



Updates from the European Commission and the Directorate-general for Regional and Urban Policy



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Main results, indentified challenges and possible future steps



Priorities for the Strategies

Cooperation with candidate countries

Defence and security

Addressing labour market issues

Supporting renewable energy
development

Promoting water resilience

Main challenges

Political visibility

Involvement of more remote regions
facing depopulation and the impact of
climate change

Implementation of recent and future
EU policy initiatives

Involvement of different kinds and
levels of stakeholders

Main take aways and possible future actions

Mutual learning between the Strategies;
political dialogues, enhance coordination on common priorities

Sector-specific meetings across the strategies

Optimising the use of existing and future funding opportunities

[Read the full executive summary of the Strategies Days 2025 here](#)



See you in Brussels in July for the Strategies Days 2026!

Commission Work Programme 2026

“Europe Independence moment”

Simplification as a central focus!

┌ A new plan for Europe’s sustainable prosperity and competitiveness

┌ A new era for European Defence and Security

┌ Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model

┌ Sustaining our quality of life: food security, water and nature

┌ Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

┌ A global Europe: Leveraging our power and partnerships



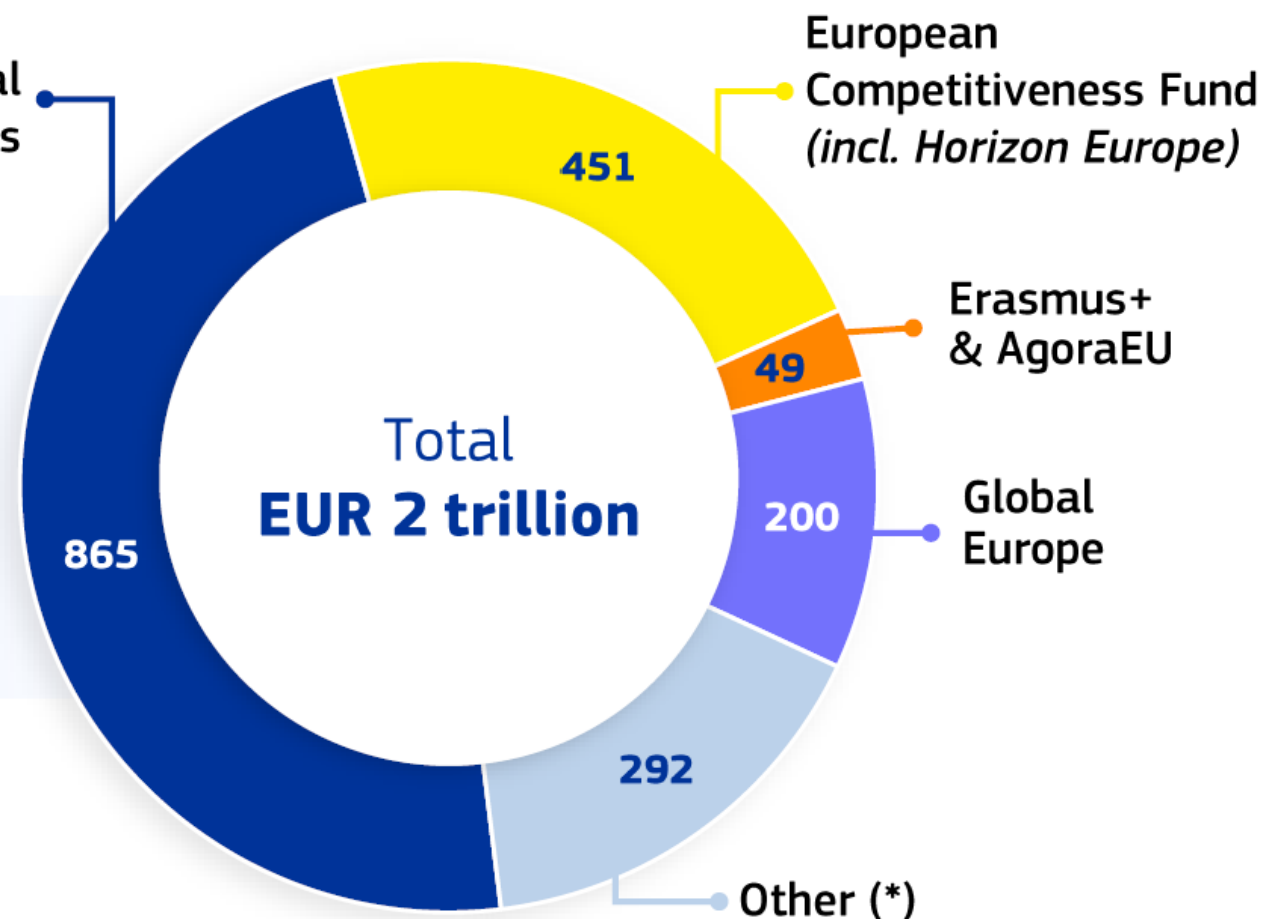
- From 52 to **16 programmes**
- **Simpler** for beneficiaries
- **Results** oriented
- More **agile**

(*) CEF, Civil protection and health, Single Market Programme, Euratom Research & Training, CFSP, Justice, Nuclear Decommissioning, OCT, Pericles.
Excludes NextGenerationEU repayment

All amounts in EUR, current prices



National and Regional Partnership Plans



A smarter, sharper, larger EU budget

Larger in scale

EUR 2 trillion (1.26% EU GNI) to match Europe's needs and ambition

Smarter in design

Results oriented, simpler for beneficiaries, more agile

Sharper in priorities

Focus on European priorities



THANK YOU!

