



Research and innovation for rural communities- Policy update

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The EU policy landscape for rural innovation

- The Vision for agriculture and food
- The Cohesion policy
- The Competitiveness framework
- The post 2027 proposals
- The R&I Framework

The vision for agriculture and food

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- The Strategy for Generational Renewal in Agriculture
 - By **2040**, Europe aims to **double the share of young and new farmers**
 - Linking agricultural renewal with **broader efforts to revitalise rural areas** through the EU long-term vision for rural areas and the Rural Pact.
- The Strategy for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy
 - New, stable income streams in rural, coastal and industrial regions across Europe.
 - Contributing to rural growth and employment

The vision for agriculture and food

- The EU Forest Strategy for 2030
 - Multiple socio-economic functions and benefits, including
 - Additional jobs and growth opportunities in rural areas in the wood-based economy
 - Bioenergy improving the livelihoods of primary producers, namely foresters and farmers, and diversifying forest-based economic opportunities in rural areas
 - Variety of equally important additional products and services, from food to ecotourism
 - Nature tourism and nature-based wellbeing services: recreational functions contributing to citizens' physical and mental health.
- Upcoming: Address disinformation in rural areas

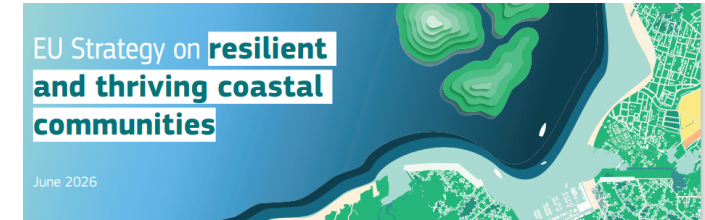
The Cohesion policy

The EU coastal and islands strategies

- The EU Coastal Communities Strategy

- 3 priorities

- To drive prosperity
 - To strengthen resilience
 - To enhance liveability



- The EU islands strategy

- 4 key pillars:

- Economic development, connectivity, competitiveness and innovation
 - Energy security, environmental protection and climate resilience
 - Communities and demography
 - Security and crisis preparedness



Upcoming strategies

- The Right to stay strategy
 - Showcase EU policies, programmes and initiatives that help ensure the right to stay
 - Highlight examples of regional and local solutions
 - Provide suggestions on how to make EU regions and territories more attractive and competitive.
- The outermost regions strategy
 - Focus on the outermost regions' unique assets:
 - Blue economy,
 - Biodiversity and
 - Research potential
 - Addressing the specific challenges linked to remoteness by:
 - Tailoring EU policies and funding, and
 - Simplifying the applicable rules.

The Competitiveness framework

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- The Competitiveness compass
 - Boost innovation by:
 - Creating a friendly environment for young companies to start and expand, with a dedicated EU start-up and scale-up strategy
- The Start-up and scale-up strategies
 - Boost EU competitiveness, productivity and prosperity
 - Create quality jobs
 - Attract talent and investments
 - Foster EU resilience and strategic autonomy in key sectors and technologies

The Post 2027 proposals

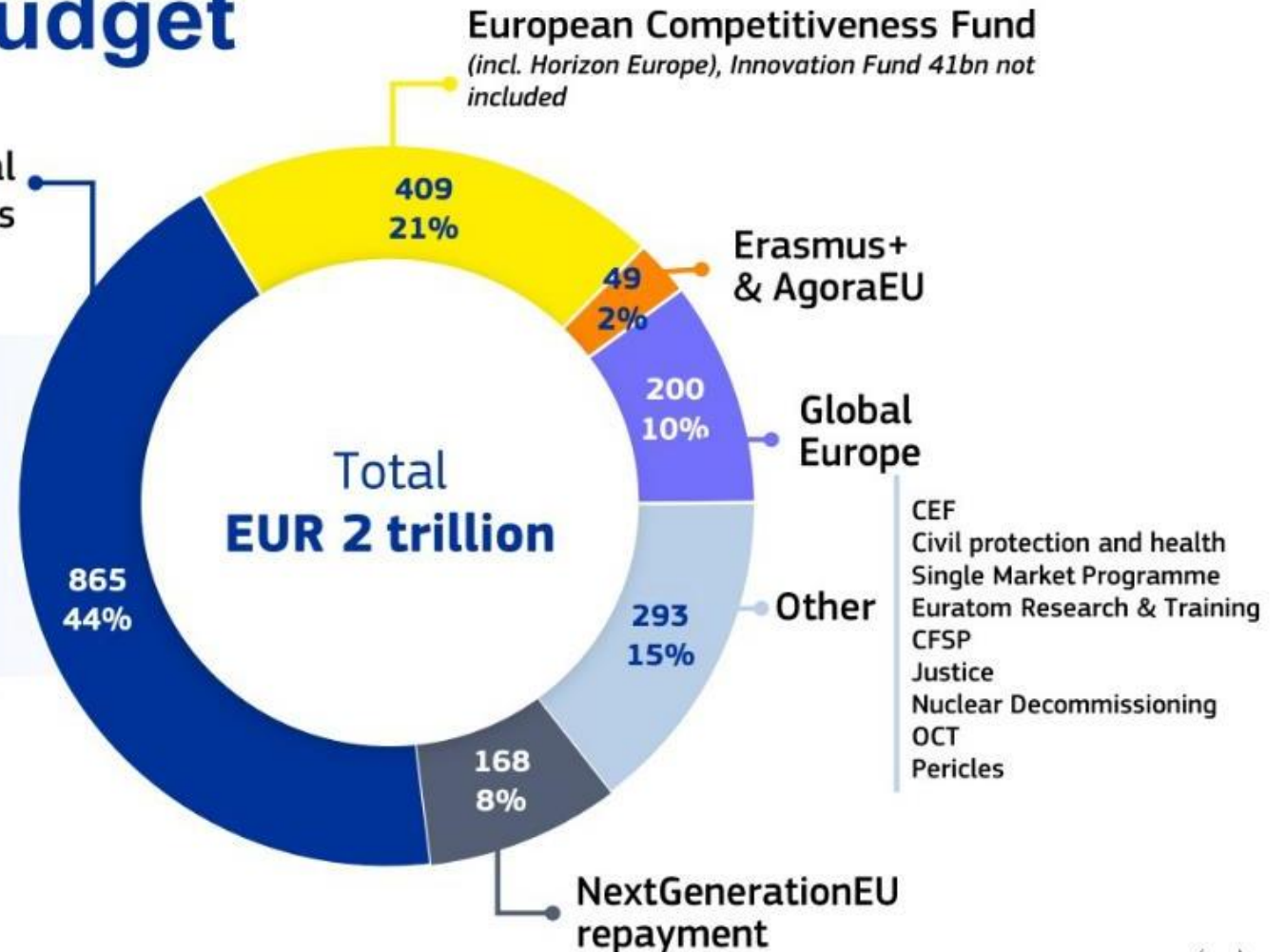
The next Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

An ambitious budget

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

Ceilings continue to be based on a 2% fixed deflator when EU inflation is between 1% and 3%. When inflation is below 1% or above 3%, adjustment made based on actual inflation.

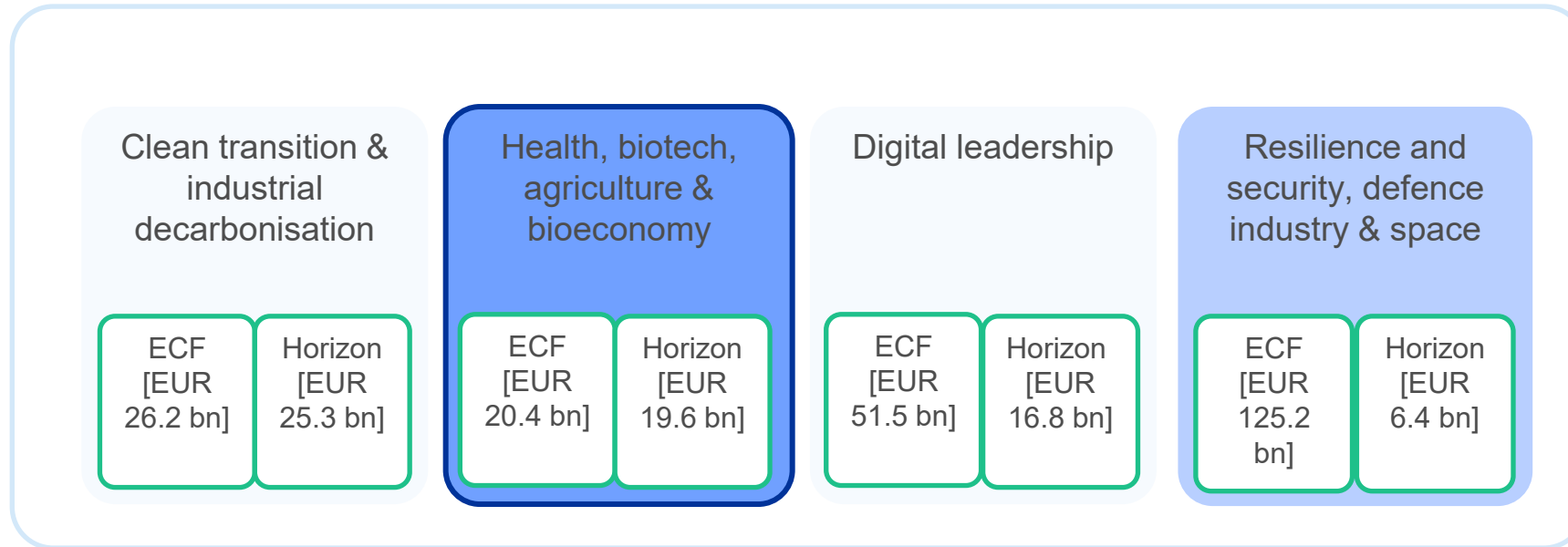
National and Regional
Partnership Plans



All amounts in EUR, **current prices**, adjusted with 2% deflator

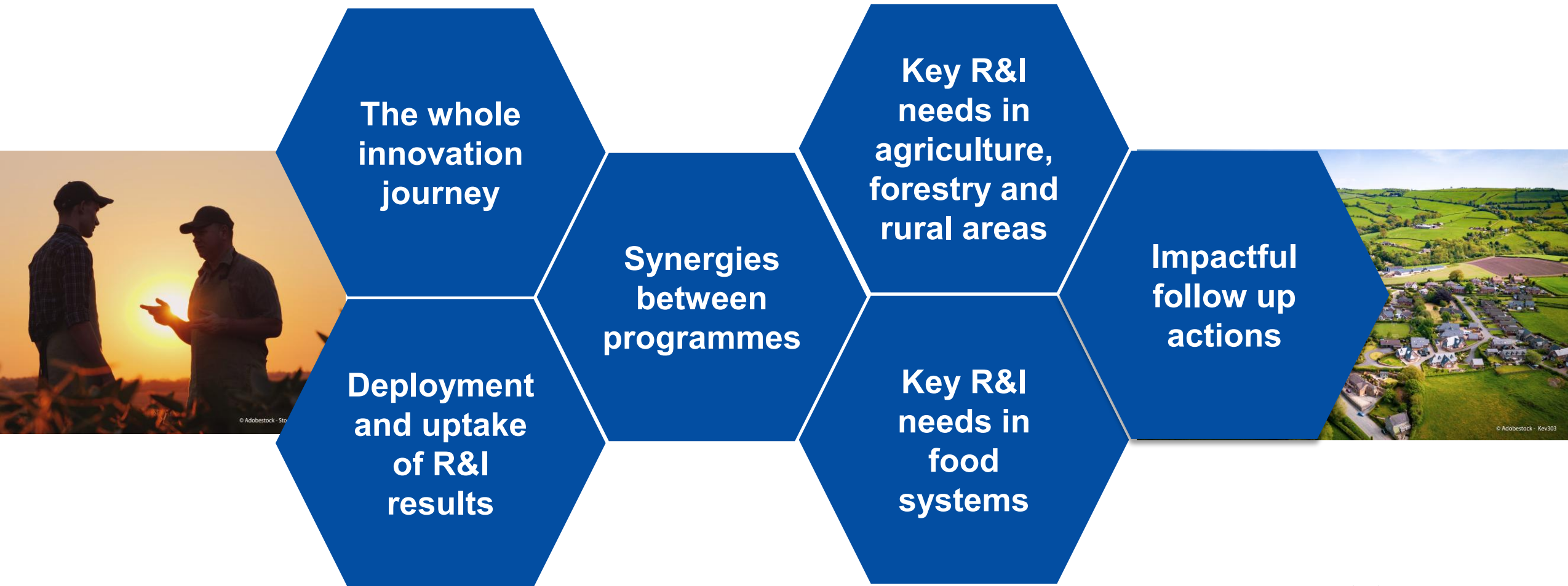


ECF (linked with HE) window structure



The R&I framework

New R&I Strategic Approach for agriculture, forestry, rural areas and food systems (Q3 2026)



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