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**Peace and cooperation politics for the
development in the area of the
Mediterranean**

**Development Cooperation –
Development Cooperation at the EU
level**

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- Including bilateral aid, the European Union provides 60 % of all development aid
- Mediterranean cooperation is implemented at the political level through Euromed (Barcelona process)



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- The « Barcelona – Process » (from 1995), the historical initiative of EU-mediterranean cooperation was relaunched as Union for the Mediterranean at the Marseille Meeting of Euro-Mediterranean Ministers of Foreign Affairs in November 2008

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Three goals of the Barcelona Declaration:

- create an area of peace and stability based on fundamental principles, including respect for human rights and democracy;
- create an area of shared prosperity through sustainable and balanced socioeconomic development and the progressive establishment of free trade between the EU and its partners and among the partners;
- improve mutual understanding among the peoples of the region and the development of an active civil society.

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Six Priority Areas:

- the de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea;
- the establishment of maritime and land highways;
- civil protection initiatives to combat natural and man-made disasters;
- a Mediterranean solar energy plan;
- the inauguration of the Euro-Mediterranean University in Slovenia;
- and the Mediterranean Business Development Initiative focusing on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

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UPM milestones

- 2010 Regional Action Programme – [€91.9 million for new projects](#)
- 2010 Inter-regional Action Programme – [€757.6 million across six priority areas](#)
- ENP Country progress reports
- Inauguration in Barcelona of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean with Ahmad Masa'deh (former Ambassador of Jordan in Brussels) as its Secretary-General
- EU strengthens European Neighbourhood Policy with [€5.7 billion for 2011-2013](#) following mid-term review
- Inaugural meeting of Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM) under the UfM

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- Secretariat in Barcelona responsible for identifying and promoting projects of regional, sub-regional and transnational value across different sectors
- Euromed and UPM are political level summits, distinct from project level cooperation which are carried out by Europeaid

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- The priority areas have been defined in the European Commission's [Regional Strategy Paper \(2007-2013\) and Regional Indicative Programme \(2007-2010\) for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership](#).
- Earmarked funding for 2007-2010: €333 million
- Funding is assured through the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI)

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2007-2010 priorities

- Political, Justice, Security and Migration Cooperation
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Social development and Cultural Exchanges

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Political, Justice, Security and Migration
Cooperation – Example Civil protection

- long-term project (2008-2013) will be carried out in order to develop an effective and sustainable Euro-Mediterranean system to ensure the mitigation, prevention and management of natural and man-made disasters, with a specific focus on the sub-regional dimension of cooperation

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Approach:

- Prevention
- Risk mitigation
- Preparedness (including pre-disaster planning)
- Preparedness in case of emergency
- Return to normal life (recovery and post-emergency reconstruction).

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Activities:

- Self-training workshops, seminars and training sessions
- Exchange of experts
- Strengthening sub-regional cooperation (countries of the South)
- Technical assistance
- Operational assistance when and if needed
- Setting-up of the national civil protection schools network
- General staff relief simulation.

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- Political, Justice, Security and Migration Cooperation – Example: Policy and Security Issues Analysis and Network of Political Science Research Institutes

Objective:

- Consolidate and develop the network of Euro-Mediterranean economic institutes, in particular by incorporating economic institutes of the 27 European Union Member States.

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Activities of the Programme:

- Financing socio-economic research
- Development of country profiles
- Organisation of international conferences
- Annual Reports
- Encouraging the dissemination of information and studies on the economic dimension of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

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Sustainable Economic Development

Example: Transport and Energy Cooperation

Expected Outcomes:

In the energy sector: more integrated energy markets, increasingly secure energy supplies, developed interconnections and renewable energy sources around the region.

In the transport sector: a more secure, open and investment-friendly transport sector, with strong and independent regulatory bodies and simplified/harmonised border crossing procedures.

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Objectives (Energy):

- Speed up reforms and harmonise rules and standards, as well as the energy information systems and statistics of the countries on the southern shore of the Mediterranean with a view to gradual integration of the Euro-Mediterranean energy markets;
- Increase the security and safety of Euro-Mediterranean energy supplies and infrastructure and of oil shipping;
- Develop South-South and North-South energy interconnections, including the interconnection with Sub-Saharan energy markets;
- Promote the potential of renewable energy sources and support the Kyoto process;
- Promote more efficient energy demand management.

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Objectives (Transport):

- Continuing the transport sector reform process in the region;
- Developing the Mediterranean regional transport infrastructure network and its links to the Trans – European Transport Network (TEN – T);
- Promoting intermodality;
- Strengthening the safety and security of transport modes, especially in maritime and air transport;
- Supporting sub-regional cooperation initiatives.

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Activites (Energy):

- Progressive integration of the Maghreb gas market with the EU gas market and the possible extension of Energy Community Treaty to cover Maghreb countries:
- Extension of the Integration of the Maghreb electricity market project to include natural gas, resulting in the creation of a Maghreb natural gas market and its progressive integration with the EU internal market;
- Support the possible extension of the Energy Community Treaty to cover Maghreb countries ;
- Progressive creation of a Mashreq gas and electricity market and its interconnection with the EU, the Balkans and the candidate countries:

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- Extension of the Euro-Mashreq gas market project to include electricity, resulting in the creation of a Mashreq electricity market and its progressive integration with the EU internal market;
- Progressive integration of the Israeli/Palestinian electricity and gas markets and their integration into the Mashreq electricity and gas market;
- Support for the harmonisation of the electricity and natural gas market between Israel and the Palestinian Authority according to the principles of the EU internal energy market;

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- Support for the progressive integration of the Israeli and Palestinian energy markets with their neighbouring countries;
- Energy demand management and sustainable development:
- Implementation of a comprehensive strategy in the field of energy efficiency
- and renewable energy sources in the Mediterranean partner countries based on EU policy in the field of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Sources;
- Progressive integration of Libyan energy markets with neighbouring countries;
- Possible interconnections in the South–South direction.

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Activities (Transport):

- Support for the development of the following trans-national multimodal routes:
 - The trans-Maghreb route (from Rabat up to Alexandria)
 - The trans-Mashreq route (Mersin-Damascus-Aqaba-Suez-Cairo).

This action will include the setting-up of sub-regional secretariats for each route,

the coordination with the IFI's and the private sector for the financing of feasibility studies for cross-border projects and projects aimed at removing existing bottlenecks, as well as technical assistance for ensuring seamless traffic flows along the routes;

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- Development of the network of Motorways of the Sea ports (technical assistance for implementing advanced IT port management systems, including banking, simplification of customs procedures and organisation of the passage of freight through the ports) and implementation of the regional plan for Motorways of the Sea to be established under the MEDA Motorways of the Sea project;
- (c) Technical assistance for the further reinforcement of maritime safety and security in the Mediterranean;
- (d) Technical assistance for the further reinforcement of aviation safety and security in the Mediterranean;
- (e) Promotion of and support for sub-regional initiatives and forums relating to the transport sector.

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European Consensus for Development

- Agreed in 2005 between European Commission, Council and Parliament
- common objectives and principles for development cooperation for all Member States
- Main goal is poverty reduction with a strong commitment to aid effectiveness and policy coherence

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- Nine priority themes:
 - Trade and regional integration
 - The environment and the sustainable management of natural resources
 - Infrastructure, communication and transport
 - Water and energy
 - Rural development, territorial planning, agriculture and food security
 - Governance, democracy, human rights and support for economic and institutional reforms
 - Conflict prevention and fragile states
 - Human development
 - Social cohesion and employment

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Europeaid – Northern Africa

- Example agricultural and rural development
- Northern Africa (Maghreb) is considered a transition economy, different from agriculture-only based economies (SSA)
- Focus is on Comprehensive approach and multiple pathways out of poverty to reduce the urban-rural divide
 - shifting to high-value agriculture
 - decentralising non-farm economic activities to rural areas

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- Implementation of EUROMED regional projects through ENPI
- 41 regional projects covering a multitude of policy areas, some are long-term oriented, some respond to very specific needs

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- **Agadir Agreement – EU support project (phase II)**
- **Contributes to the realisation of a Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Area and promotes economic integration in the region, through consolidating the institutional framework set up under the Agadir Agreement**
- **Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, Egypt**
- **Timeframe: 2008 - 2012**
- **Budget: €4 million**
- **<http://www.agadiragreement.org>**

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- Provides technical, administrative and financial assistance to the development of the Agadir Technical Unit.
- Disseminates information on the Agadir integration process.
- Assists implementation of sector specific action plans for textiles, auto parts and other sectors offering possibilities for economic integration.
- Produces economic and sector studies assessing the opportunities for increased integration between the Agadir partners and the EU.
- Designs business networking and investment promotion activities.
- Supports technical working groups and conducts training activities.
- Analyses technical barriers to trade, and develops recommendations on measures permitting mutual recognition of conformity certificates.

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- **CIUDAD – Sustainable urban development**
- **Aims to help local governments in the ENPI region address urban development problems in a sustainable manner, promoting cooperation between local actors and their EU counterparts**
- **Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine**
- **Timeframe: 2009 - 2013**
- **Budget: €14 million**
- **<http://www.ciudad-programme.eu/>**

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- Promotes the concept of sustainable urban development in the EU and the ENPI region.
- Creates sustainable partnerships between local authorities in the EU and in the ENPI region, as well as between the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood partners (interregional cooperation).
- Strengthens the capacity of local authorities and the coordination between local and regional levels of government.
- Identifies and formulates sustainable urban development projects by local authorities in the EU and in the ENPI region, in a suitable format to be presented to International Financial Institutions for investment.

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Mediterranean Motorways of the Sea – Maritime transport connections

- **Promotes the Motorways of the Sea concept and the creation of better maritime transport connections in the Mediterranean through support to Ministries, port authorities, customs and relevant private sector stakeholders**
- **Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey**
- **Timeframe: 2007-2012**
- **Budget: € 9 million**
- **<http://www.euromedtransport.org/14.0.html>**

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- Promotes the MoS concept and fosters the development of transport intermodality;
- Implements pilot projects, West-Med and East-Med, to improve the efficiency, regularity and reliability of maritime transport axes and schemes, and increase the use of maritime routes;
- Follows up the implementation of the RTAP Road Map and carries out impact assessment;
- Sets up stakeholders' groups committed to the concept and projects and increases the visibility of MoS and model building;
- Facilitates awareness-raising, the exchange of best practices and training.

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Euromed Heritage IV

- **Contributes to the exchange of experiences on cultural heritage, creates networks and promotes cooperation**
- **Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia**
- **Timeframe: 2008-2012**
- **Budget: €17 million**
- **<http://www.euromedheritage.net>**

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- Funds 12 projects dealing with diverse aspects of cultural heritage;
- Supports the improvement of the institutional and legislative cultural heritage frameworks of beneficiary countries;
- Facilitates cooperation and networking and promote education and access to culture;
- Encourages the appropriation of local populations to their cultural heritage.

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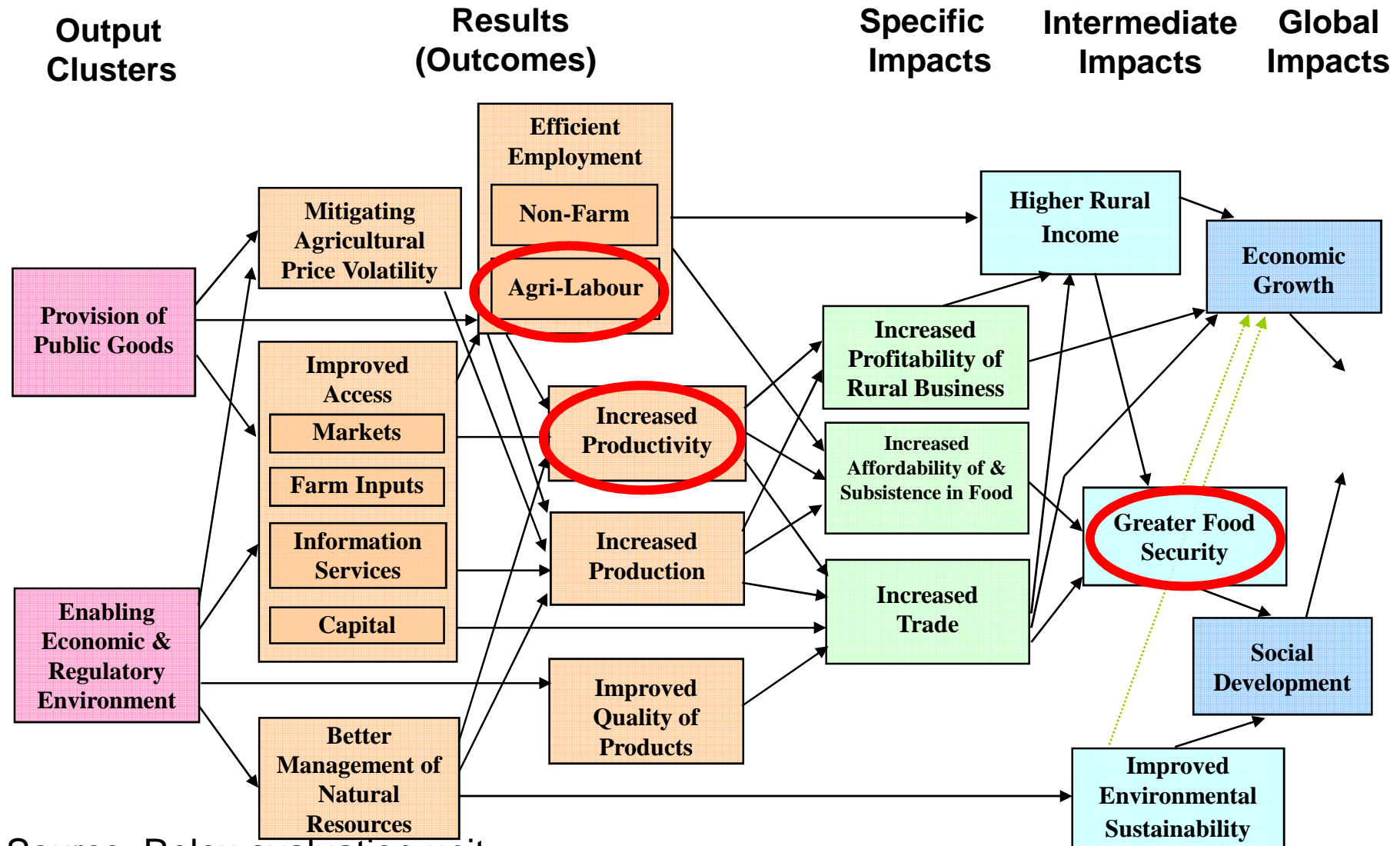
- **EuroMed Police II**
- **Strengthens cooperation between the police forces of the EU and Mediterranean Partner Countries in the fight against organised crime**
- **Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia**
- **Timeframe: 2007-2010**
- **Budget: €5 million (MEDA)**
- **<http://www.cepol.europa.eu/index.php?id=97>**

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- Strengthens international police cooperation.
- Organises 10 study visits to specialised police services in EU countries - 15 police officers from Partner Countries participating in each.
- Holds 18 training sessions for senior police officers from MEDA countries
- Conducts 3 technical training sessions for heads of Special Intervention Units.
- Runs 4 information sessions for the general directors of Police, Customs and Security Services.
- Creates an intranet website for senior police officers to facilitate better exchange of information.

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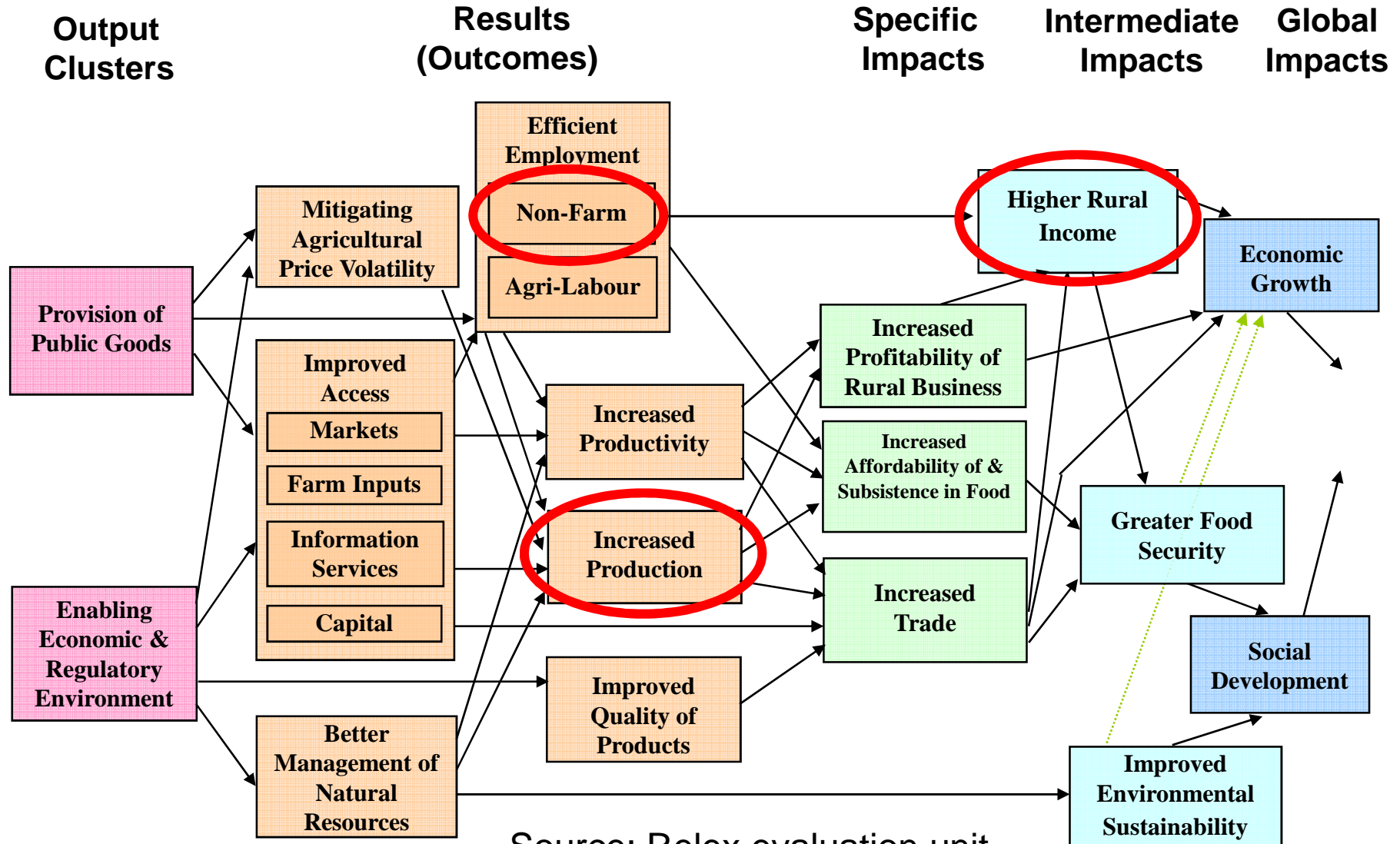
Intervention logic – Agriculture and Rural development



Source: Relex evaluation unit

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Intervention Logic Transition economies



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Challenges ahead

- Implementation of European External Action Service
- Public funding and amount of ODA
- Millenium Develoment Goals
- Coherence Europeaid and other multilateral agencies (United Nations)

Challenges ahead

- Achieving Policy coherence
- Efficiency of funding and programmes
- Complex and overlapping development partnerships
- Coordination between EU member states

Further information:

http://www.enpi-info.eu/indexmed.php?lang_id=450

<http://www.euromed-news.org/>