MFOI Hungarian Development Promotion Office

We need to do something together – the MFOI is ready

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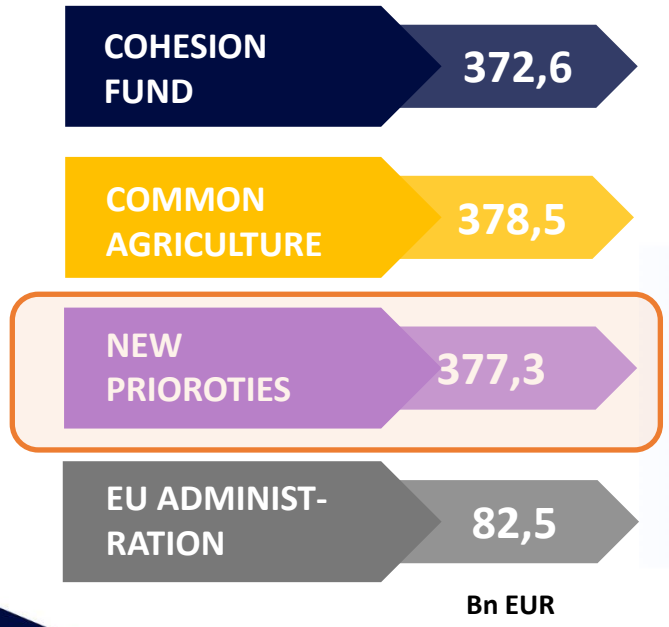
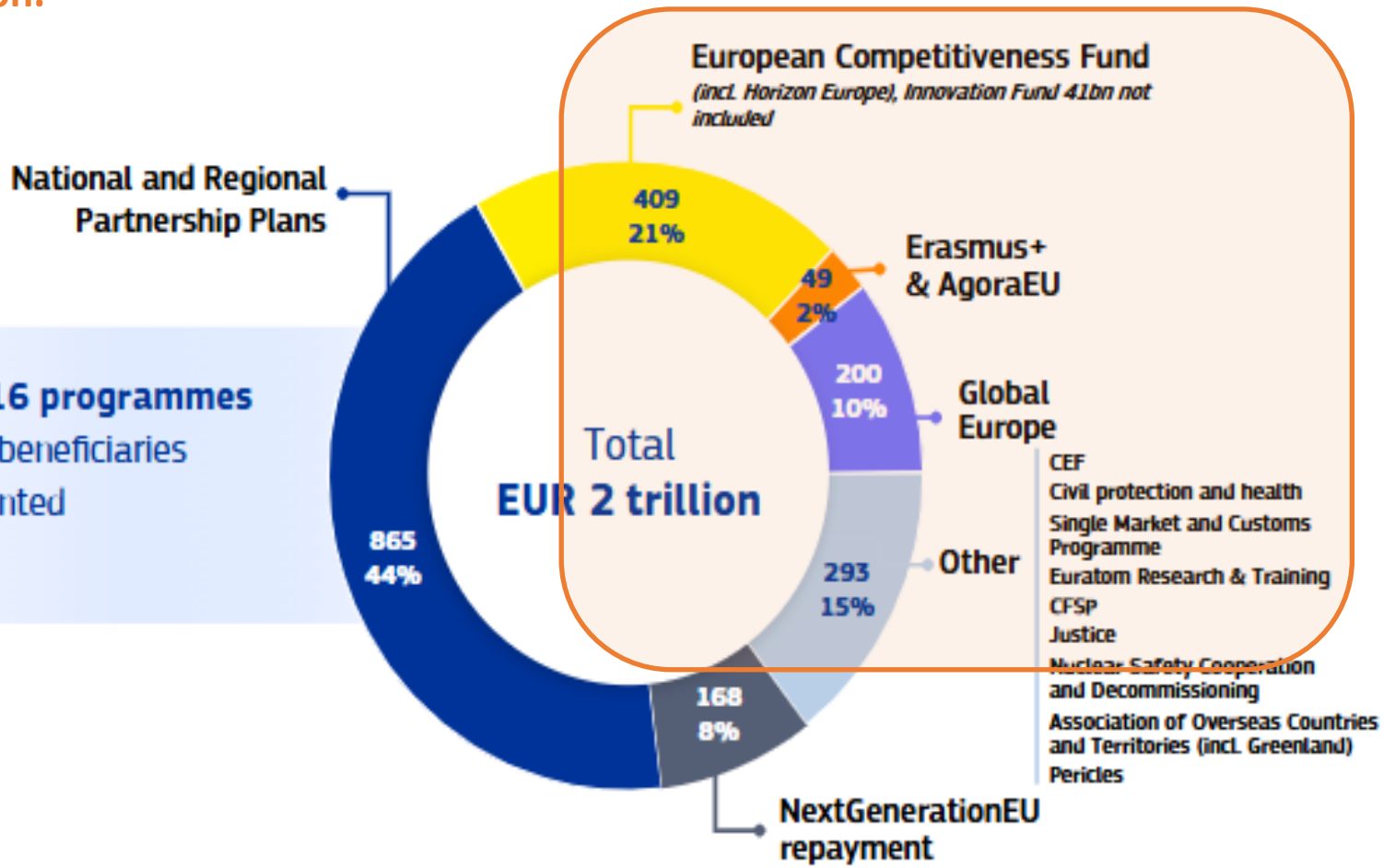
THE SIZE OF DIRECT EU FUNDS IS ALREADY UNPRECEDENTED IN 2021-2027 – AND IS EXPECTED TO GROW FURTHER IN THE NEXT CYCLE, OFFERING GREAT OPPORTUNITIES…

TOTAL MFF (2021-2027): EUR 1.210 Billion



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

The MFF budget for the next cycle is expected to reach EUR 2,000 billion.



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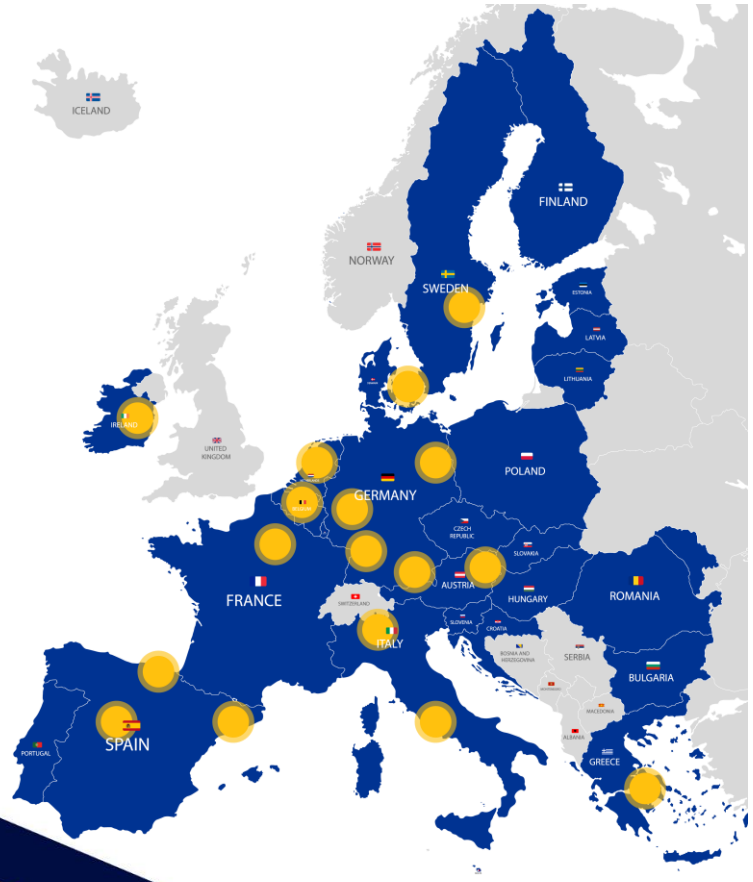
…BUT IF THE DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES TO BE AS UNEVEN AS IT HAS BEEN UP TO NOW, IT WILL UNDERMINE NOT ONLY THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE LAGING REGIONS, BUT ALSO THAT OF THE EU AS A WHOLE.



1. The **TOP20** NUTS2 regions received **53%** of the Horizon Europe funds between 2021-2024, while the **remaining 230 regions** received the remaining **47%.**

2. No region in TOP 20 from EU13 countries!*

3. EU13 cuntries receive **8.39%** of the Horizon Europe (R&D), while they represent **22,69%** of the population of the EU

4. **Less developed** regions received **7.05%** of the Horizon Europe funds. **Transition** regions received **13.94%**, while **developed** regions received **79.01%** of the funds!

FALLING BEHIND

We are significantly behind in terms of the amount of grant per capita, and this gap is growing year by year.(HE: 2021-2025)

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*EU13 = countries, joined EU after 2004.

Source: Horizon Europe statistics 2021-2025

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IT IS OUR MISSION AND INTEREST TO RECEIVE AS MUCH DIRECT EU FUNDING AS POSSIBLE – SO THIS COOPERATION IS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE AND CAN HELP A LOT

23rd EUROPEAN WEEK of REGIONS and CITIES 13-15 OCT 2025

THE GOAL IS AN EFFICIENT MACHINERY TO PRODUCE ENOUGH APPLICATIONS IN GOOD QUALITY

1

WE HELP POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

- Embracing ideas, project development
- Forms and tools of co-financing support
- Coordination of customer processes

2

RELATIONSHIPS, COOPERATIONS

- Project collaborati-ons, NCP projects
- Domestic ecosystem
- EU relations
- **International bilateral relations**

WE SPEAK UP IN THE EU

- Fair rules, **fair funding** (+5-10% intensity in lagging regions)
- **Connect the Ecosystems** - less developed NUT2 regions in EU R&D projects
- **Co-Invest** East&West
- Make it visible (**EU Direct Funds Dashboard**)

TÜRKISH-HUNGARIAN COOPERATION

- **Best Practice** Exchange
- **Matchmaking**, consortia
- Cooperation on **applications**
- Joint **representation of interests**

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