



COHESION 2021-2027

forging an ever stronger Union

*Report on the outcome of 2021 – 2027
cohesion policy programming*

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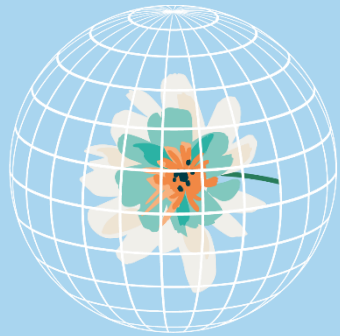
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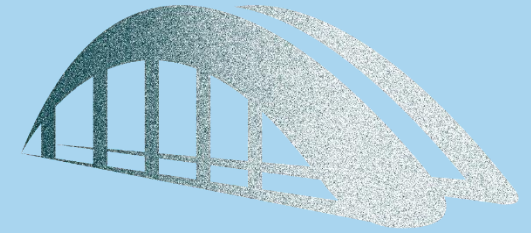
MAIN OUTCOMES

of the 2021-2027 negotiations



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of the **SWD**



- **EUR 378 billion** or EUR 545 billion with national co-financing in **379 programmes** focused on **green** and **digital transitions** while **leaving no one behind**
- Aiming to **reduce regional disparities**: focused on less developed regions with spill-overs to all EU regions
- Expected to **increase EU's GDP by 0.5%** by the end of the implementation (e.g. 4% for HR and 3% for BG, RO, PT; 2.6% for the less developed regions)
- Expected to **create 1.3 million jobs**, support **850 000 enterprises**, at least **6.5 million unemployed people** and **723 000 dwellings** with improved energy performance
- [Open Data Platform](#) for details and [Kohesio](#) to discover projects in the regions

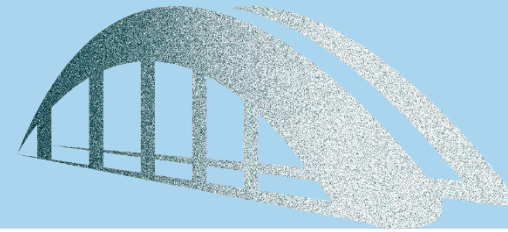


NOVELTIES

and simplifications



NOVELTIES and simplifications



- **Just Transition Fund** - to support territories to tackle the challenges caused by the transition to climate neutrality
- **Partnership principle** - ensuring democratic accountability and ownership, essential for improving quality of investments
- Unique **place-based approach** – further empowerment of sub-regional territories and local communities to identify their own priorities and projects
- **Enabling conditions** - MS need to put in place systems and arrangements for an effective and efficient implementation of the policy, supporting reforms in MS
- **Mainstreaming New European Bauhaus** in all 27 Member States' programmes
- **Do no significant harm principle** – to ensure that cohesion policy investments are aligned with the [Green Deal](#) objectives
- **Stronger focus on results-orientation** – broader use of Simplified Cost Options and Financing not linked to cost (FNLC)



COHESION POLICY

and its **main objectives**



A smarter and more competitive Europe

- **EUR 73 billion** EU support to foster **research** and **innovation**
 - EUR 35 billion to develop research and innovation capacities, EUR 6 billion for new R&D equipment
 - 725 000 companies to be supported in total
 - EUR 23 billion for SMEs to grow and improve competitiveness, e.g. to support skills and smart specialisation in 65 000 SMEs
- EUR 36.6 billion on EU's **digital transition** across policy objectives
 - 22 500 public administrations will be **digitalized**
 - high-speed mobile network and fixed digital infrastructure will connect 3.1 million dwellings and 356 000 enterprises.





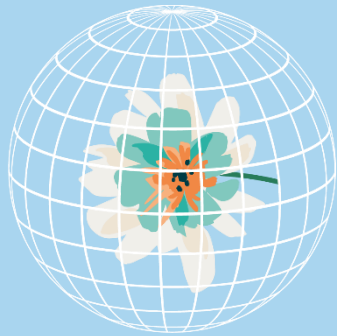
A **greener**, low carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe

- **Unprecedented support** of cohesion policy for the **European Green Deal** and the EU Climate Law:
 - **EUR 92 billion** for investments in energy, climate change adaptation, environment and sustainable urban mobility
 - **EUR 110 billion** (across all funds and policy objectives) for climate action and climate transition
 - **REPowerEU** plan: EUR 47 billion of EU financing to accelerate the green transition and diversify energy supplies
 - EUR 22 billion to support **energy efficiency** – 698 000 dwellings to improve energy performance
 - EUR 10 billion to **renewable energy** development focused on [EU solar strategy](#) and EUR 5 billion in smart energy systems – 9 555 MW of additional capacity
 - EUR 16.6 billion for [EU Biodiversity strategy](#) programmed in 2030
 - EUR 13 billion invested in **water services and improved wastewater collection and treatment** leading to 16 million people with benefitting from clean water supply
 - EUR 18 billion in **sustainable urban mobility** to cover 1 230 km of tram and metro lines and 12 200 km of cycling infrastructure



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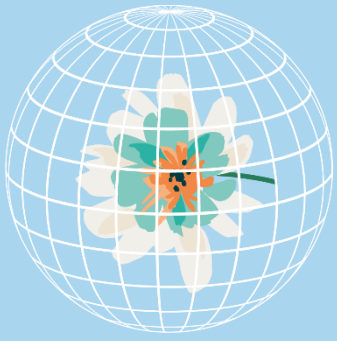
A more **connected** Europe

- **EUR 40 billion** in the **digital** and **green transition of the transport** sector in line with the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy
 - 3 900 km of TEN-T **railway** will be built with EUR 10.7 billion
 - Trans-European Transport Network completed by 2030
 - Priority to road investments that facilitate public transport; investments in multimodal transfer points and alternative fuels infrastructure
 - Decarbonisation measures for port and airport infrastructure: promoting sustainable maritime fuels, rail access to ports and greening terminals.



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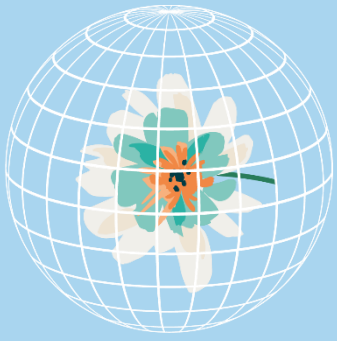




A more **social** and **inclusive** Europe

- **Social** and **inclusive growth** is a priority for the policy with the highest allocation of **EUR 111 billion**
 - ESF+ support **EUR 6.5 million unemployed** and 1.3 million inactive people and **EUR 11 billion supporting youth employment**
 - **European Year of Skills 2023**: re-/upskilling 4.5 million employed people
 - EUR 12.7 billion for **social integration** and EUR 11.6 billion for access to services to help more than 3 million people at risk of social exclusion.
 - EUR 4.8 billion for **health and long-term care** from ESF+ and EUR 6,1 billion ERDF to support 60 million patients receiving medical advice or treatment in new facilities
 - EUR 4.7 billion to **support the most deprived** via food and basic material assistance
 - Focus on social partners and civil society organisations with EUR 763 million

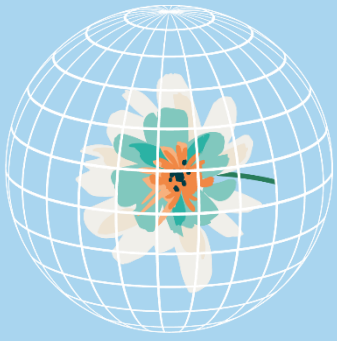




A Europe closer to its citizens

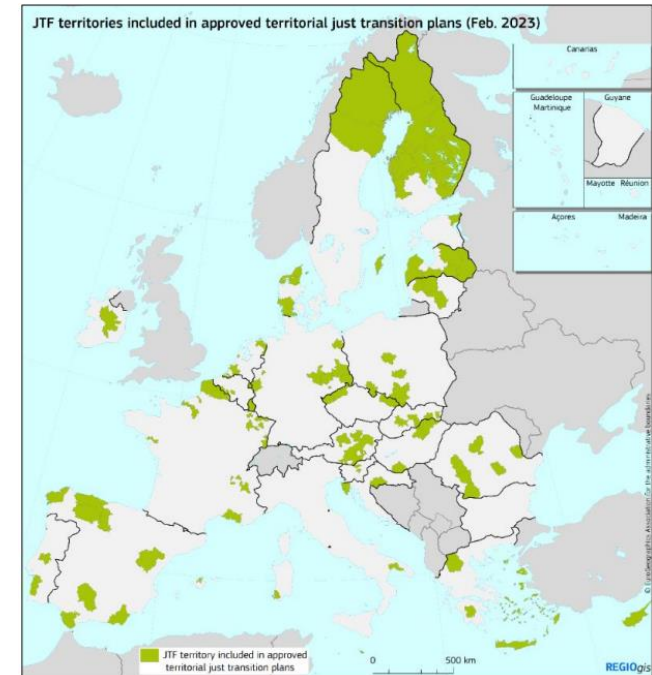
- A new objective further empowering sub-regional territories and local communities
- **EUR 19 billion** to support **place-based investments** in urban and rural areas
 - 2 million m² of energy renovated public buildings
 - 33 km² of open space created or renovated in urban areas
 - 3 800 cultural or tourism sites
- EUR 5 billion under integrated territorial investments and EUR 6 billion under other national territorial tools for place-based sustainable urban development strategies





Towards a **just transition**

- The JTF is helping people and places in the transition to **climate neutrality** with a budget of **EUR 19.7 billion** The ERDF and CF are the main source for supporting this transition
 - support fossil-fuel dependent regions in diversifying their economies
 - helping industry to decarbonize industry
 - helping to phase out the use of peat for energy use and restore peatland
- Provide support
 - EUR 5 billion to support SMEs and EUR 3.2 billion for reskilling of workers
 - Support to 39 000 enterprises and 5 000 SMEs
 - Up to 120 000 unemployed people will benefit and 200 000 people will get new qualifications
 - EUR 1 billion to rehabilitate 46 000 ha of land and the circular economy with EUR 0.7 billion





Interreg

- Interreg supports **territorial cooperation across the EU** and its neighbours via **86 cooperation programmes** that invest **EUR 10 billion** from ERDF.
- Interreg aims to deepen and facilitate cooperation in the 2021-2027 programming period. MS are interested in investing in **long-term cooperation** processes.
- MS to commit to associate young people in Interreg programming: more than 20 programmes will proactively involve young people.
- **EU's programmes with Ukraine and Moldova** have been reinforced
 - **6 programmes** were adopted by the end of 2022, investing in healthcare, education and border security



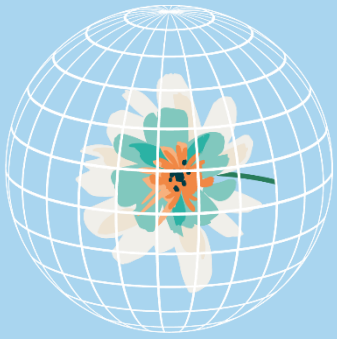
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implementation



2021-2027 implementation

- **Delays** mainly due to **COVID-19 crisis** and **war in Ukraine** and the need to implement measures related to tackling these
- **Monitoring committees** for almost all programmes took place
- All MS have endorsed some **selection criteria** (JTF – 7 MS have not endorsed any yet)
- 21 MS launched first **calls** (JTF - 15 MS)
- 14 MS **selected operations** (JTF - 5 MS), less than 3% of the total allocation
- 8 **payment claims** sent and 2 paid
- Commission stands ready to **assist the MS** with any issues



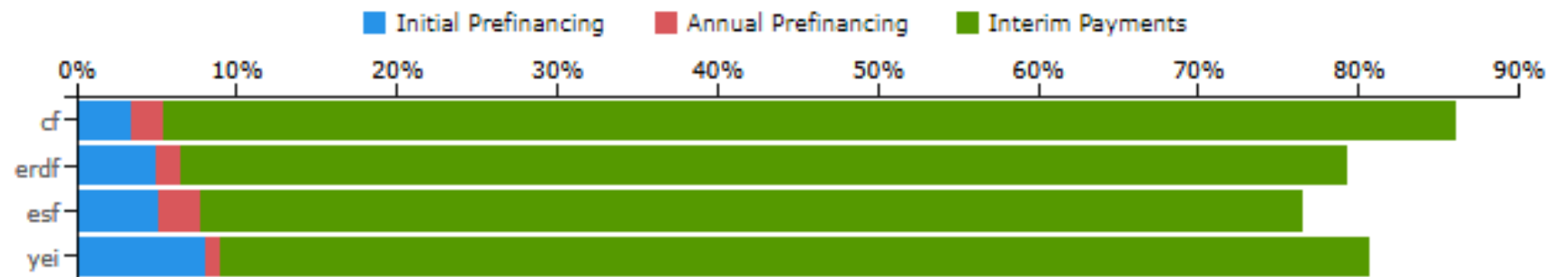
2014-2020 implementation

Fund	Planned EU Amount € bn	Total net payments € bn	Total net payments % (of planned)
CF	61.46	52.95	86%
ERDF	230.03	182.49	79%
ESF	104.41	79.87	76%
YEI	8.95	7.23	81%
Total	404.85	322.53	80%

2014-2020: Cohesion Policy EU payments by Fund (daily update)

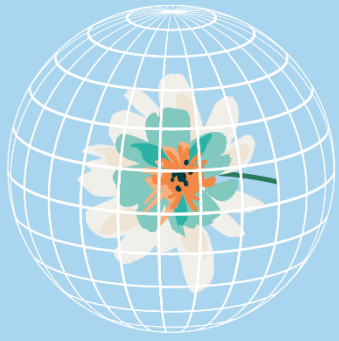
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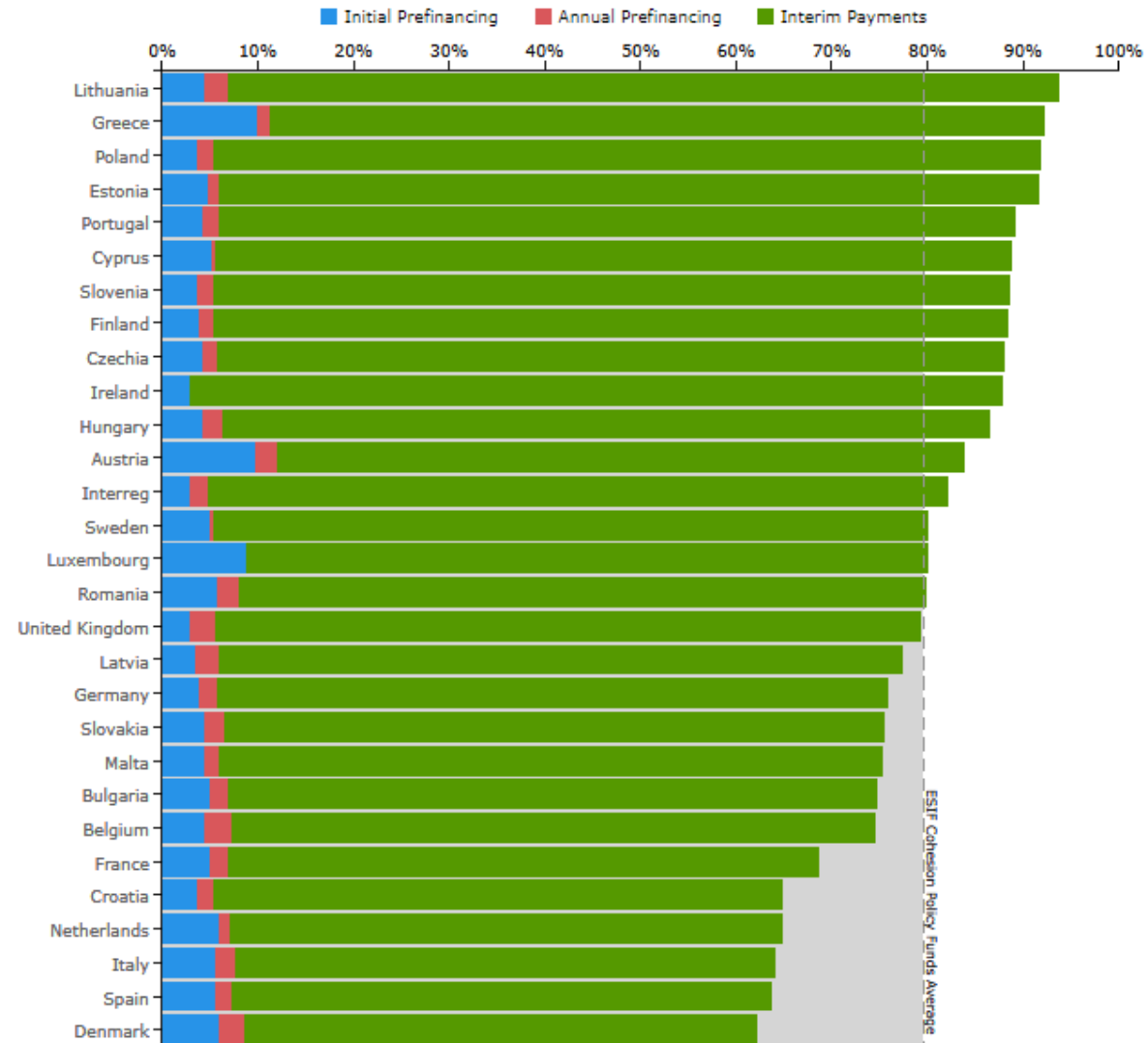


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2014-2020 crisis instruments in cohesion policy

CRII and CRII+

- Cohesion policy action against coronavirus
- April 2020

REACT-EU

- Recovery assistance for cohesion and the territories of Europe
- December 2020



REPowerEU – SAFE

- Supporting Affordable Energy
- March 2023

FAST CARE

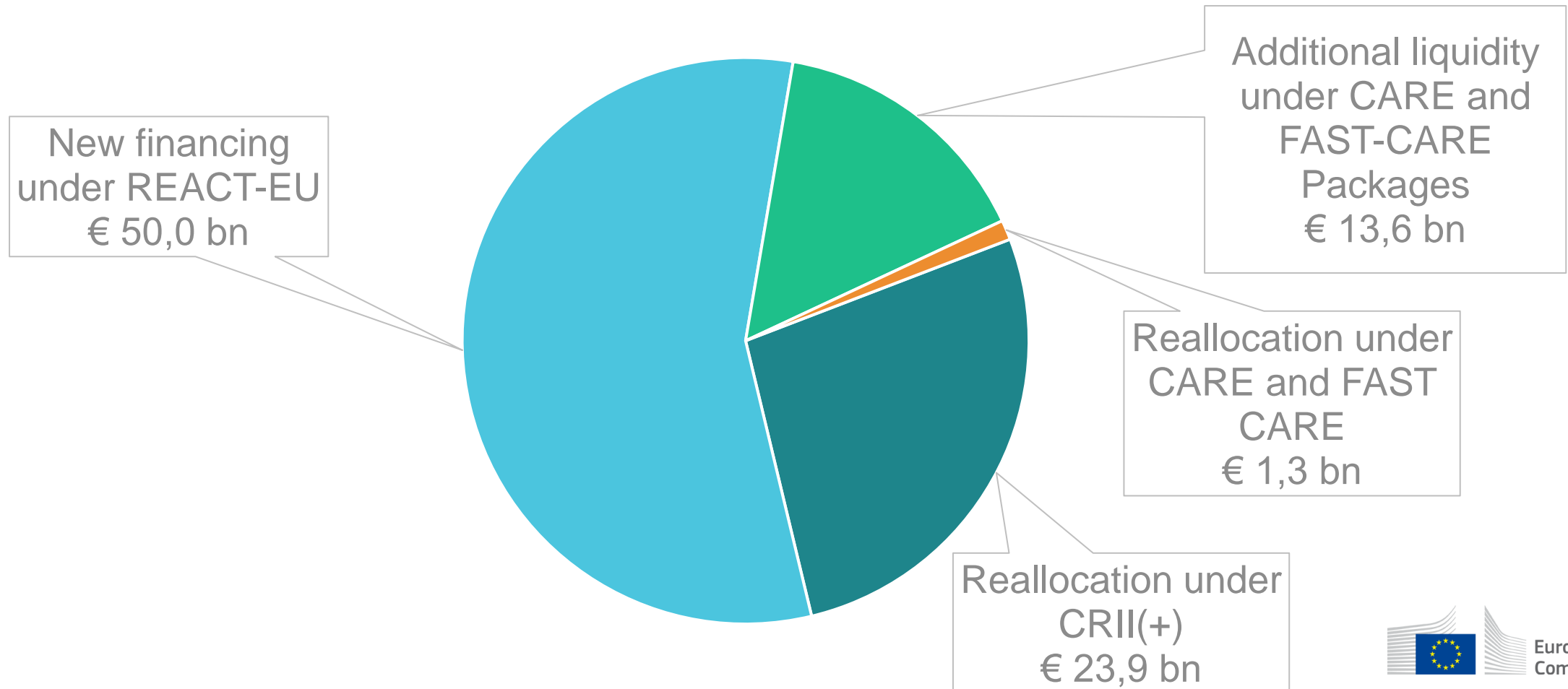
- Flexible Assistance to Territories
- October 2022

CARE and CARE 2

- Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe
- April 2022



Financial impact of the crisis instruments





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