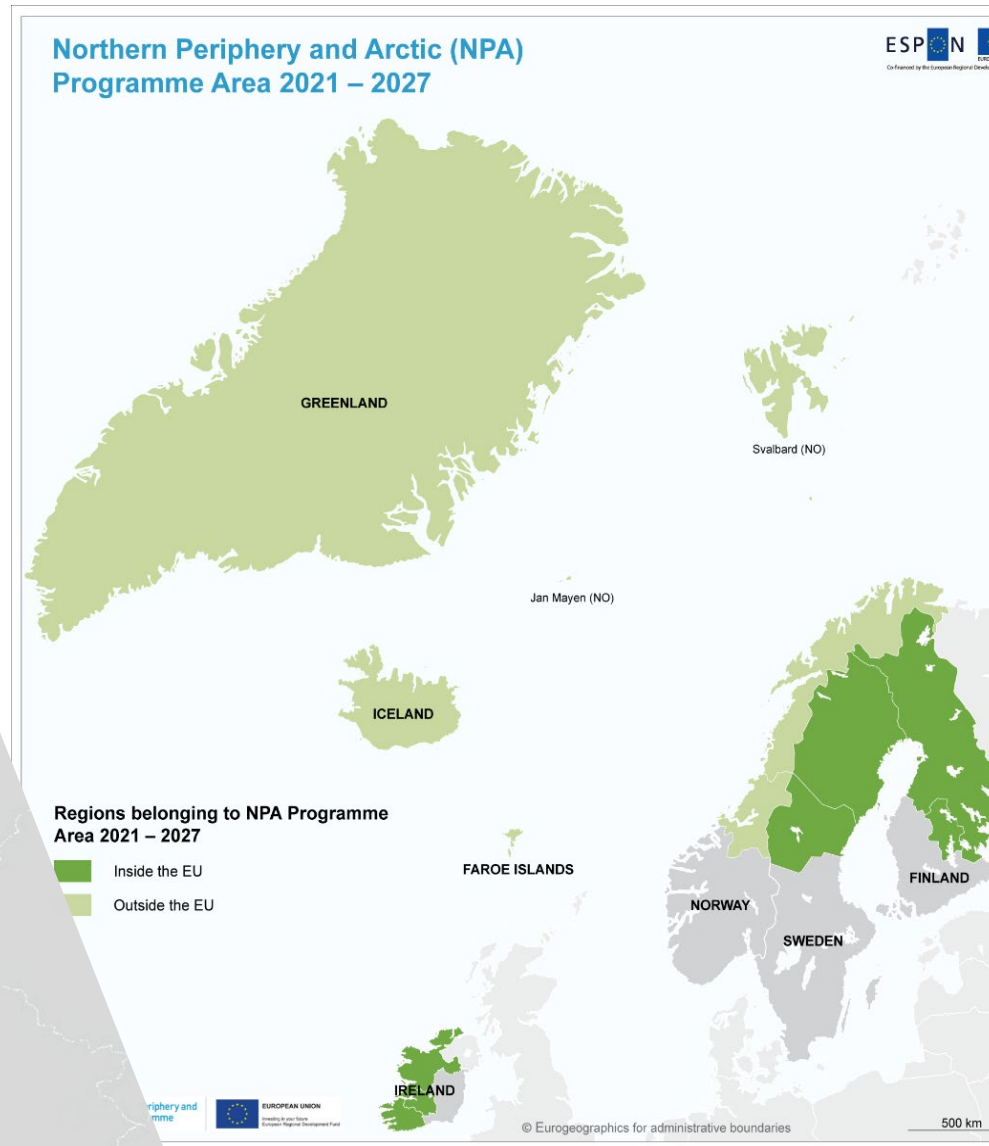
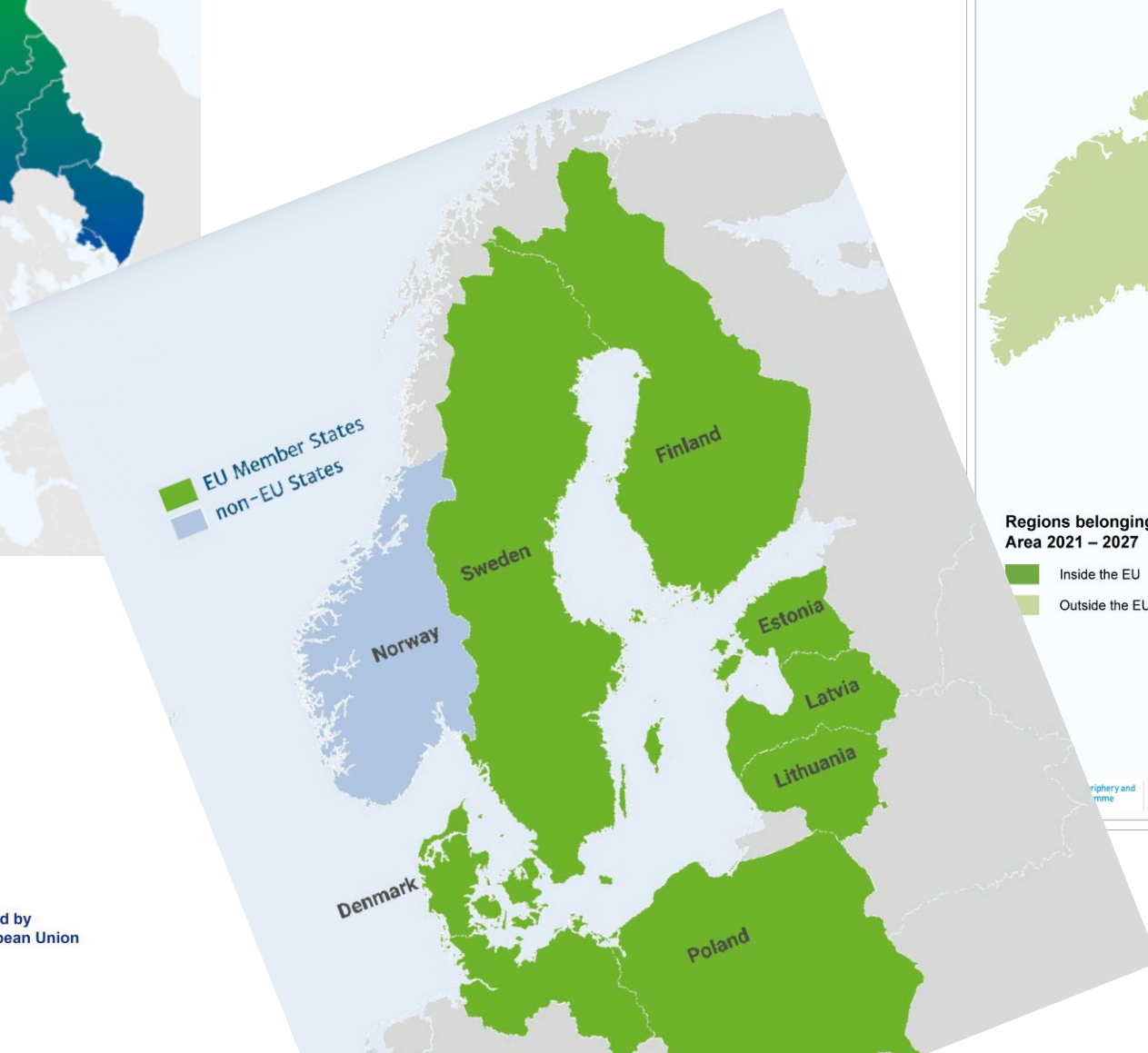


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# Future of Interreg



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- One of the two goals of EU cohesion policy
- A cooperation framework between national, regional and local actors from different Member States and neighbouring countries
- With the objective of promoting a harmonious economic, social and territorial development of the Union as a whole (EU Treaty)  
*and*
- Supporting the twin transition (Green & Digital) via joint actions and investments

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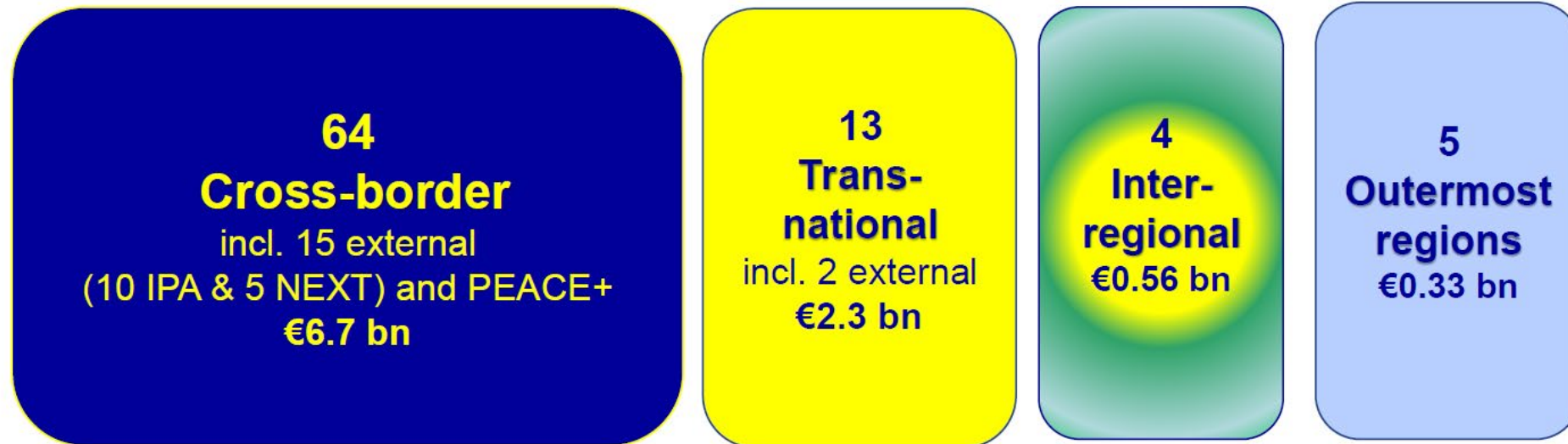


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# Interreg in 2021-2027

## Four cooperation strands



**86 programmes = EUR 10 billion**



# EU MFF 2028-2035 proposal

## 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

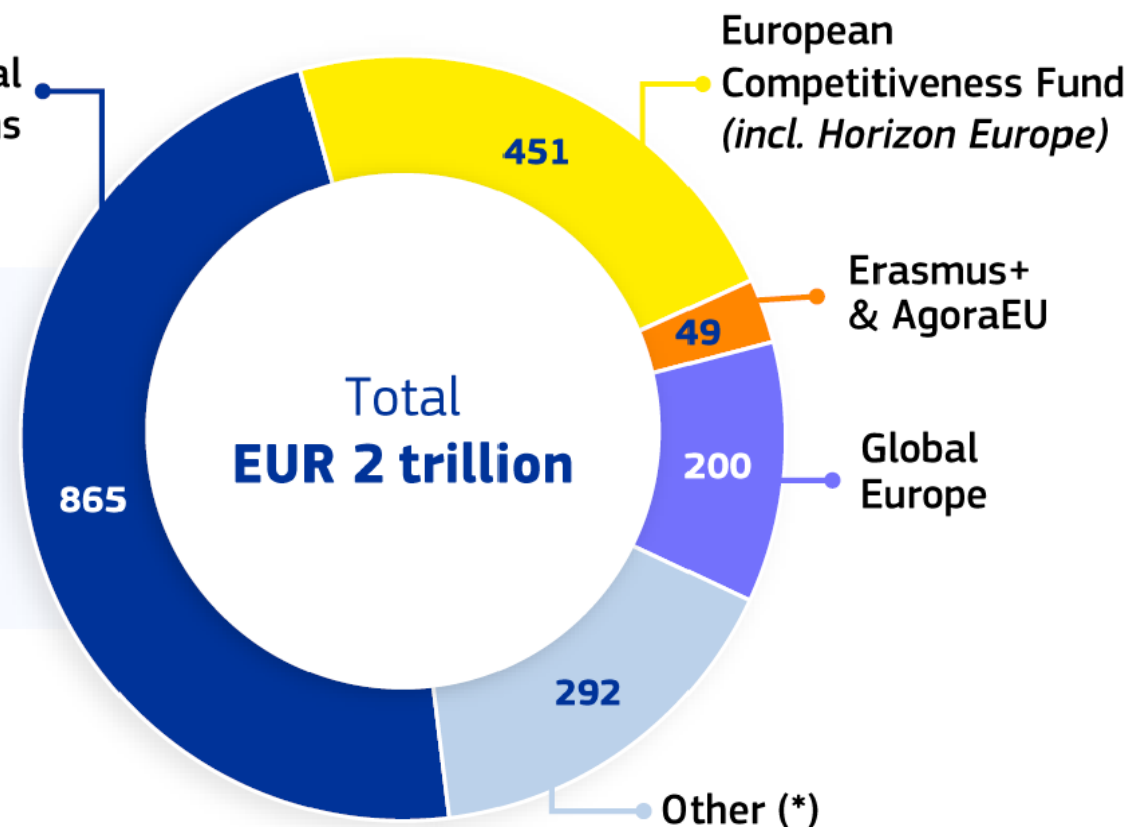
**Sharper in  
priorities**

Focus on European priorities

# Design

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

National and Regional  
Partnership Plans



(\*) 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



# Interreg Plan – the "28th Plan"

## What remains

- Interreg will continue to support four cooperation strands:
  - cross-border cooperation
  - transnational cooperation
  - interregional cooperation
  - outermost regions' cooperation
- Dedicated budget: 10.26 billion EUR

## What is new

- Single Interreg Plan consisting of Interreg Plan chapters (replacing programmes)
- Chapters drafted and submitted by the authorities involved
- Chapters are much shorter
- Detailed rules and allocation between the strands will be set out in the Interreg plan
- PEACE PLUS – a chapter in the Interreg Plan



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## Interreg specific priorities



### ISO1: Better cooperation governance

Objective: to facilitate cross-border cooperation/governance

- Institutional capacity of public authorities
- Legal and administrative cooperation
- People-to-people actions for increased trust
- Institutional capacity to manage macro-regional strategies
- Support to democracy and civil society



### ISO2: Safer and more secure Europe

Objective: protection and economic and social integration of third country nationals including migrants and beneficiaries of international organisations



# Specific objectives

1. Europe's sustainable prosperity across all regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Fostering the attractiveness of territories to support the right to stay</li> <li>1.2. Strengthening the Union's industrial base, supply chains and manufacturing</li> <li>1.3. Supporting a just transition</li> <li>1.4. Supporting the digital transformation</li> <li>1.5. Supporting research, development and innovation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.6. Furthering the Saving and investments Union and developing market-based funding options</li> <li>1.7. Supporting social and affordable housing</li> <li>1.8. Enhancing Union transport infrastructure</li> <li>1.9. Support for tourism, including sustainability</li> <li>1.10. Supporting water management, environment and climate</li> </ul>
2. Europe's defence capabilities and security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Reinforcing the Union's defence industrial base and military</li> <li>2.2. Strengthening the Union's preparedness to crises and disasters</li> <li>2.3. Strengthening the Union's security (including Home affairs policies)</li> </ul>	
3. Supporting people, strengthening Europe's societies and Europe's social model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Supporting employment, access to the labour market, better working conditions and labour mobility</li> <li>3.2. Enhancing labour supply and improving education and lifelong acquisition of skills</li> <li>3.3. Promoting equal opportunities, supporting social safety nets, fostering social inclusion and fighting poverty and homelessness, supporting investment in social infrastructure</li> <li>3.4. Facilitating access to services and associated infrastructure</li> <li>3.5. Addressing the challenges of demographic change</li> <li>3.6. Addressing the social impacts of the inclusion of buildings and road transport to ETS2 (SCF)</li> </ul>	
4. Sustaining Europe's quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1. Supporting income for farmers and their long-term competitiveness</li> <li>4.2. Contributing to long-term food security</li> <li>4.3. Improving the attractiveness and living standards in rural areas</li> <li>4.4. Ensuring sustainability, competitiveness and resilience of the Union fisheries and aquaculture sector</li> <li>4.5. Enhancing sustainable agriculture and forestry management practices</li> </ul>	
5. Protecting Europe's democracy and enhancing institutional capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1. Sustaining and further developing open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies</li> <li>5.2. Promoting and upholding the rule of law</li> <li>5.3. Enhancing the efficiency of public administration and the institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders</li> <li>5.4. Promoting culture and supporting a vibrant and diverse cultural sector</li> </ul>	



# Eastern border regions

- Obligation in the MFF: to take into account specific needs and challenges of Eastern border regions
- For HOME affairs policies, Member States bordering Russia and Belarus have extra funding to cover their additional needs



# Interreg of today

## Calls for regular projects

+ Call 9 REG - Open 7 Sep - 7 Oct 2026

+ Call 8 REG - Open 9 Feb - 9 Mar 2026

+ Call 7 REG - Open 8 Sep - 6 Oct 2025

UPCOMING

### 6th Call for projects

The Sixth Call for main and small-scale capacity building projects is going to be launched on 1st October 2025 during the Interreg NPA 25th Anniversary Conference in Bodø on 1st and 2nd October 2025.

DEADLINE  
02.02.2026 CET

## Calls for small-scale projects

+ Call 7 SSP - Open 7 Sep - 7 Oct 2026

+ Call 6 SSP - Open 9 Feb - 9 Mar 2026

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