

Regional plan for using ESF for inter-regional co-operation

The example of CATALONIA



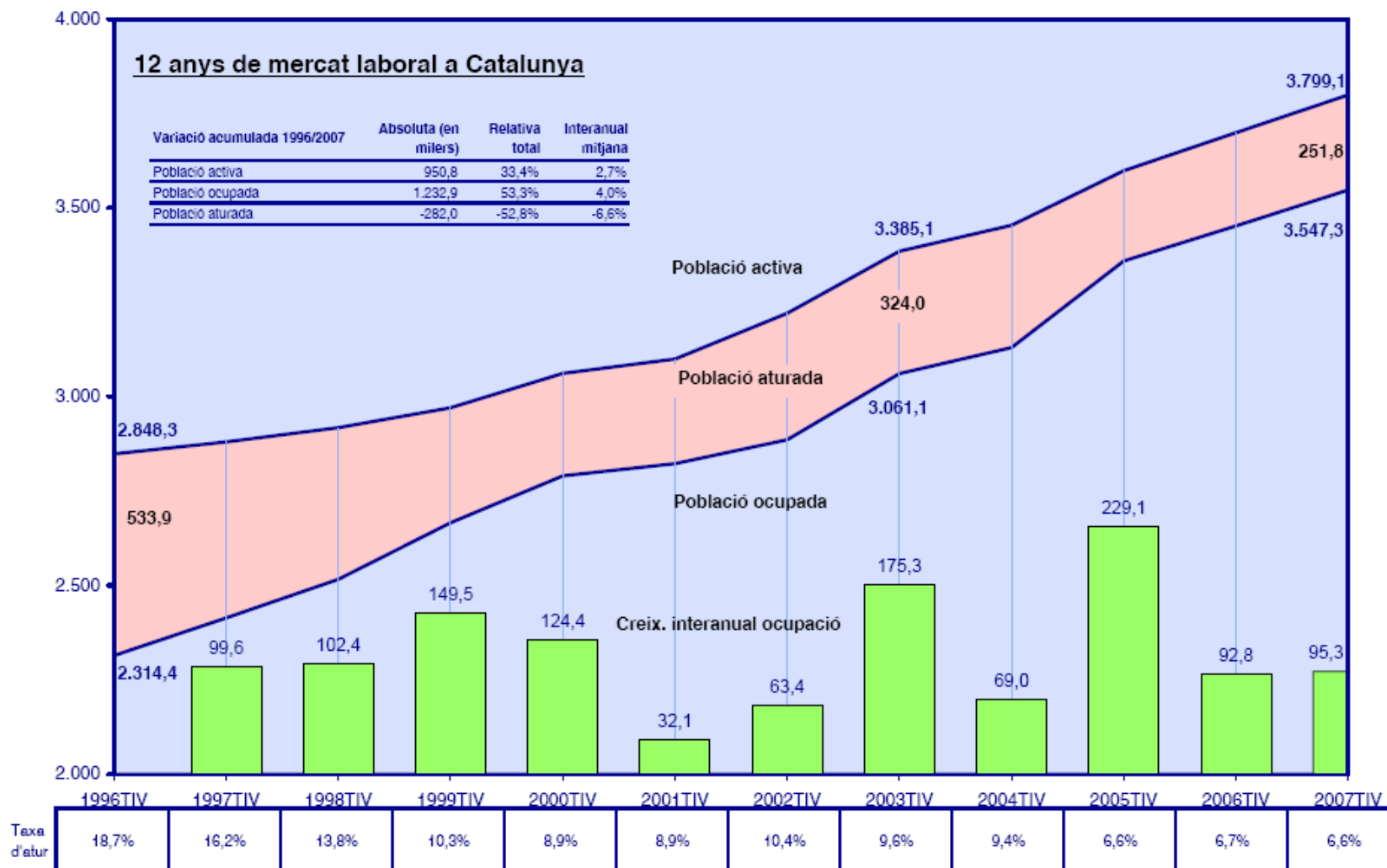
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2007-2013: Time for economic and social change; new priorities for new challenges (I)

- Catalonia has achieved European average in terms of wealth and economic development.
- Employment rates are above Lisbon objectives for 2010, either in terms of the whole population or for women.
- From a solid industrial tradition, one of the most important in Europe, we have been able to develop an economy based on services with a high level of diversification, while significant social improvement has also been achieved, reducing unemployment levels and increasing activity and employment rates.
- For Catalonia, quality of employment is the key concept for the next years, either from economic and social point of view. We have to promote important changes regarding stability, skills, security, and equal opportunities.
- At the same time, we have to face the challenge of education from every point of view, since the school to the vocational training and lifelong learning.

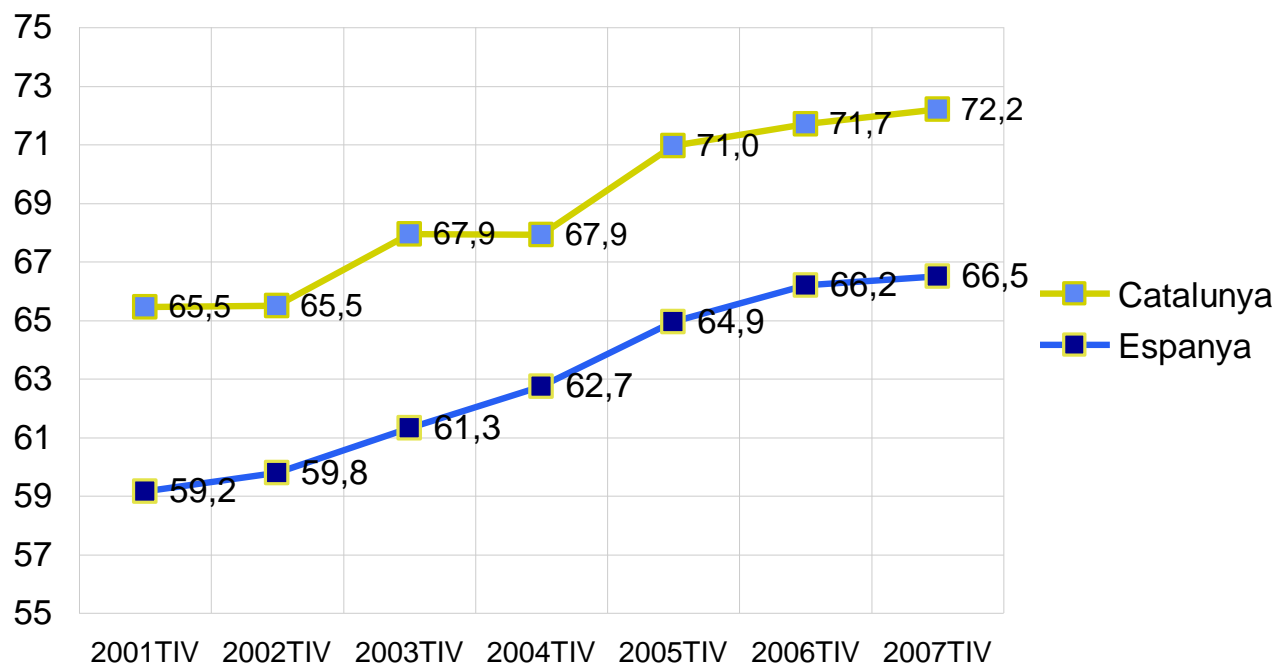
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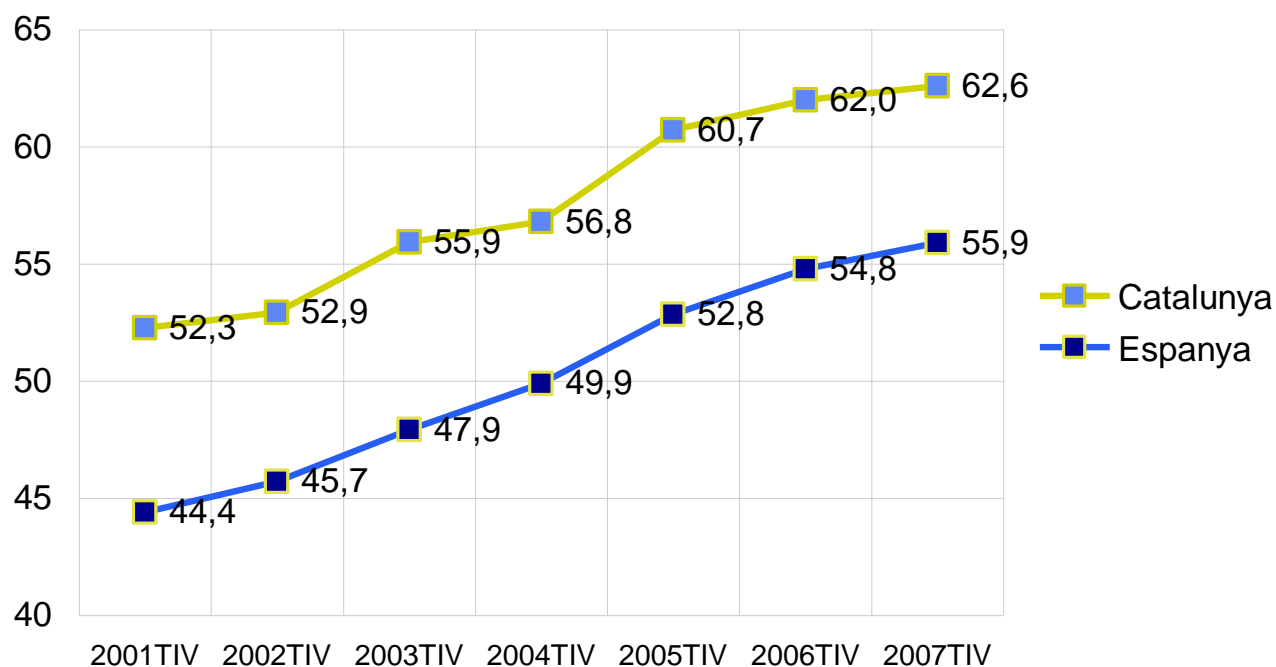
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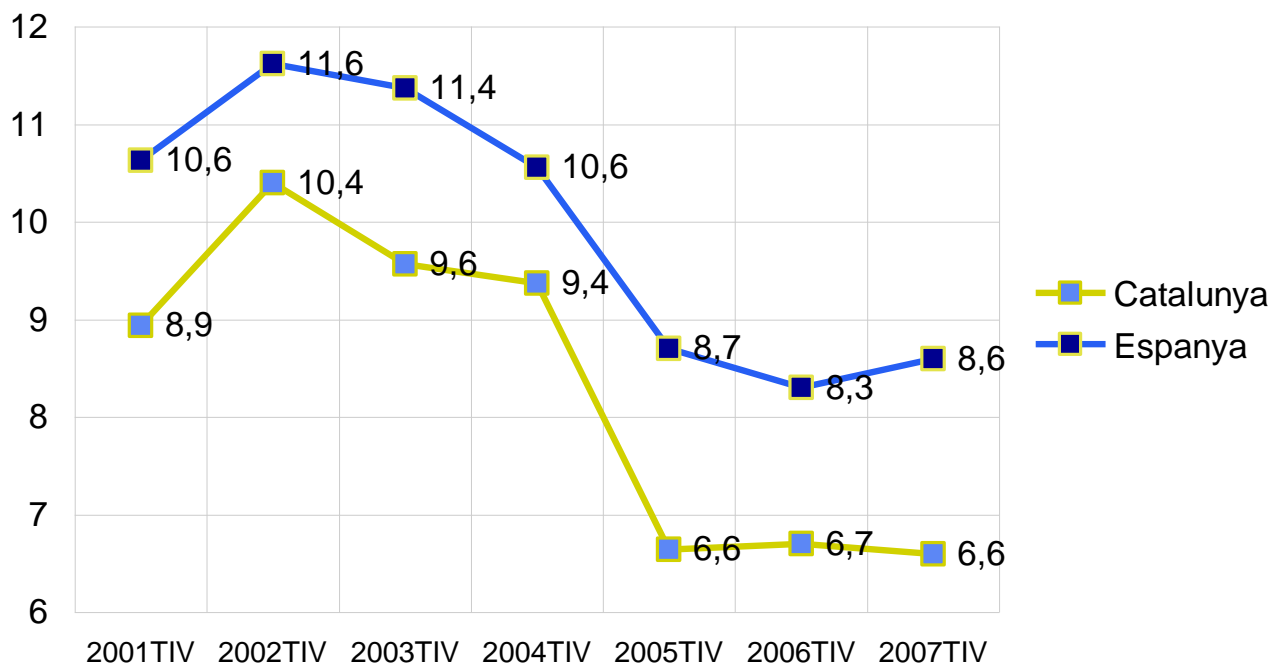
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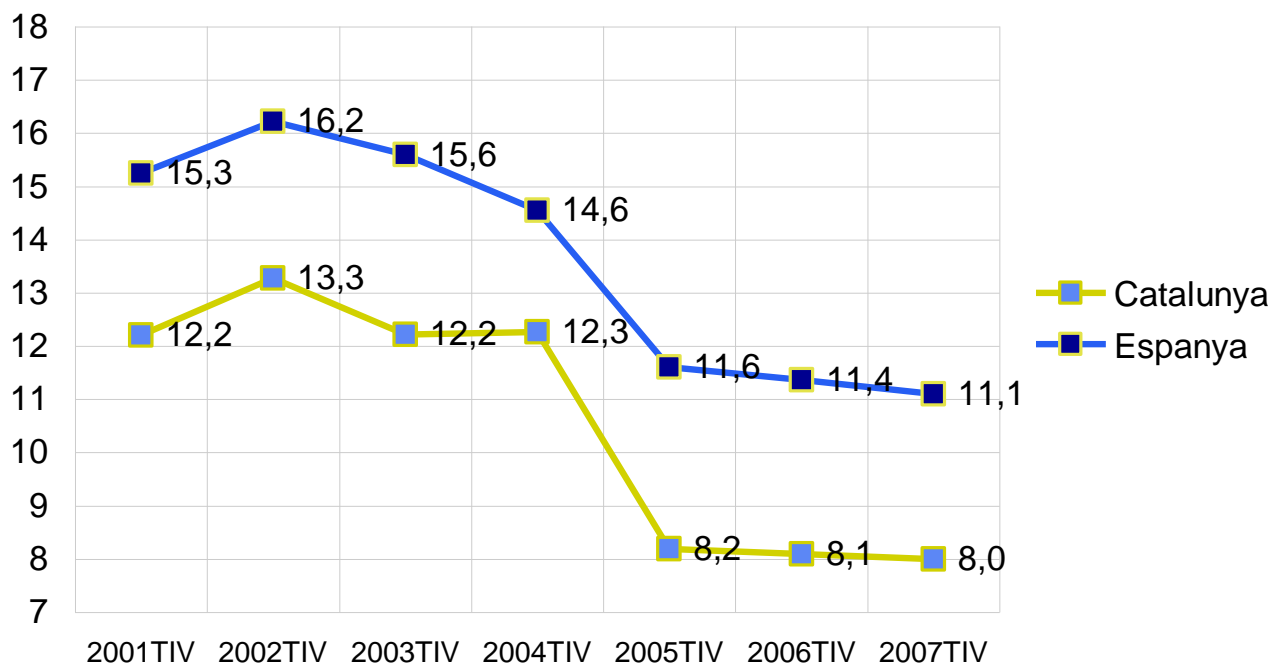
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Due to this evolution, the new ESF OP must be different than the former, either regarding priorities or structure, development and implementation.

A significant reduction (40%) of the available resources for this new period means also a redefinition of strategy. It is time to promote bigger projects, more social and innovative. These three features have to be the most important ones for the ESF activities in Catalonia during next years.

Specially, it is fundamental to develop projects able to create major results and a wide impact in the economic and social structure. Besides, these project should be able to generate a bigger commitment among the principal economic and social stakeholders, either in terms of economic growth or social cohesion.

Total resources ESF in Catalonia, 2007-2013

DESGLOSSAMENT INDICATIU DE LA CONTRIBUCIÓ FSE 2007-2013: CATALUNYA

Codi Eix	P.O. Regional		P.O. Adaptabilitat i Ocupació		P.O. Lluita contra la discriminació		P.O. Assistència Tècnica		Total Pluriregionals		Total Regió	
	FSE	%	FSE	%	FSE	%	FSE	%	FSE	%	FSE	%
C1	70.175.382	25%	87.780.473	30%	0	0%	0	0%	87.780.473	27%	157.955.855	26%
C2	140.350.763	49%	164.379.762	57%	30.881.723	95%	0	0%	195.261.485	60%	335.612.248	55%
C3	45.112.746	16%	36.665.360	13%	0	0%	0	0%	36.665.360	11%	81.778.106	13%
C4	20.050.109	7%	21.460	0%	682.133	2%	344.742	15%	1.048.335	0%	21.098.444	3%
C5	9.022.549	3%	1.385.336	0%	1.040.986	3%	1.969.547	85%	4.395.869	1%	13.418.418	2%
Total	284.711.549	100%	290.232.391	100%	32.604.842	100%	2.314.289	100%	325.151.522	100%	609.863.071	100%

Deployment of ESF strategy in Catalonia, 2007-2013

Regarding organization and execution of resources of the OP, major changes will be implemented regarding previous OPs. Progressively, specially regarding transnational cooperation, open calls for proposals will be changed for an structure of excellent projects, fewer and bigger than previous ones. And on the other hand, a greater and better collaboration with Local Administration will be developed, in order the projects are best managed and implemented at a local level, according to its necessities.

During its whole process of elaboration, the OP has counted on the participation and commitment of all the stakeholders (employers, trade unions, representatives at a local level). The OP reflects, therefore, an integrated strategy, common and the product of a consensus. And consequently, its implementation will also count on the support of all these agents, which will be a guarantee to achieve the objectives stated.

Policies for a good quality of Employment and Economic Activity

Priorities and RESOURCES (how are the policies financed?)

	More and better economic activity (Local and territorial development)	More and better jobs (Promotion of employment)	More human capital and better productivity (Lifelong learning)	Professional advising to citizens and companies (Labour market balance)
CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT (State and Regional Government, others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business creation • Emerging sectors and activities • Traditional globalized activities • CSR • Areas in progress of structural change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration and professional growth for youngsters • Integration for groups with specific difficulties • Support to the development of Welfare State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business creation • Emerging sectors and activities • Traditional globalized activities • Centre for Excellent Training • Areas in progress of structural change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional integrated advice to citizens • Services to companies
INNOVATIVE PROJECTS (ESF, Regional Government, others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to structural change and globalizations • Transnational co-operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal opportunities • Transnational co-operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifelong learning • Transnational cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transnational co-operation

Policies for a good quality of Employment and Economic Activity

Priorities and IMPLEMENTATION (who implements the policies?)

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Thank you very much!

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