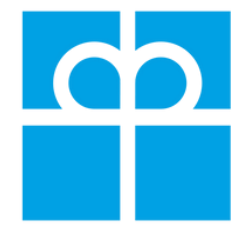


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and social justice
through action*



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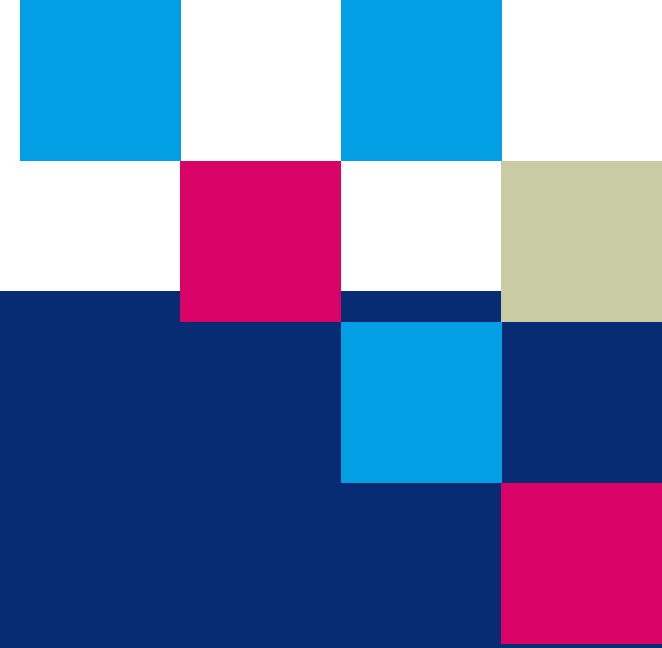
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Members

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Countries,
territories
and regions





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Vision

Inspired by our Christian faith, our vision is of a Europe where social injustice is eradicated and each person is valued, included and empowered to realize their fullest potential, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalized.



Values

Love | Courage | Dignity | Hope | Trust

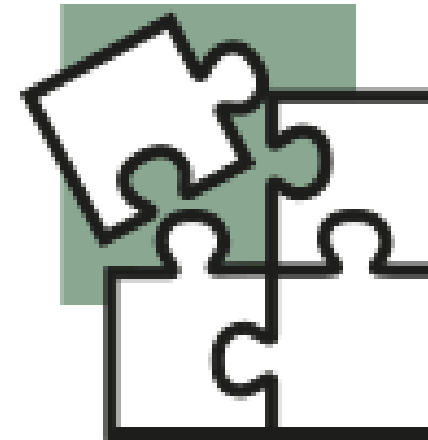
Areas of work 2025



Social services:
artificial intelligence
and digitalisation



Access to
Employment



Migrant Inclusion



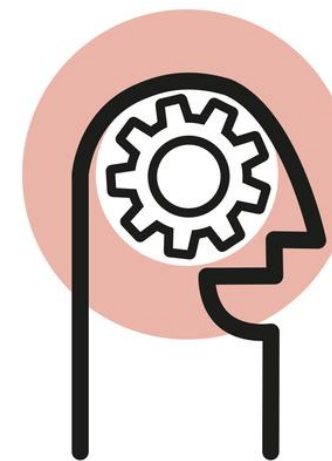
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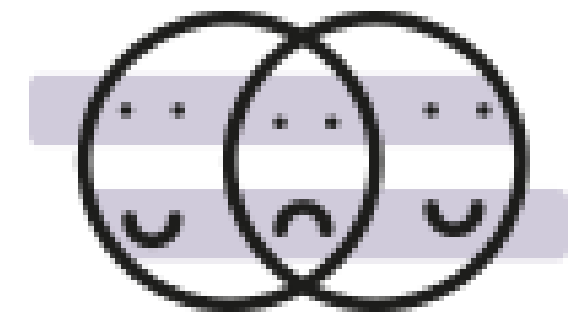
Funding and Grants:
next MFF+ EU
Funding



Green and Just
Transition: ETS 2
(carbon pricing)



Social Economy

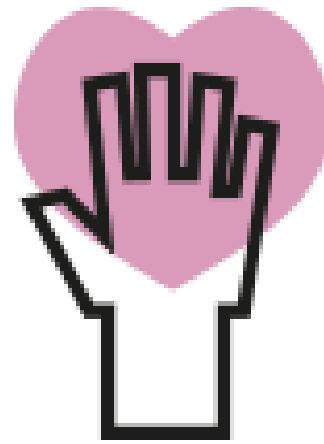


Extreme Destitution:
housing and
hidden homelessness

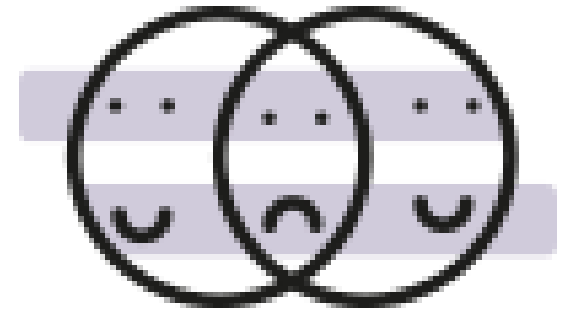
New work areas for 2025



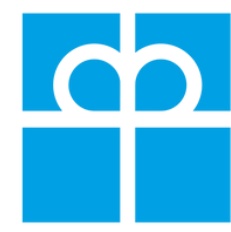
**Crisis
preparedness and
crisis response**



**Care strategy:
LTC and Palliative
Care**



Essential services



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The EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) is a long-term budget plan for the European Union, which sets the limits for spending and revenue for a period of seven years. It outlines how the EU's funds will be allocated across various policy areas and programs. The MFF is designed to ensure financial stability and predictability for EU institutions and member states, and it helps to align the EU's spending priorities with its broader policy goals.

Duration: The MFF usually lasts for seven years, aligning with the EU's long-term strategic planning. The current MFF, for instance, covers the period from 2021 to 2027. The next one will cover 2028 – 2034.

Decision making – European Parliament and European Council – (consent and agreement)

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Step-by-Step: The Process for the Next EU Budget (2028–2034)

1. Commission Proposal – starting JULY 16 2025

The European Commission prepares a draft proposal based on:

- Policy priorities (e.g. Green Deal, digital transformation, defense, migration).
- Current challenges (e.g. inflation, war in Ukraine, climate goals).
- Consultations with stakeholders.

The draft includes:

- Spending ceilings for each budget category.
- Revenue sources (customs duties, VAT-based contributions, and national GNI-based contributions).
- Potential new own resources (like carbon border taxes or digital levies).

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2. Negotiations in the Council (from summer 2025)

Member States debate the proposal in the Council of the EU.

Key issues include:

Net contributors vs. net beneficiaries (rich vs. less wealthy countries).

National priorities (e.g. agriculture, cohesion funding, research).

Unanimity is required, making negotiation very complex and political.

3. Negotiations in the European Parliament (from summer 2025)

The European Parliament provides an opinion and can suggest changes. (May 2025 first opinion)

It must give consent (approve or reject the final deal), but cannot amend the final MFF directly.

4. Final Agreement (By End of 2027)

Ideally, the Council and Parliament agree before the end of 2027.

The new MFF (2028–2034) must be adopted by:

Unanimity in the Council.

Majority in the European Parliament.

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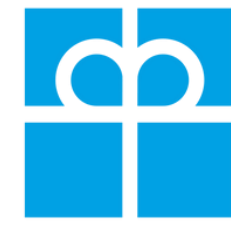
Where are we now?

Next MFF framework proposed on 16 July



https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en

Images from European Commission



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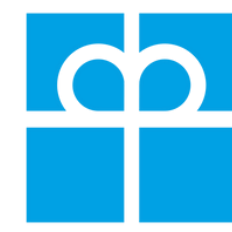
MFF

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Regional Partnership Plans

Pillar 2 – Competitiveness
Fund and Horizon Europe

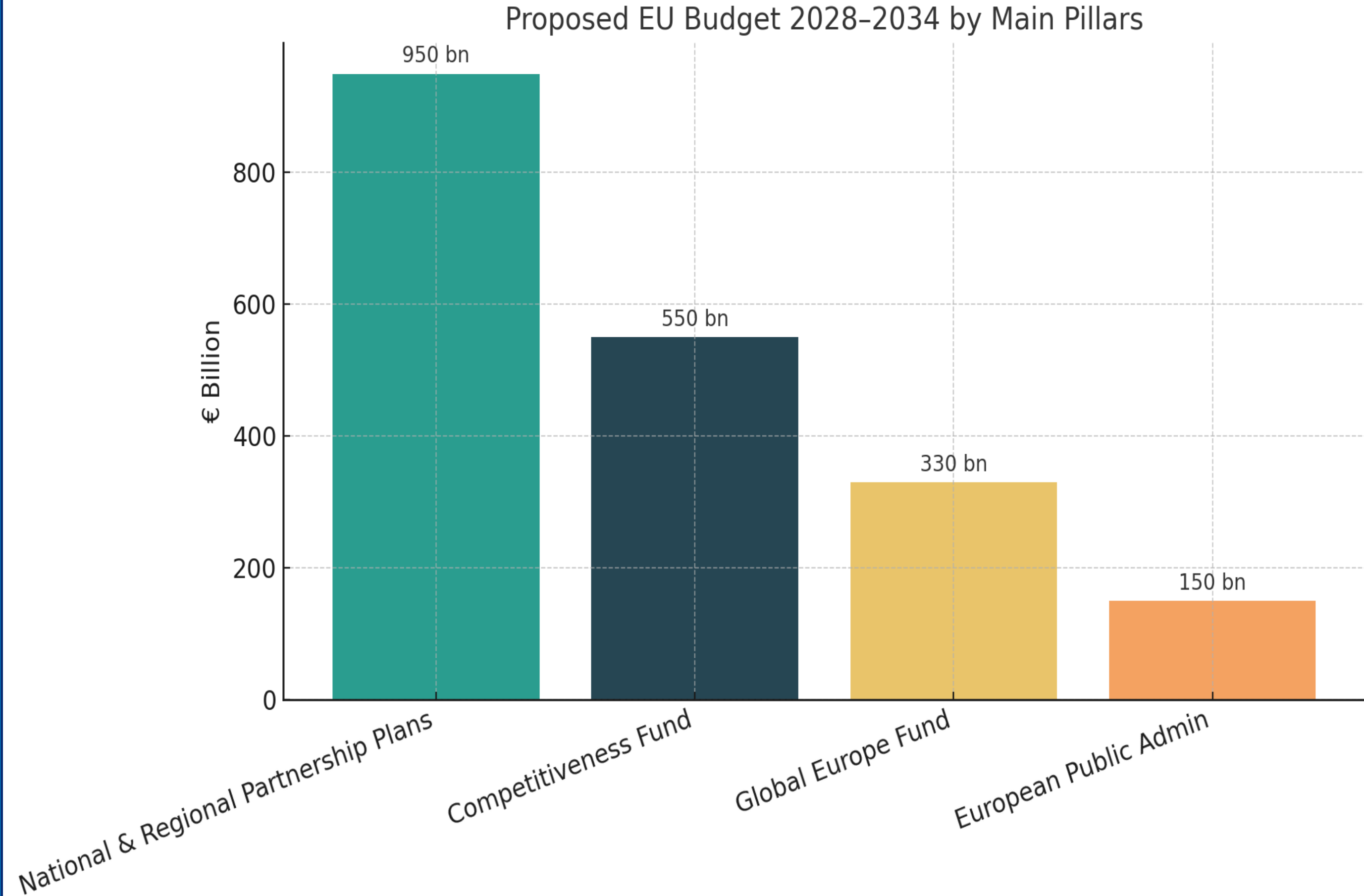
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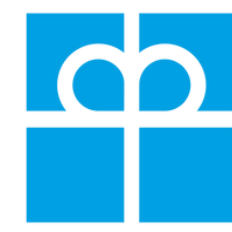
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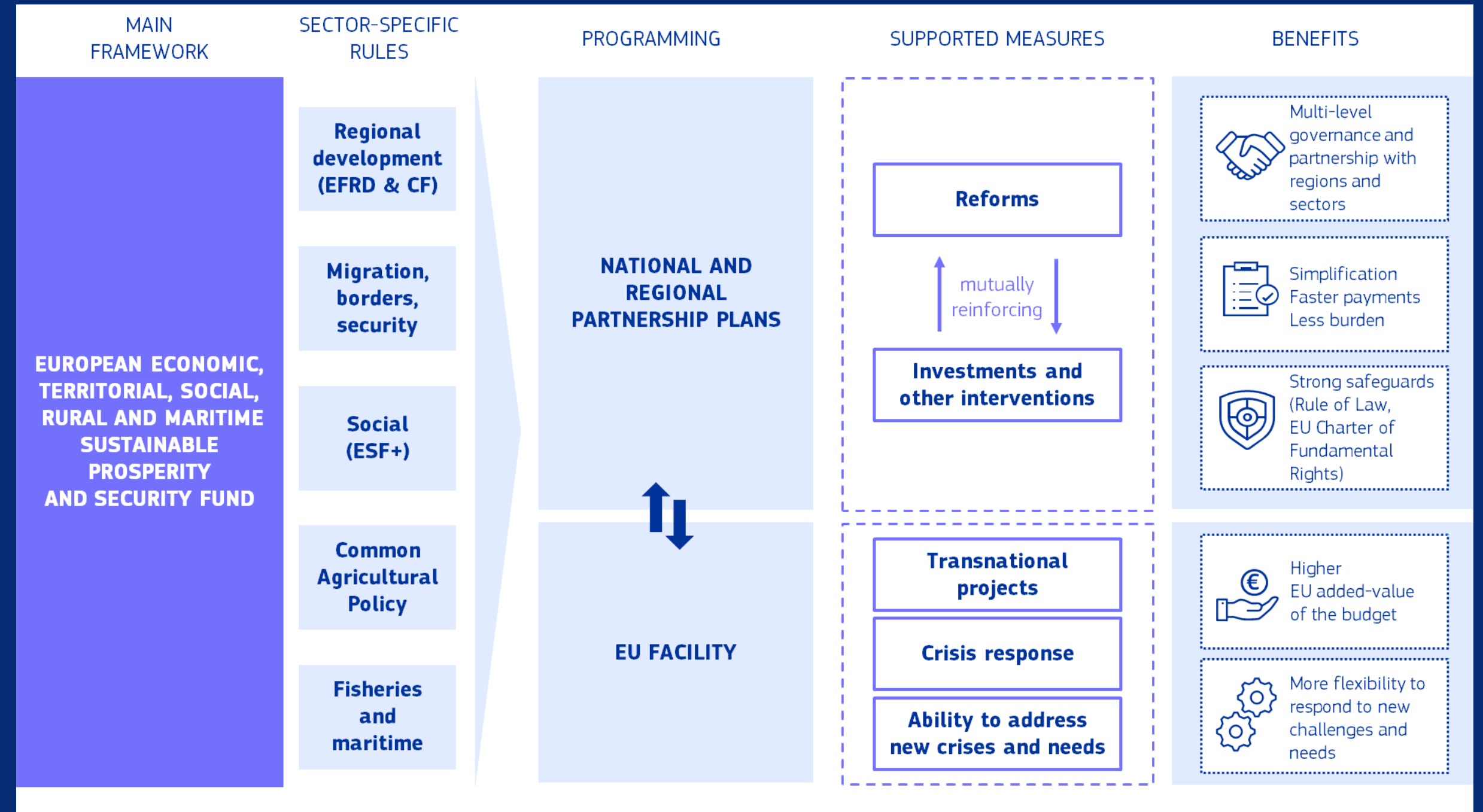
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National and Regional Partnership Plans

Common Agricultural
Policy

Cohesion, Fisheries,
Social and Rural

Migration and
Border Management

interreg

EU facility – union
level actions

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National and Regional Partnership Plans

Plans made in partnership with
MS and regions – BUT EP
unhappy

Will be heavily influenced by the
European Semester (!)

Focus on results-based delivery,
investments and reforms

Conditionality of payments and
adherence to rule of law/Charter
of Fundamental rights

Many questions about
governance and accountability of
27 'à la carte' plans

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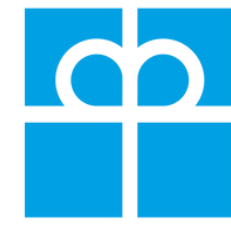
Cohesion, Fisheries, Social
and Rural

European Social Fund
+

European Fund for
Regional Development

Migration, Borders and
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Rural



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European Social Fund

Present thanks to S&D group in the European Parliament and COM

14% of the NRPP must apply to steer significant investments towards the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, quality employment, skills, social inclusion and housing across all MS

14% per country or 14% over all? Or a target?

Partnership Principle should remain (as in all cohesion instruments).

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The European Social Fund

For European Pillar of Social Rights targets- Quality jobs, social inclusion, education, skills, health, housing and social infrastructure

Support to increase in participation in the labour market (women and young people, persons with disabilities, Roma communities)

Enhance labour supply and improve education and training and lifelong acquisition of skills

Competitiveness and decarbonisation- Skills building for green transition

Facilitate access to services, including modernization of healthcare and long-term care service

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Equal access to affordable, sustainable and high-quality services

Tackling poverty – inc. national schemes to alleviate food and material deprivation and promote the social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived (including addressing homelessness). *Material support – complemented by accompanying measures (except when not possible)

Support for demographic transition

Role of the European Semester – identify priorities and monitor implementation

Role of CSOs

- MS to ensure meaningful participation in the delivery of support and social inclusion policies;
- Member States receiving country-specific recommendation should allocate resources to promote the capacity building of social partners and CSOs

ESF Committee – govt, workers, employers' representatives

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Erasmus+ and AgoraEU

AgoraEU – Merging Creative Europe (and Media), CERV (and Daphne) - EUR 8.6 B

- Upholding democracy and the rule of law, fundamental rights and equality
- Reducing discrimination and empowering civil society, gender-based violence, violence against children and other groups at risk
- Enhancing democratic resilience and participation

Erasmus+ - To include volunteering and solidarity projects – EUR 40.8B

- Education and training (Skills), youth, sports
- Scope: Learning mobility and volunteering, talent and excellence development, organisational cooperation, support to policy development
- Streamlining and simplification
- Support measures for inclusion and diversity

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Migration Management and Internal Security

EUR 34B out of 74B - early stages of integration, as well as horizontal measures supporting Member States' capacities in the field of integration

- Strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System
- Return and readmission, reintegration in third countries, and contributing to countering irregular migration
- Legal migration
- Solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility

Pre-identified amounts per unit for such support for resettlement and humanitarian admission

Partnership principle (how?)

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Horizon Europe

Pillar II – Competitiveness and Society (EUR 7.6B for ‘Society’)

- Global societal challenges
 - strengthening democratic values and tackling disinformation, including rule of law and fundamental rights;
 - promoting socio-economic transformations that contribute to inclusion and growth,
 - addressing demographic and intergenerational challenges,
 - migration management and integration of migrants)
- EU Missions
- New European Bauhaus Facility (green transition)

Multidisciplinary approach, as appropriate the integration of social sciences and humanities (SSH) across all components

SMEs shall be eligible for a funding rate of up to 100% of the total eligible costs

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Competitiveness Fund

4 policy windows: Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation; Digital Leadership; Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy; Resilience and Security, Defence industry and Space.

Guarantee its technological and industrial leadership in strategic sectors, starting with critical raw materials supply chains, to develop and manufacture strategic technologies in Europe

Horizontal, cross-cutting funding toolbox (including support to social enterprises and SMEs)

Social aspect (life-long learning , education , training projects , apprenticeships)

Multistakeholder consultations - researchers and industry, the social partners, investors, end-users and civil society, from SME, small to large organisations

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What is next?

- Governance of the ESF+ within the NRPP
- (rule of law, programming committees, partnership principle, gate-keeping, role of regions, sanctions if not spending on social concerns)
- Clarification of the 14% and how it applies
- Earmarking in ESF for social inclusion
- Tracking of social spending across entire EU budget
- What does simplification mean? Will it be easier for beneficiaries or not?



Thank you, any questions?



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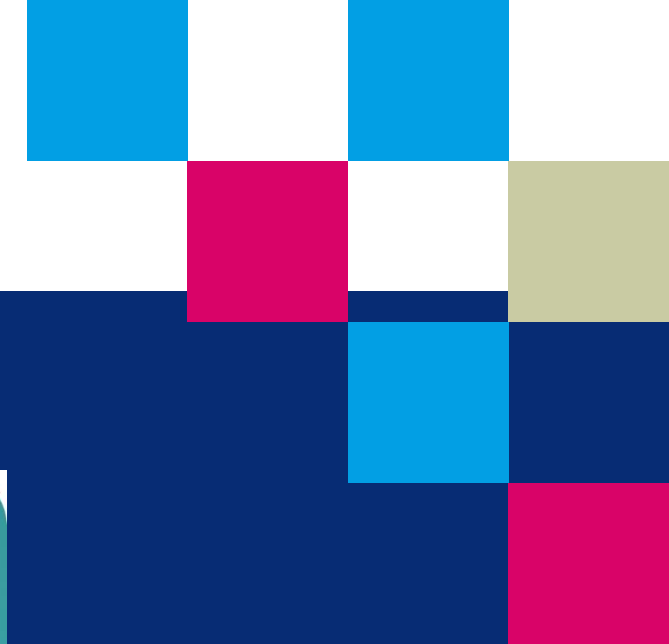
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