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EUROPE'S BUDGET

National and Regional Partnership Plans

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The new long-term budget will bring together EU funds implemented by Member States and Regions under one coherent strategy, with economic, social and territorial cohesion, agricultural and fisheries policies and security at its core. This will be implemented through National and Regional Partnership Plans, to maximize the impact of every euro. Through investments and reforms tailored to national and regional challenges, the Plans will foster convergence and reduce regional disparities, support a resilient, competitive and sustainable EU agricultural and fisheries sectors, invest in people and deliver on the European Pillar of Social rights, bolster security and protect our borders. There will be a mandatory minimum amount for less developed regions and a minimum target for social objectives. Support for farmers' income and for the fisheries policy will also be preserved and funding for home affairs will triple compared to the current period.

Why is this a priority?

To provide food security for all citizens, the Common Agricultural Policy will ensure farmers have a fair and targeted income. A good balance must be found between investments, incentives and rules. The Common Fisheries Policy will ensure support to fishers and coastal areas.

EU Funds play a key role in delivering EU objectives, but their delivery must be faster, simpler, more impactful and better prepared for new challenges.

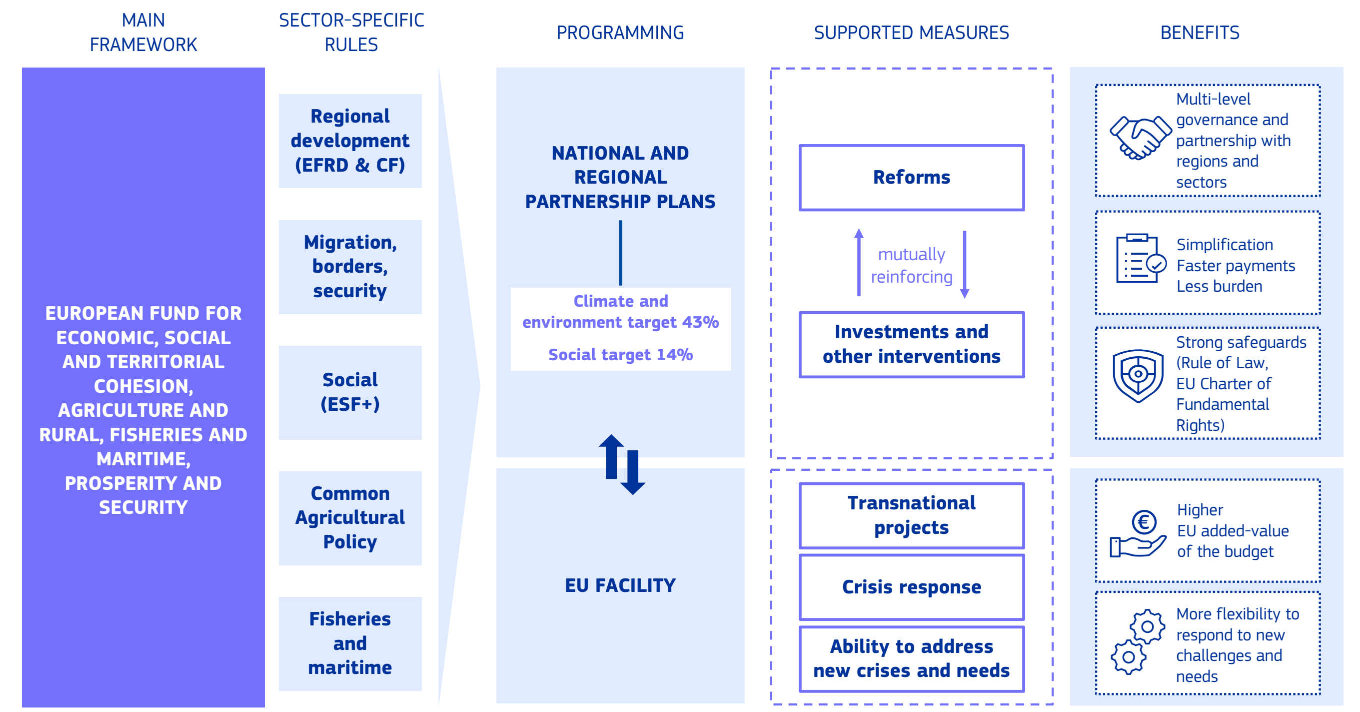
A reinforced Cohesion and Growth Policy, aligned with today's priorities and equipped to face the pressing challenges and potentially new ones, is more needed than ever to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities.

What is the Commission proposing?

- National and Regional Partnership Plans to be designed by Member States and regional authorities, together.
- All Plans to contribute to the common EU objectives with a tailor-made approach taking into account the needs of each Member State and region.

- Specific rules to cater for the specificities of each policy and sector.
- An EU Facility to help Member States and Regions respond to crises, market disturbances on the agricultural markets (Unity Safety Net) or natural disasters (EU Solidarity), and steer action at EU-level in a large variety of policy areas (urban initiative, social innovation, maritime and health actions, cross-border projects, technical support),
- Catalyst Europe to offer policy loans to Member States as additional means to invest in European objectives.

ONE COHERENT STRATEGY



HIGHLIGHTS

- Support for farmers and fishers ring-fenced at **EUR 302 billion**, and in addition a **doubled agricultural** reserve of **EUR 900 million a year.**
- **Support to less developed regions** ring-fenced at a minimum of **EUR 218 billion.**
- The Plans will include a target of 14% spending on **social objectives** (excluding agriculture and fisheries and the Social Climate Fund). This yields **EUR 100 billion** for social objectives **+ social investment** tracked for the first time across the EU budget.
- A **minimum EUR 34 billion for ring-fenced migration** and **border management**, tripling the current amounts.
- **EUR 63.2 billion Facility for Union Actions**, tripling the current amounts of the EU Solidarity Fund and the Home Affairs thematic facility capacity.
- **EUR 150 billion in policy loans** in the new **Catalyst Europe** to support EU-wide objectives.
- **Streamlining** of the **funds allocation formula, to include:**
  - Core cohesion parameters: Member States' GNI, regional GDP, safety nets.
  - Bonuses for poorer regions, regions bordering Russia and Belarus and agriculture external convergence.

How will the EU budget make a difference?

Delivery of EU Funds will be simpler, faster and more impactful

Plans will be objective based and payments will depend on the fulfilment of milestones and targets

Plans will support Member States and Regions in their path towards prosperity, competitiveness and convergence

Plans will be designed and implemented in close partnership with national and regional authorities and relevant stakeholders

Member States and regions will have a broader toolbox to address current and future challenges

Plans will have stronger safeguards to ensure respect for the rule of law and the European Charter of Fundamental Rights

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