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## **INFORMATION**

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Subject:	National and Regional Partnership Plans and their sectoral proposals - Presentation by the Commission

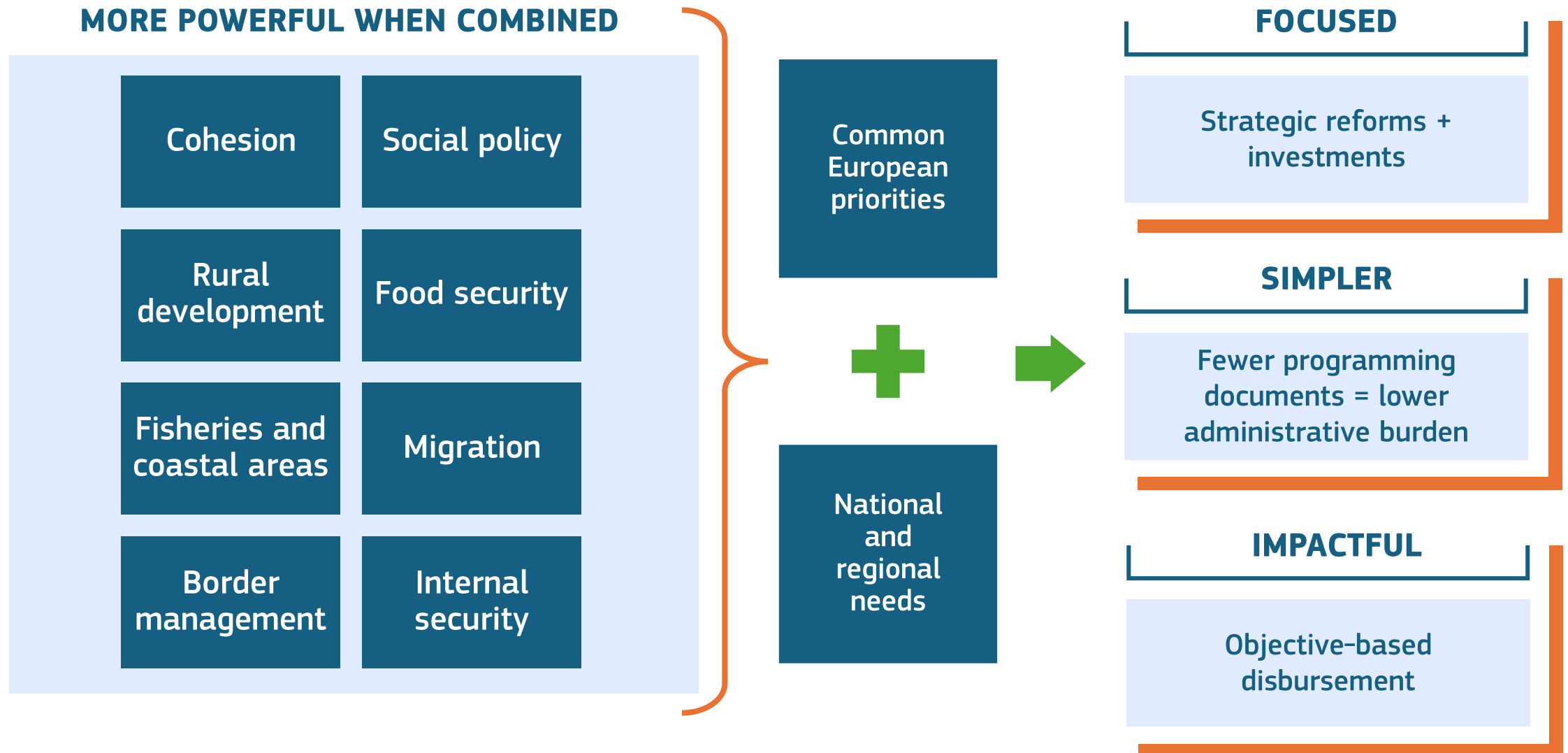
Delegations will find attached the presentation prepared by the Commission on the National and Regional Partnership Plans and their sectoral proposals for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Party on 25 July 2025.



# National and Regional Partnership Plans - and their sectoral proposals

Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

# I. Overview: National and Regional Partnership Plans



## II. ERDF and Cohesion Fund

- **Scope:** contribute to the general objective of **reducing regional imbalances** within their scope as set out in the Treaties.
- **Territorial features:**
  - ❖ **Support for disadvantaged areas:** obligation to pay special attention in the plans to disadvantaged regions and areas (rural, industrial transition, northernmost regions, islands, cross-border and mountain regions, just transition, Eastern border).
  - ❖ **Sustainable urban development:** obligation to support integrated urban development strategies.
  - ❖ **Outermost regions:** obligation to establish measures in the Plans to cover structural support and operating costs or compensation with a view to offsetting the additional costs incurred as a result of their permanent restraints.

# III. Interreg Plan

- **Continue to support four cooperation strands:**
  - ❖ Cross-border
  - ❖ transnational
  - ❖ Interregional
  - ❖ outermost regions cooperation.
- **Scope:** Union's sustainable prosperity and social cohesion, better cooperation governance, a safer and more secure Europe, and regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.
- **Financial envelope:** EUR 10.26 bn.
- **Single Interreg Plan adopted by the Commission**, consisting of Interreg Plan chapters: **ownership remains within participating countries** (chapters prepared and submitted to the Commission by the Member States);
- **Peace Plus:** a chapter in the Interreg Plan building on the work of previous programmes between the border counties of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

## IV. European Social Fund

- **Scope:** to support quality employment, education and skills and social inclusion.
- Based on the **guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States** (Art 148 (2) TFEU)
- In addition, the ESF will ‘**protect and strengthen democracy in the Union** *and uphold Union values in accordance with Article 2 TEU*’.
- **Same principles as in 2021 – 2027**, with provisions for material deprivation, social innovation, supporting demographic transition, partnership with social partners and civil society, and the ESF committee.
- Nb: Article 2 of the NRPP regulation **refers to the Social Climate Fund**: ‘*to contribute to a socially fair transition towards climate neutrality*’.

## IV. European Social Fund II

- **No fixed ESF thematic concentration requirements:** amounts to be negotiated with the Commission, in particular for the following 4:
  - ❖ **social inclusion,**
  - ❖ **food and/or basic material assistance,**
  - ❖ **addressing child poverty,**
  - ❖ **combating youth unemployment,** including through education and training.
- **Minimum amount dedicated to meeting the Union's social objectives: At least 14% of the total Union contribution and loans** (excl. CAP and SCF), calculated using the coefficients in the Performance Regulation.

## IV. Home Affairs

- Three regulations, implemented under **‘variable geometry’**, complementing the NRPP regulation.
- The three regulations cover:
  - ❖ Union support for **Asylum, migration and integration**,
  - ❖ Union support for the **Schengen area**, for **European integrated border management** and for the **common policy on visas**,
  - ❖ Union support for **internal security**.



## IV. Home Affairs II

- **Objectives** largely based on the 2021-2027 home affairs funds
- **Indicative amounts** for each regulation
- **Other specific elements**, e.g. resettlement, Member States' financial contributions for the Annual Solidarity Pool, resources for operating costs of ETIAS.
- **All objectives to be achieved** through Union support implemented under the NRPP rules.
- The **EU Facility** will also serve the objectives of migration, borders and internal security.

## V. Fisheries, Aquaculture and Ocean

- The NRPPs will **bring EU's fisheries and ocean-based policy closer to cohesion and the CAP.**
- **Stronger support** for fishers, stimulating economic activities and improving livelihoods in coastal regions (fisheries, aquaculture, tourism and shipping).
- **Earmarked support for the Common Fisheries Policy:** EUR 2 bn.
- In addition, **scope for much wider support:** Member States to explain in their Plans comprehensive overview of support to be provided for Common Fisheries Policy implementation, European Ocean Pact, thriving fisheries and aquaculture.
- Additional links for fisheries in the national and regional partnership plans on **specific needs for community led local development / integrated territorial development.**

## V. Fisheries, Aquaculture and Ocean II

- **Specific regulation sets out the conditions for the implementation** of the Union support to the Common Fisheries Policy, to the European Ocean Pact and of the Union's maritime and aquaculture policy.
- The sectoral specific regulation reflects **specific needs of coastal communities** and the contribution to sustainable fishing and aquaculture.
- **Specific criteria relative to the CFP are established**, e.g. 100% aid intensity for small scale fisheries, no support for operations that do not comply with the WTO agreement on fisheries, or linked with illegal unreported and unregulated fishing.

# VI. Common Agricultural Policy

- **Building on a performance-based policy and strategic planning.**
- **Safeguarding income support for farmers:** CAP specificities preserved.
- **Simplification:** less details; wider use of lump-sums; common and harmonised rules; easier access to other funds.
- **Synergies:** a comprehensive, integrated approach to address the challenges of rural areas.
- **Resilience:** comprehensive reply to crises and mounting market uncertainties including through a dedicated 'Unity Safety Net'.
- **Incentives instead of conditions:** to deliver on environmental and climate goals, e.g. helping farmers to de-risk the transition towards more sustainable and resilient farming and new co-financing approach for agri-environmental actions

# VI. Common Agricultural Policy II

## Fairer and better targeting public support:

- Support primarily directed towards farmers who **exercise an agricultural activity** on their holding and **actively contribute to food security**.
- Mandatory **degressivity** (starting at EUR 20.000 per farmer/year) and **capping** (EUR 100 000 per farmer/year).
- Focus on **young and new farmers, women, family or small farmers**, mixed farms and farms in areas with natural or other area-specific constraints.
- The planned average aid per hectare for degressive area-based income shall **not be less than EUR 130 and not more than EUR 240** for each Member State.
- Coupled income support – **from 13(+2)% of Direct Payments today to 20(+5%) of most of CAP – with access to** 5% optional top up (protein crops, mixed farms, risk of abandonment).
- **Small farmers** – lump sums EUR 3000.