

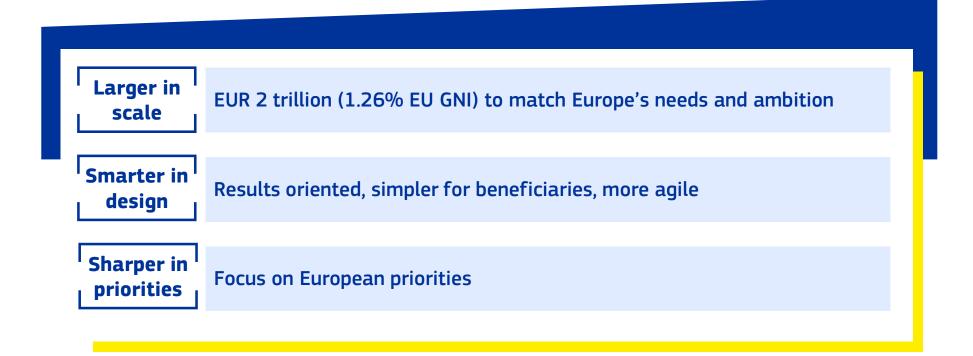
### Spolupráca naprieč hranicami Nová kohézna politika EÚ v kontexte SR a Interreg 2028+

An ambitious budget for a stronger Europe

**Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034** 



## A smarter, sharper, larger EU budget





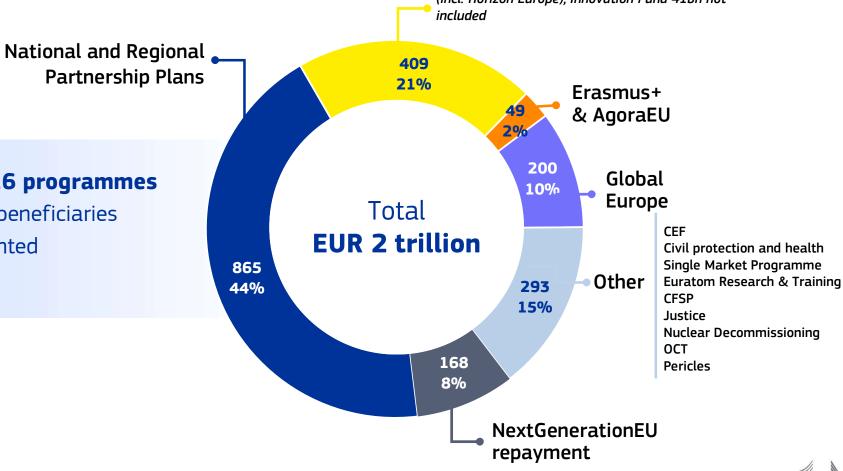
An ambitious budget

**European Competitiveness Fund** 

(incl. Horizon Europe), Innovation Fund 41bn not included



- From 52 to **16 programmes**
- **Simpler** for beneficiaries
- **Results** oriented
- More **agile**







### **National and Regional Partnership Plans**

### **Simplified Structure**

Streamlining from ~540 programmes to 27 national/regional plans + 1 Interreg Plan, reducing admin costs and easing access to funds

### **Integrated Programming**

Tailored, flexible approach aligned with national/regional needs and challenges; stronger policy synergies

### Performance-Driven Spending

Funds linked to results, encouraging high-impact, crossborder, and multi-country projects

#### Flexibility & Crisis Response

Progressive fund allocation, easier plan revisions, and EU-level reserve for emerging needs

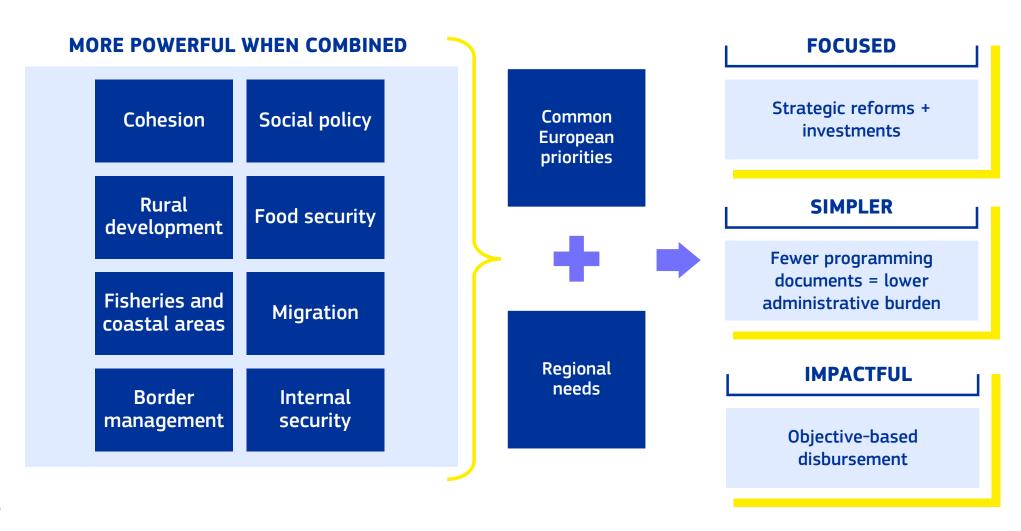
### **Ownership**

Multi-level governance and shared management to reflect local and regional priorities

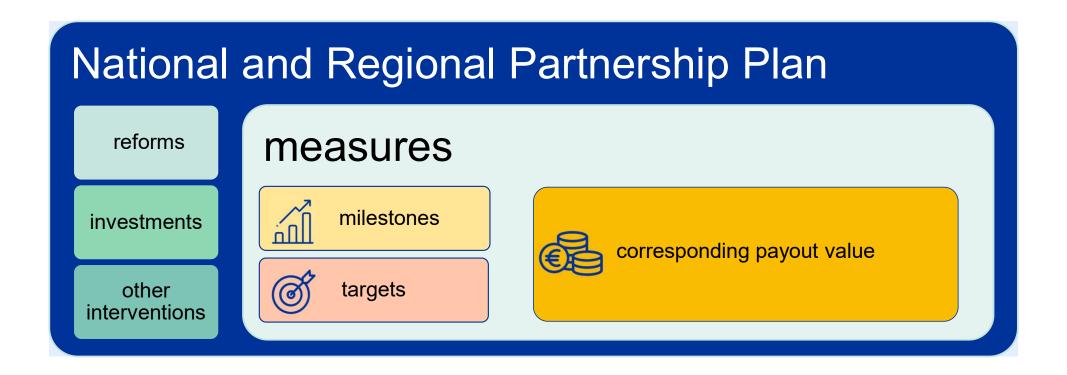
14 current Funds brought together/ consolidated under the National and Regional Partnership Plans



### National and Regional Partnership Plans



## Performance and costing





### Three blocks

# Horizontal regulations

- MFF Regulation, accompanied by political communication
- Performance Regulation, covering:
  - MFF level common rules DNSH, reporting
  - Environmental, climate adaptation and mitigation social tracking and gender scoring
  - Common intervention fields and indicators

# The "Plan" Regulation

- Establishes the European
   Fund for economic, social and
   territorial cohesion, agriculture
   and rural, fisheries and
   maritime, prosperity and
   security
- Objectives and requirements for the NRPP
- Rule of law and Charter horizontal conditions
- Budget
- · Financial rules
- Governance
- Audit and control

# Funds-specific Regulations

- ERDF/CF (incl. Interreg)
- European Social Fund
- Common Market Organisation
- Common Agricultural Policy
- Common Fisheries Policy
- HOME affairs
- EU School Scheme



### Interreg in the context of the Plan Regulation

- NRPP rules apply to the Interreg plan, except where more specific rules are set out in the ERDF/CF Regulation
- The Interreg Plan and its chapters are guided by the same logic as the NRP Plans:
  - Intervention logic centred on the specific objectives
  - Reform dimension is also important for Interreg
  - Objective-based approach: the chapters are built around measures, that include milestones and targets and a total estimated costs of the measures
  - The Performance Regulation is the basis for indicator setting and monitoring and expenditure tracking
- Management, control and audit of the funds follow the approach of the NRPP
- Partnership is of key importance



### Interreg Plan – the « 28th Plan»

### What is maintained?

- Interreg will continue to support four cooperation strands:
  - cross-border cooperation
  - transnational cooperation
  - interregional cooperation
  - outermost regions' cooperation

Total funding = EUR 10.264 bn

Compares with EUR 8.9 bn in the 21-27 programmes

Allocation methodology proposed is identical to the 21-27 methodology

### What is new?

- Single Interreg Plan consisting of Interreg Plan chapters (replacing programmes);
- Chapters drafted and submitted by the authorities involved;
- Chapters are much shorter
- Detailed rules and allocation between the strands will be set out in the Interreg plan;
- PEACE PLUS a chapter in the Interreg Plan.





### The Interreg Plan

Interreg provisions complementing the NRPP proposal

- Art. 7 Scope
- Art. 8 Requirements for the Interreg Plan chapters
- Art. 9 Approval and amendment of the Interreg Plan
- Art. 10 Functions of authorities responsible for the Interreg Plan chapter and the monitoring committee
- Art. 11 Provisions for non-Member States
- Art. 12 Return of resources and discontinuation
- Art. 13 PEACE PLUS



### Scope (Article 7)

- Four strands of cooperation
  - Cross-border cooperation
  - Transnational cooperation
  - Interregional cooperation
  - Outermost regions' cooperation
- The Interreg Plan supports the **specific objectives** set out in Art 3 (a) and (c) NRPP, **plus** support for additional Interreg objectives:
  - Better cooperation governance
  - A safer and more secure Europe
  - More resilient regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine



### **Interreg Plan chapters (Article 8)**

- Interreg Plan chapters to be submitted within 6 months of the entry into force of the Regulation - template is set out in the Annex to the Regulation
- The Plan chapters need to cover :
  - Intervention strategy and its contribution to the general/specific objectives
  - Description of measures with their estimated costs, along with milestones and targets
  - Arrangements for the effective monitoring and implementation of the Interreg Plan chapter
  - Description of the partnership process
  - Apportionment of liabilities among the participating Member States and, where applicable, non-Member States, in the event of financial corrections imposed
  - Arrangements and systems to ensure a regular, effective and efficient use of Union resources



### **Interreg Plan (Article 9)**

- The « Interreg Plan » will be constituted via implementing act
  - General part where appropriate, detailed arrangements covering the specific implementation modalities of Interreg to ensure a consistent approach; identification of geographic areas and allocation breakdown for each cooperation chapter [Article 9(1)]
  - Chapters for each Interreg programme one chapter per programme the Commission has **four months** to assess the Interreg Plan chapters or their amendments [Article 9(3)]
- The Plan is amended when new chapters need to be added or existing chapters need to be modified
- Adoption by Commission Decision: every three months when adding new chapters or six months when amending chapters



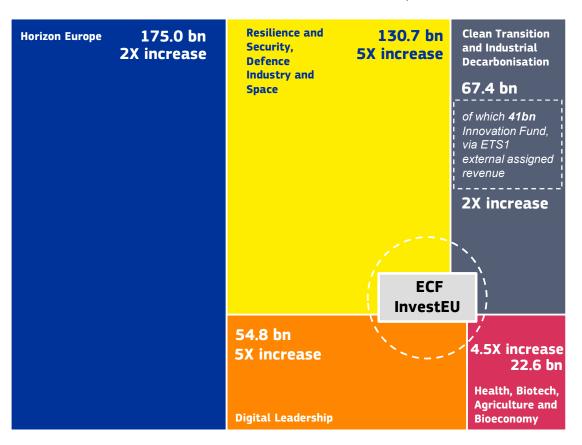
### Interreg Plan chapter authorities (Article 10)

- A single managing authority, a single audit authority and a joint secretariat for each chapter [Article 10(1) and (4)]
- Group of auditors per chapter, as in 21-27 [Article 10(5)]
- No separate accounting function
- One monitoring committee per chapter with same role as currently (with list of tasks to be included in the Plan) [Article 10(6)]
- No mention of National Authority for external border programmes, but will be included in the Plan



### **European Competitiveness Fund**

A **EUR 451 billion** to boost innovation (incl. Innovation Fund)



#### **FOCUSED**

Steered towards EU's industrial and technological priorities

#### **SIMPLER**

One rulebook
Single portal
Common rules for project promoters

#### **IMPACTFUL**

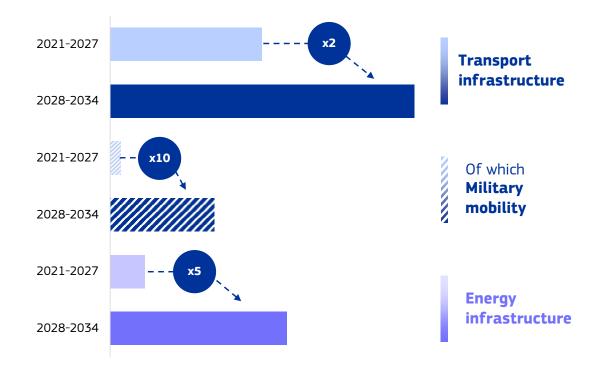
Support from research to scale-up Unlocking private funding with more leverage on EU budget (*ECF InvestEU Instrument*)

### **Connecting Europe Facility**

### 81 billion for the Connecting Europe Facility:

- 51.5 billion for transport infrastructure (x2 times)
- Of which 18 bn for military mobility (x10 times)
- 30 bn for energy infrastructure (x5 times)

Completion of **cross-border projects** related to energy, transport and military mobility which are essential to improve EU competitiveness, security and to reduce strategic dependencies.

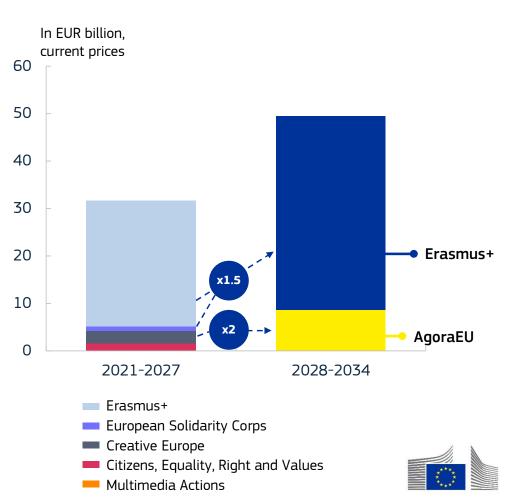




In EUR billion, current prices

# Cross-border education, skills, culture and values

- Erasmus+ will combine the current programme with the European Solidarity Corps.
- It will support the future Union of skills, reinforced to 41 billion (1.5x)
- AgoraEU will support media, culture and civil society with EUR 9 billion (2x)
- It will bring together Creative Europe and "Citizens Equality, Rights and Values"
- Supporting a vibrant cultural, media and democratic space





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