



Operational Programme I

Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life

Proposed OP change and Update on Implementation

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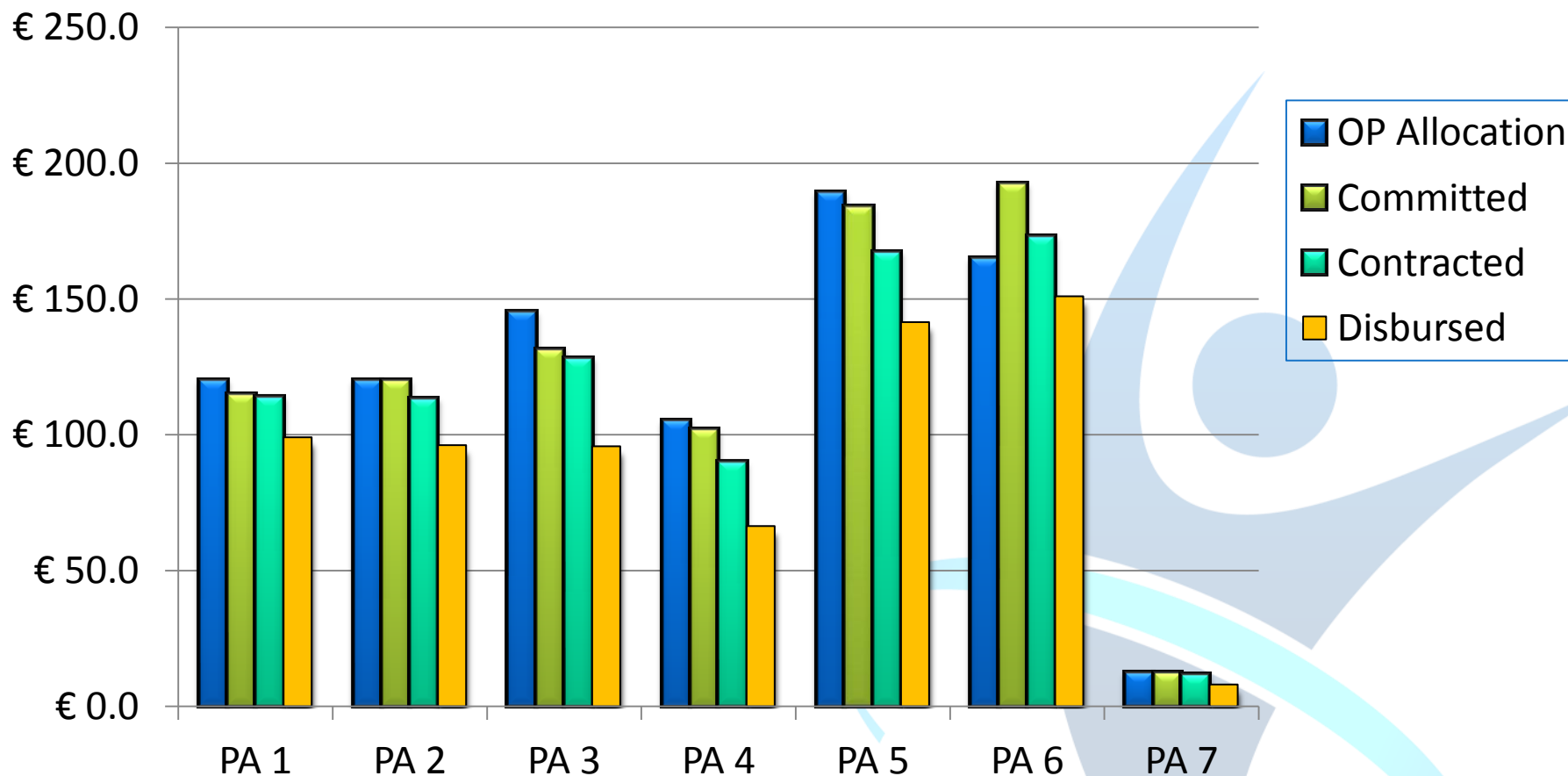
Overview

In line with Article 33 of EC Reg. 1828/2006 the MA is proposing further change to OPI in order to ensure full absorption of funds allocated under OPI.

What follows is a snap shot of OPI by PA



OPI: Snapshot per PA





Changes to the OP Approved in Nov 2014

Changes to mitigate savings registered under PA 3:

- shift of funds of €12m from PA3 to PA5
- corresponding shift of a water resource efficiency project from PA4 to PA5



Changes to the OP Approved in Nov 2014

Prioritisation of actions under PA 6:

- shift of funds of €16m from PA4 to PA6, following shift of water resource efficiency project from PA4 to PA 5
- PA 4 indicators all achieved, notwithstanding shift of funds

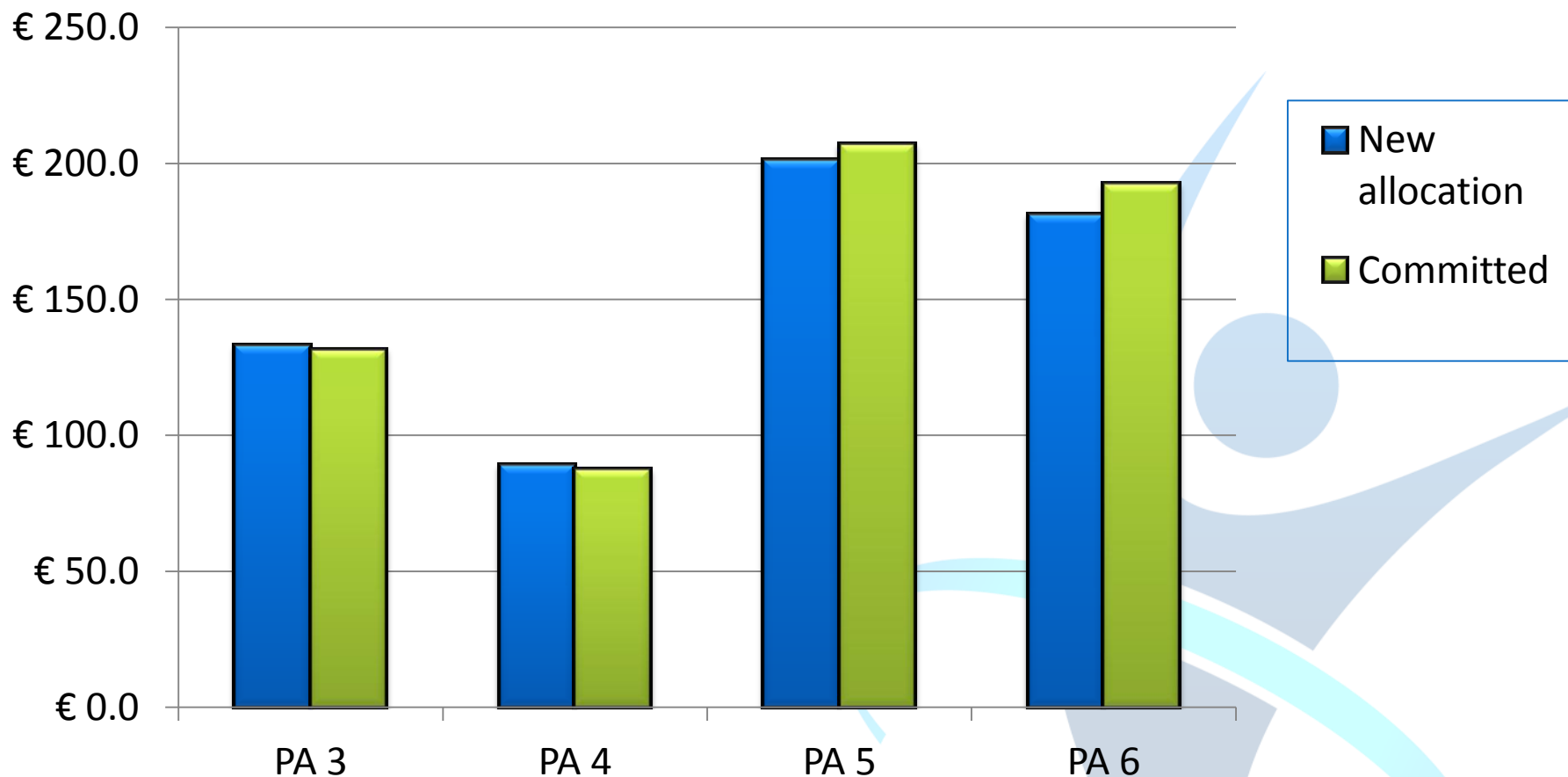


Further proposed OP changes

- New proposed intervention under PA 5 – rehabilitation of contaminated industrial land in the public domain
- Inclusion of new indicator in PA5 to reflect the above change



Snapshot following proposed OP changes





Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for OPI changes

Preliminary outcome of the screening for the proposed changes: SEA not required since OP changes are not likely to have any significant environmental effect.



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Questions and answers





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Update on Implementation





New calls in 2015

- No further public calls are envisaged under ERDF.
- Following the OP change proposed above, a further call is envisaged under CF.



Communication actions in 2015

The Annual Event for 2015 shall focus on an Information Campaign highlighting achievements in 07-13 Programming Period whilst promoting the new Programme.

The Information Campaign is expected to include: Media advertising; Audio-Visual products and the use of other publicity/information tools.



Evaluation

The Thematic Evaluation was initiated within the context of Article 47 of Regulation (EC)1083/2006.

Task 1 was completed in 2014 following the presentation of the report to the MC in November.

Task 2 is ongoing with the evaluation of 70 projects.



Progress related to Task 2

- Task 2 involves detailed survey analysis with beneficiaries of various Aid Schemes and beneficiaries in the education sector.
- It will also assess the achievement in the Programme impact indicators with a more detailed assessment to be undertaken in Task 3.



Preliminary Findings (1)

- Overall analysis confirms many of the findings in Task 1: further progress has been made and results suggest EU aid is aligned with needs of Maltese economy.
- Evidence indicates that measures aimed at SMEs have continued to perform well in 2013: investment induced through JEREMIE doubled; no. of start-ups supported increased from 9 to 17.



Preliminary Findings (2)

- Environment projects in the Waste sector appear to be track.
- Tourism is likely to remain a key sector of the Maltese economy and it is important to monitor the progress of projects upon completion.
- Funding will have a positive effect on take-up of S&T students and promote an increase in post-grad students.



Ex Post Evaluation 2007-2013

- In line with Article 49(3) of Regulation (EC) 1083/2006, the European Commission is carrying out an ex post evaluation in close cooperation with the Member States & the Managing Authorities.
- The ex post evaluation will examine the extent to which resources were used, the effectiveness and efficiency of Fund programming and the socio-economic impact thereof.



Ex Post Evaluation 2007-2013

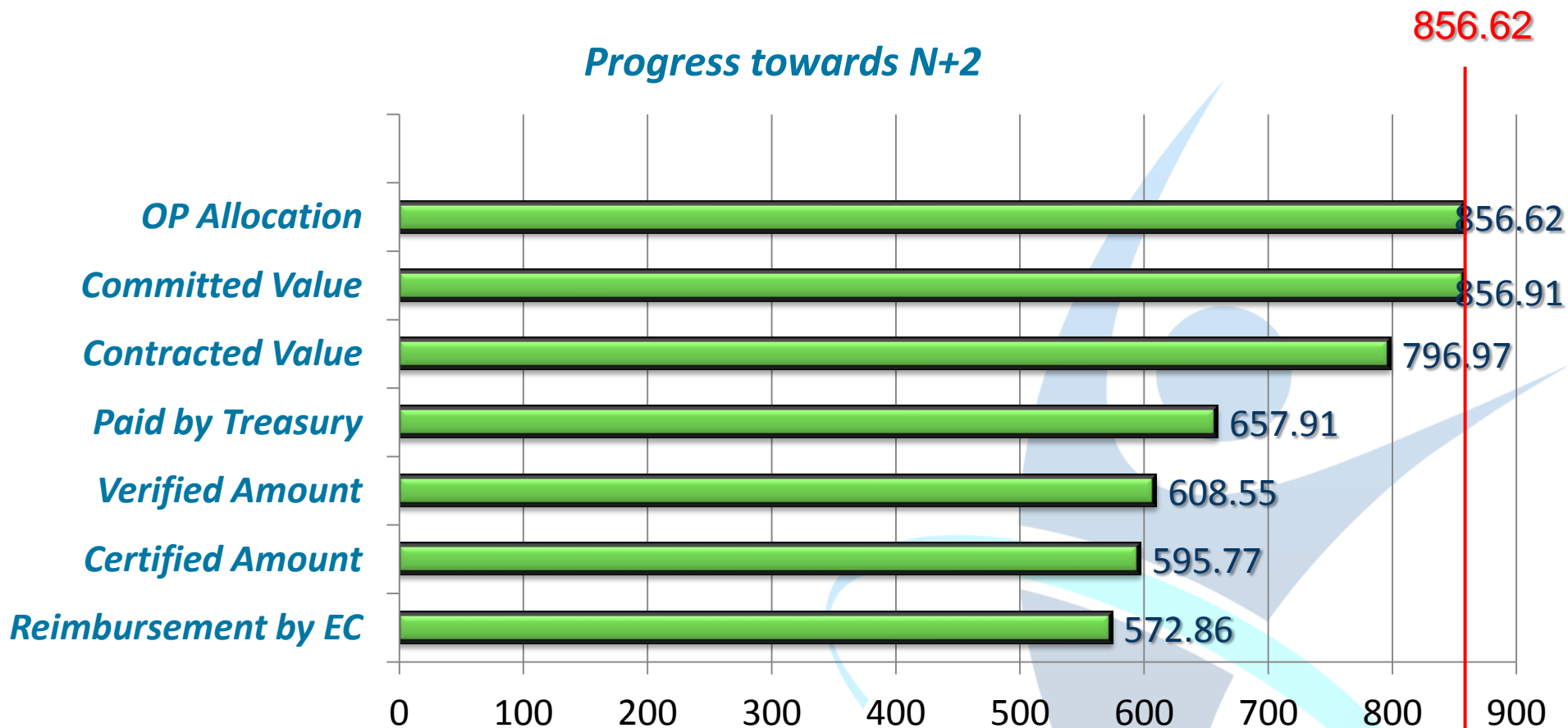
The ex post evaluation will focus on:

- Support to SME: Research, Innovation & SME Development
- Financial Instruments
- Support to Large Enterprises
- Transport
- Environment
- Energy Efficiency
- Culture and Tourism
- Urban Development and Social Infrastructure



Overview of the OP

Progress towards N+2

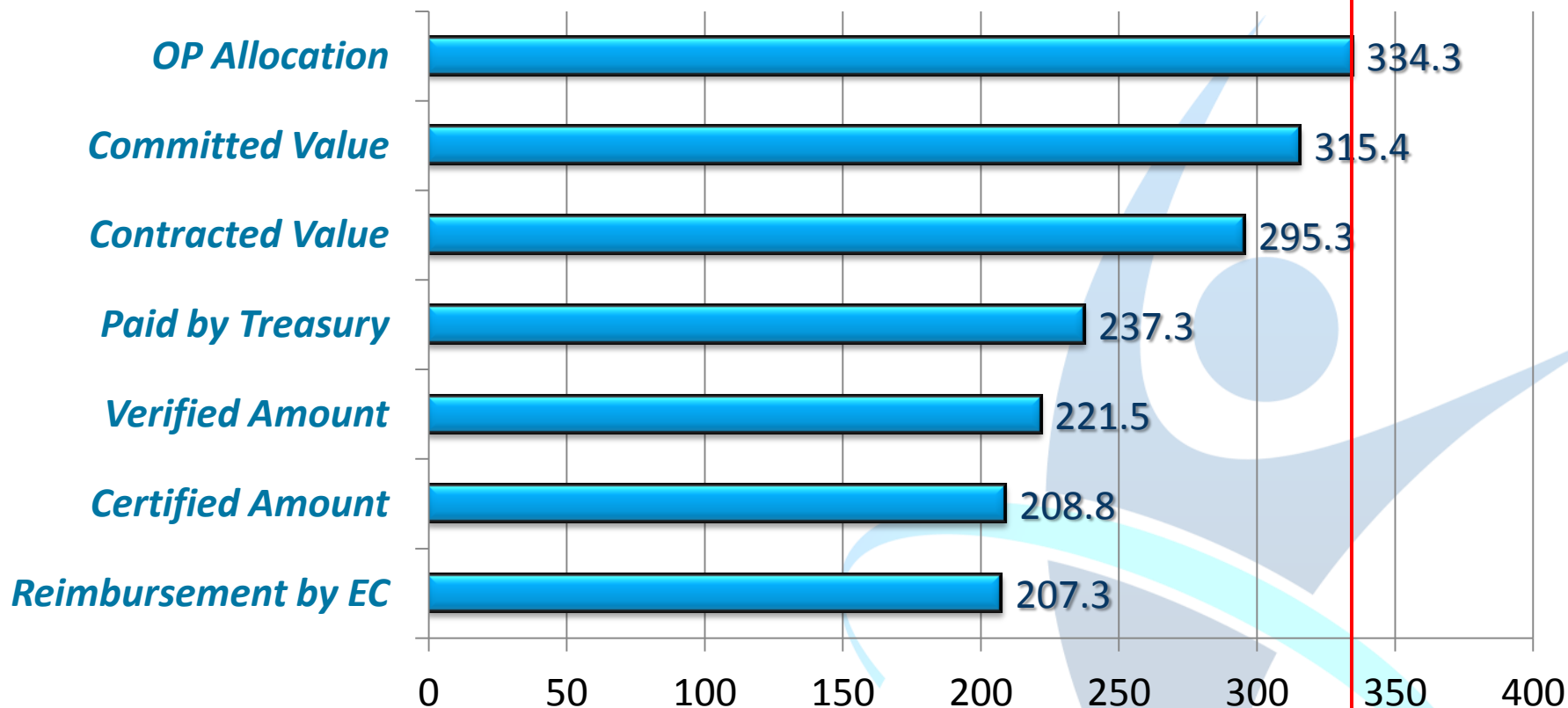




Overview of CF

Progress towards N+2

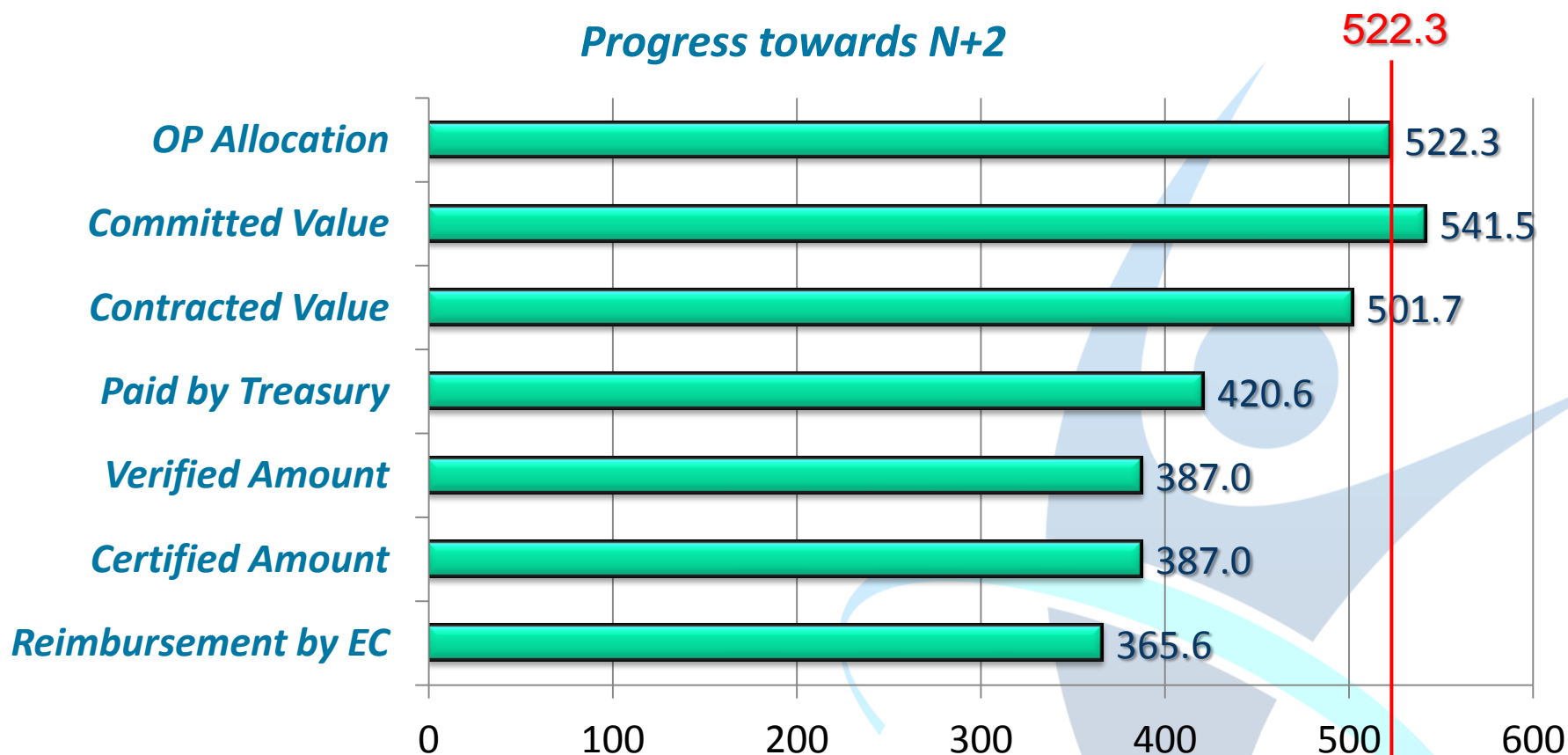
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Overview of ERDF

Progress towards N+2





Concluding Remarks

- Approval of OP change allows better absorption of funds
- 2015 will be challenging year: N+2 targets, Audits and first calls under the 2014-2020 Programme
- Stakeholder co-operation at all stages is crucial.



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