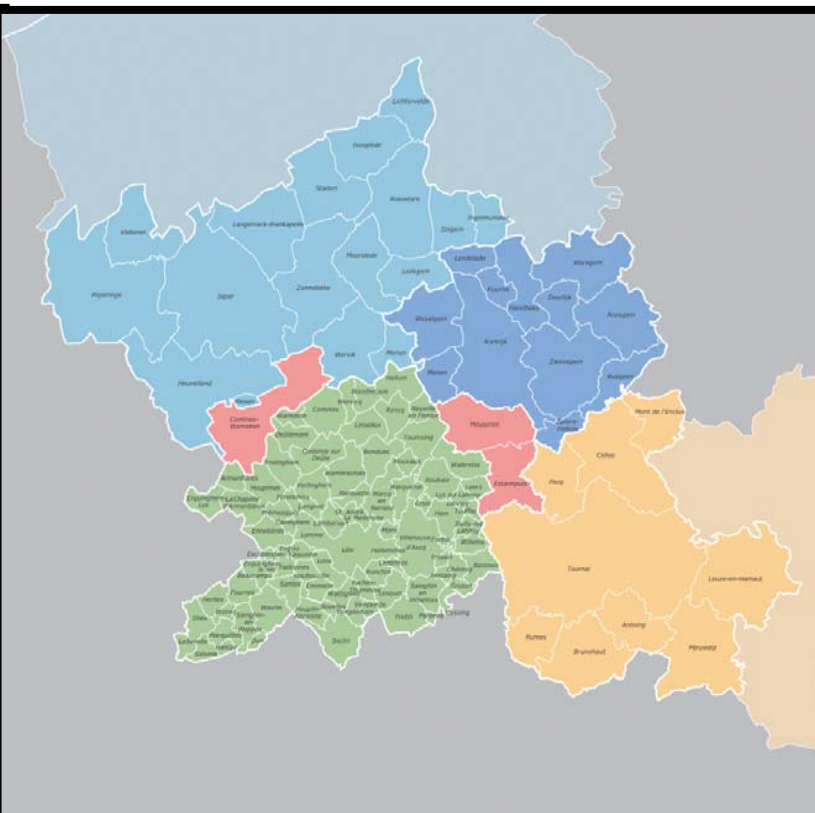
Workshop n°4  
*‘Good practice in using  
different funds’*

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# LOCATION





## *Lille Métropole* in a few words...

- creation by law in 1966
- not a 'Local Authority' constitutionally speaking
- **a Public Authority of inter-municipal co-operation**
- a technical tool for 85 cities
- a budget amounting to 1.5 billion euros (2005)

- **a Council of 170 members** representing 85 cities
- indirectly elected for a 6-year-term
- a President and 43 Vice-presidents
- 13 thematic committees
- **11 competencies** + 40 'satellite' agencies



## Objectives of the SRN project

**1) Share best practice in the management and delivery of structural funds and regeneration programmes in sub-regional (less than NUTS 2) areas.**

2) Build a transnational exchange on the local management led approach to the organisation and delivery of Structural Funds and regeneration programmes.

3) Endeavour to improve performance in the remaining programming period. Experiences gained could be used in the development and construction of new programmes.



## *Lille Métropole's* involvement in Structural Funds

- **Lille Métropole** is not a EC funds managing authority : looks for structural funds for its own projects, with restricted visibility
- Member of the local partnership set up by the Préfet at the regional level, takes part to the regional programme committees with an advisory role

→ 'CLIENT'



# The French FS managing system (1)

- 3 Ministers manage the funds on behalf of the French State : Social Affairs for ESF, Agriculture for EAGGF, Home Affairs for ERDF
- **Ministries are EU funds « managing authority »**, accountable for the use of European funds, whatever the level of their decentralised management may be
- General inter-ministerial co-ordination and interface with the European Commission by the « DIACT » (national spatial planning agency)



## The French FS managing system (2)

- The Ministries give instructions to **the Préfets, regional « managing authority »** regarding the management of the structural funds
- The Préfet sets up a regional partnership to carry out the regional programme + manages and monitors within it
- A unit under the Préfet authority acts as an handling secretariat : the Secrétariat Général aux Affaires Régionales (SGAR) (ca. 40 officers in the Nord - Pas-de-Calais)



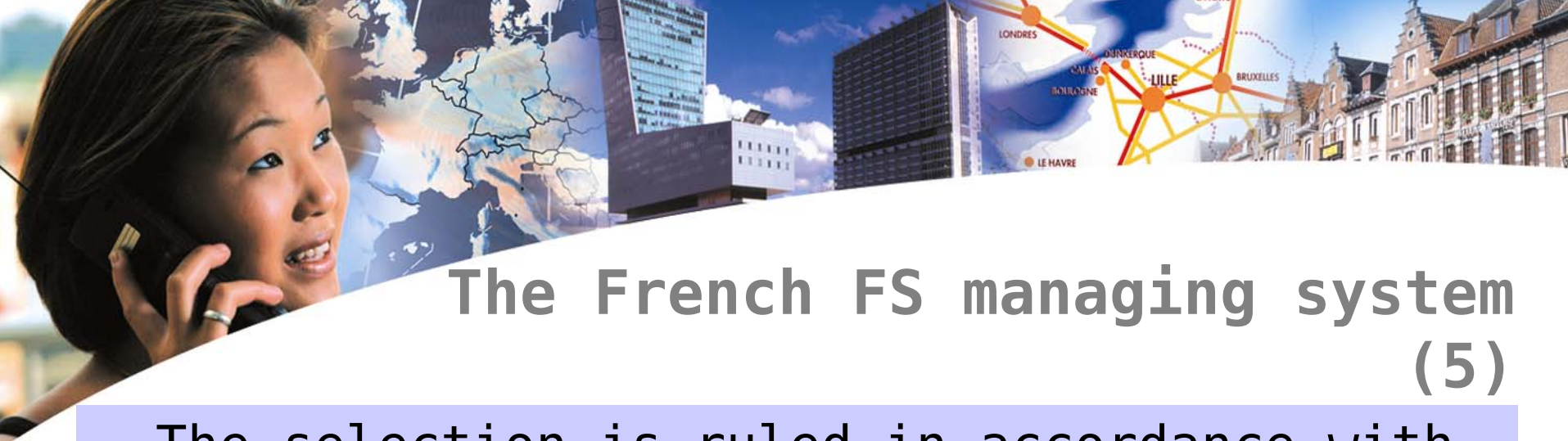
## The French FS managing system (3)

- **The National Treasury is the « payment authority »**: responsible for certifying expenditure and claiming for payment to the Commission
- Transfers the structural funds to **its regional agencies, regional payment authorities** (15 officers dedicated to structural funds in our region)



# The French FS managing system (4)

- A **core-partnership** (Préfet and its Secrétariat, the Regional and Departemental councils):
  - prepares and agrees on the **Single Programming Document (SPD)** approved by the EC
  - represents the national co-financers of the programme (no private partners)
  - takes the final decision on the project selected in the **Programming committee** (from 6 to 3/year )
- A **large regional partnership** comprises the core partners and representatives from local self-governments incl. LMCU, main social and economic stakeholders
- The partners participate to the **Monitoring committee** that discusses programme progress (2/year) and gathers EC, national, regional and local representatives



## The French FS managing system (5)

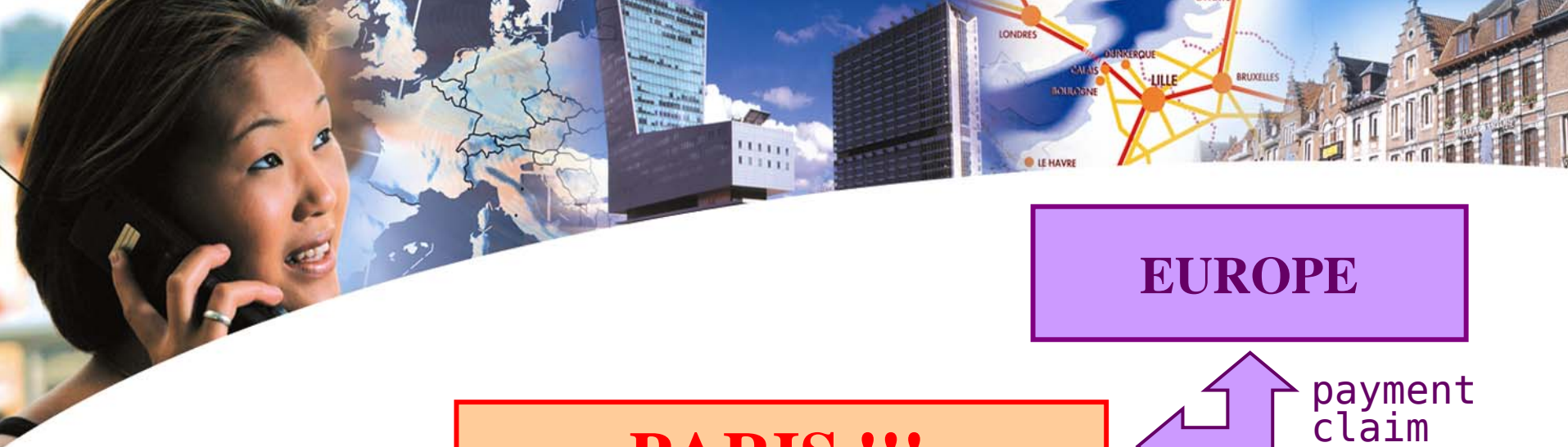
- The selection is ruled in accordance with a list of selected criteria set out in the SPD
- **A 2-tier selection process :**
  - appraisal in technical pre-Programming committees
  - final decision-making during the regional Programming committee by the Préfet de Region and the Regional Council representative (co-decision)



# The French FS managing system (6)

## Complementarity between regional, national and EC funds :

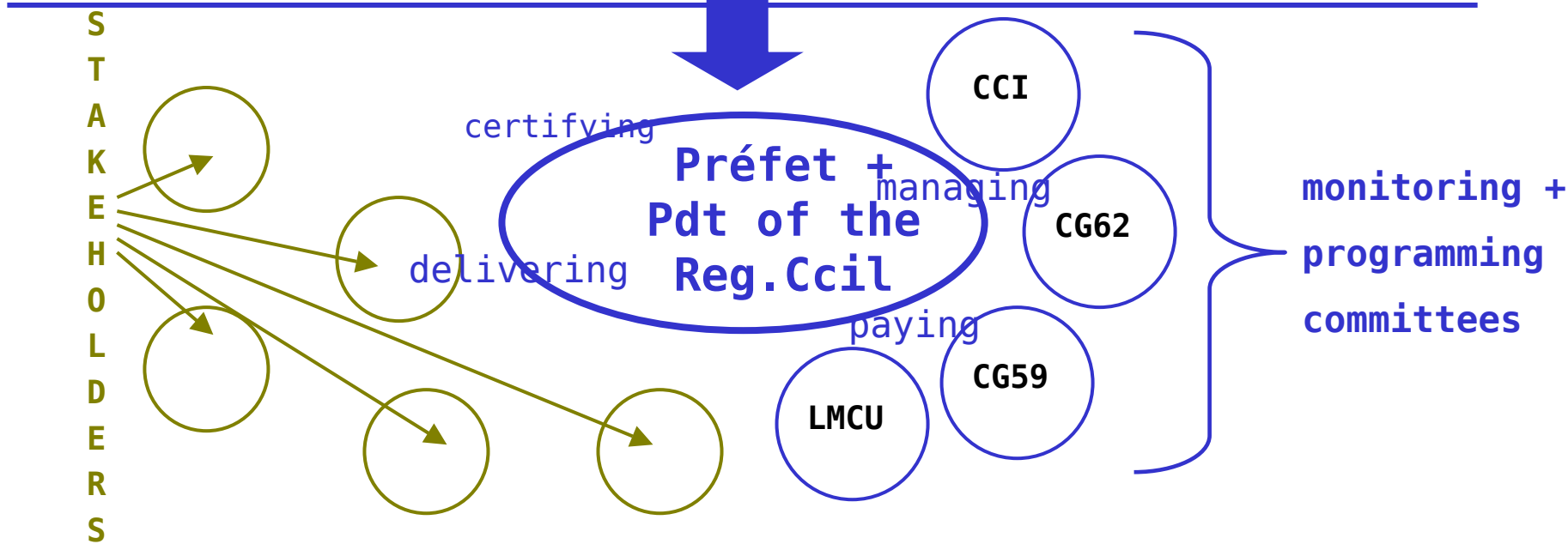
- the State, Departemental and Regional councils are the national co-financers of the programme priorities within their competencies (no private partners)
- local, regional, national public projects programming follows the same timeschedule (2000-2006) ; the inter-municipal, regional, national and EC programming documents are complementary



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**PARIS !!!**

payment claim assessment  
control payment





## 2000-2006 overview

- ⇒ (1997-99 : URBAN programme that proved **Lille Métropole** was able to manage and deliver EC funds)
- ⇒ **Objective 2** : client (in France : no management devolution to sub-regional levels except for URBAN)= **21 M€**
- ⇒ Interreg III : A (Belgium, England), B (North-West), C programmes = 6 M€
- ⇒ 2000 : EC call for proposals launched by DG ENV and DG TREN (LIFE, FP6 mainly) + URBACT 4,5M€(3 + 1,5)
- ⇒ EIB loans recently for large infrastructure



## A good practice example : the development of bio-gas fuelled vehicles fleets (1)

- **Replacement of all busses by gas-driven ones**
- 94-95 : pilot production in Europe of biomethane from sewage sludge (sub-programme Thermie)
- 2006 : production of biomethane from organic waste (sub-programme Civitas for studies, sub-programme Biofuel cities for equipment and waste trucks)



## the development of bio-gas fuelled vehicles fleets (2)

Financial support

**Objective 2 (2000-2006)**

vehicles: 220 000€ (30% of overheads)

process : 1 300 000€

**EIB (loan, 40 M€)+ national and regional funding on the plant**



## the development of bio-gas fuelled vehicles fleets (3)

EC-calls for projects (DG TREN)

**Thermie** : pilot sewage treatment plant, first gas-driven vehicles

**Civitas** : vehicles, equipment, feasibility study for biogas production from organic waste

**Biofuel cities** : organic waste treatment plant, study on waste transportation



## the development of bio-gas fuelled vehicles fleets : BIOGASMAX (4)

→ main objective : prove the **technical reliability, cost-effectiveness, environmental and societal benefits** of biogas fuels

→ co-funding :

- feasibility studies for other kinds of plants (waste water)
- technological overheads (busses)
- waste cart(duty)trucks

- 28 partners with ***Lille Métropole*** as LP

- from Jan.2006 to Dec.2009

- 20 M€ (eligible costs) and 7,5 M€ EC cofinancing



## GOOD PRACTICE

- ↘ financially interesting especially with interreg (not only Objective 2)
- ↘ lobbying and marketing facilitated within EC calls projects
- ↘ more constraints (co-operation)
- ↘ strategic guidelines not needed : be pro-active + have big ears and open eyes



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