

# Horizon Europe 2028-2034 - continuity and reforms in EU R&I-funding



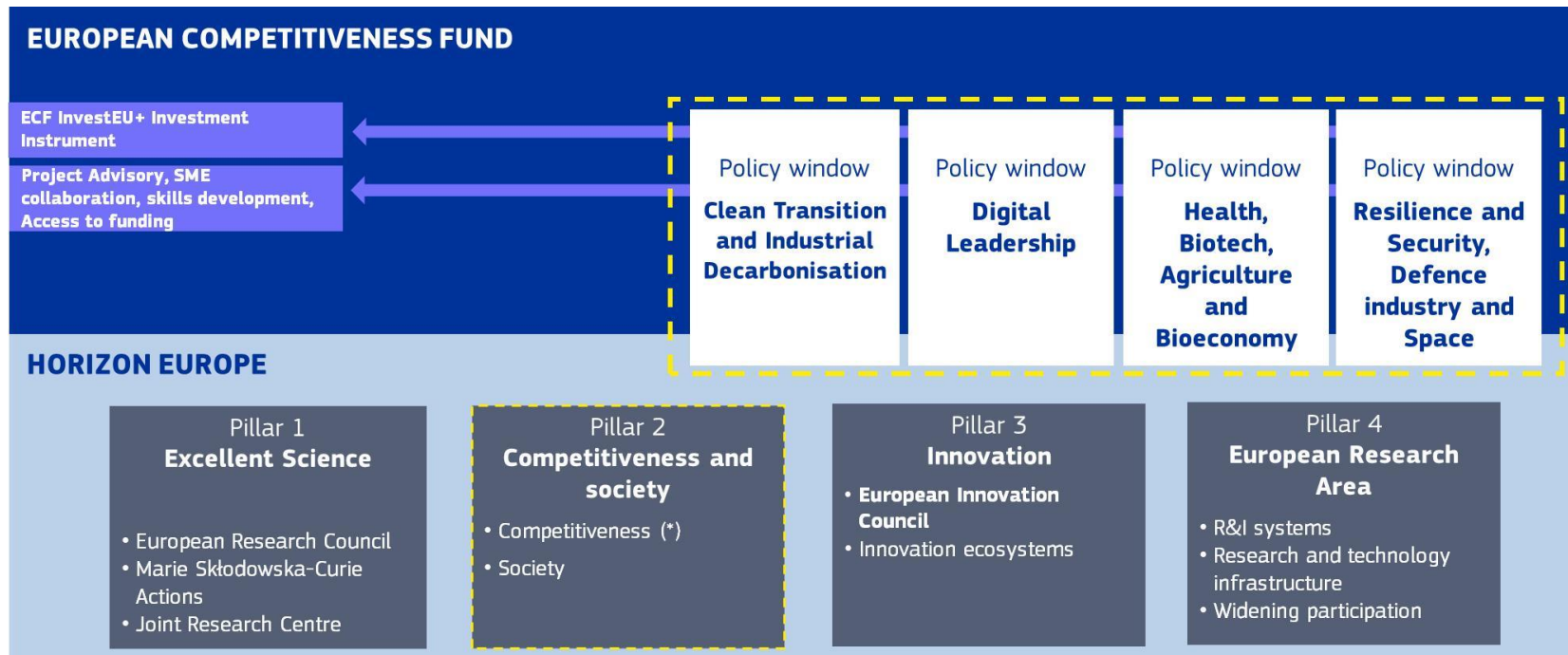
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# European Competitiveness Fund



- Brings together EU programmes that finance competitiveness in a new way, focusing on strategic sectors, technologies and industry, using an extensive funding toolkit from grants to guarantees.
- Includes most of the current EU programmes incl. Horizon Europe, EU space Programme, Digital Europe, InvestEU, European Defence Fund, LIFE, EU4Health.
- Is divided into four policy windows:
  - 1) Clean transition and decarbonisation in industry
  - 2) Health, biotechnology, agriculture and bioeconomy
  - 3) digital leadership
  - 4) resilience, security, defence industry and space
- Budget EUR 397.8 billion includes an earmarked Innovation Fund  
EUR 35.4 billion from emissions trading revenue and Horizon Europe  
EUR 154.9 billion (EUR in 2025 fixed prices)

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# Horizon Europe 2028-2034 aims to



- promote the core values of scientific freedom and openness;
- increase Europe's excellent knowledge base by focusing on EU added value;
- improve research careers and attract the best researchers in Europe and beyond, in line with the 'Choose Europe' approach;
- mobilise public and private investments across the full R&I chain - from fundamental research to market commercialisation;
- contribute to increase its investments in innovation notably by supporting innovation throughout Europe and increasing coherence between EU funding schemes and Member States investments;
- harness the EU budget's potential to reduce risk and unlock greater investment opportunities. Focus investment on EU strategic priorities, including single market, clean transition, decarbonisation, circularity, digitisation, security, resilience and social cohesion; and
- improve access to EU funding through faster, user-centric, simplified, and harmonised procedures to broaden participation and accelerate results.

# The structure of the new Horizon Europe



<sup>1</sup> Consistent with activities under the European Competitiveness Fund



# Horizon Europe 2028-2034



- Key novelties include
  - Further simplification
  - Partnerships landscape (work-programme based and treaty based)
  - Research and technology infrastructures
  - Two widening categories: transition and widening
  - Dual-use research
- Finland has an overall positive outlook on the proposal
  - Finland considers that the Commission's proposal to increase the amount of research, development and innovation funding should be supported.
  - For Finland, it is of primary importance to ensure that research, development and innovation funding is based on open competition and high quality.
  - Finland supports the Commission's proposal to support projects that are important for competitiveness, from basic research to market entry.



# Thank you!

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