



The European Perspective: The Architecture of the MFF 2028–2034 and what's in for the social economy

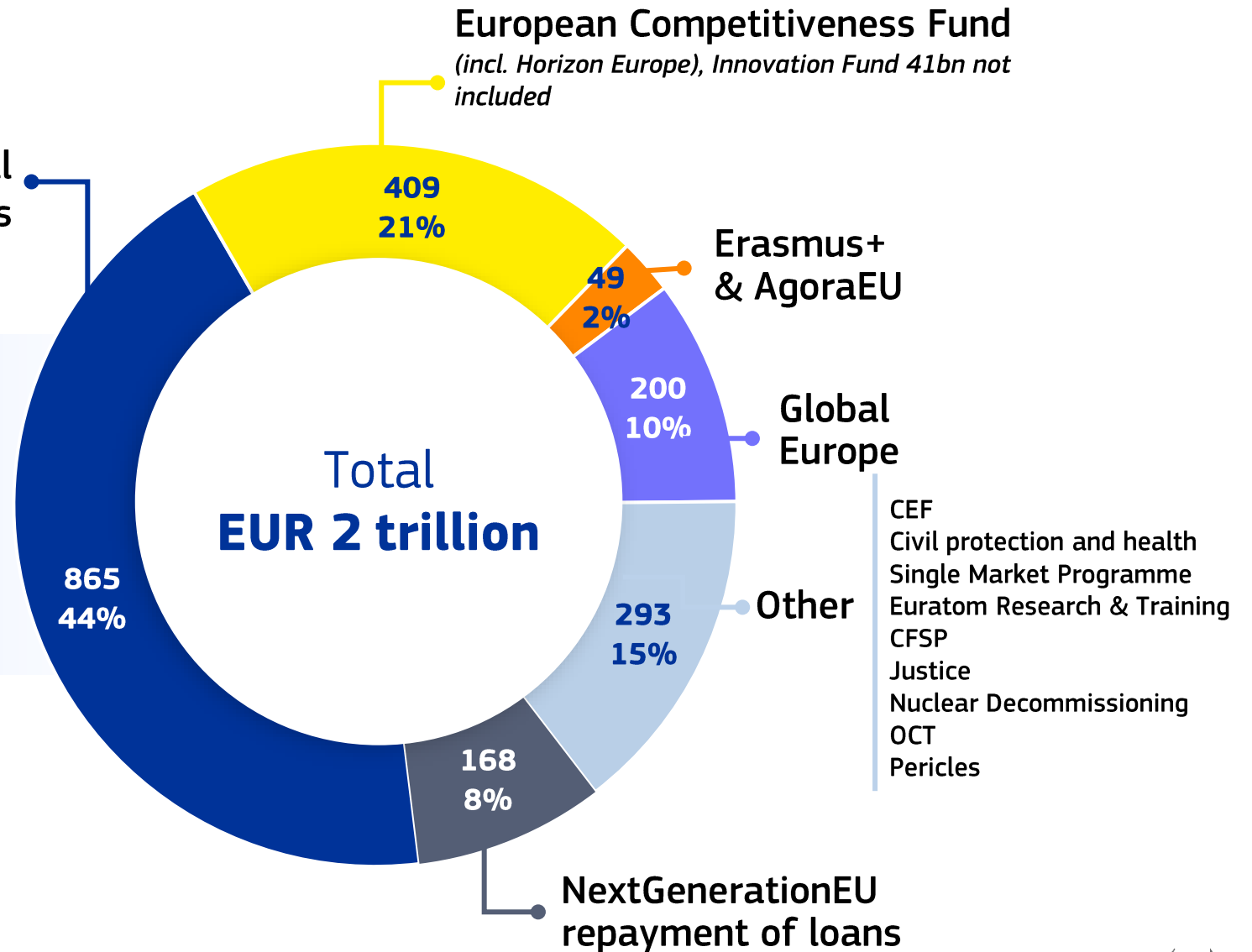
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MFF 2028-2034

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

National and Regional
Partnership Plans



All amounts in EUR, current prices, adjusted with 2% deflator

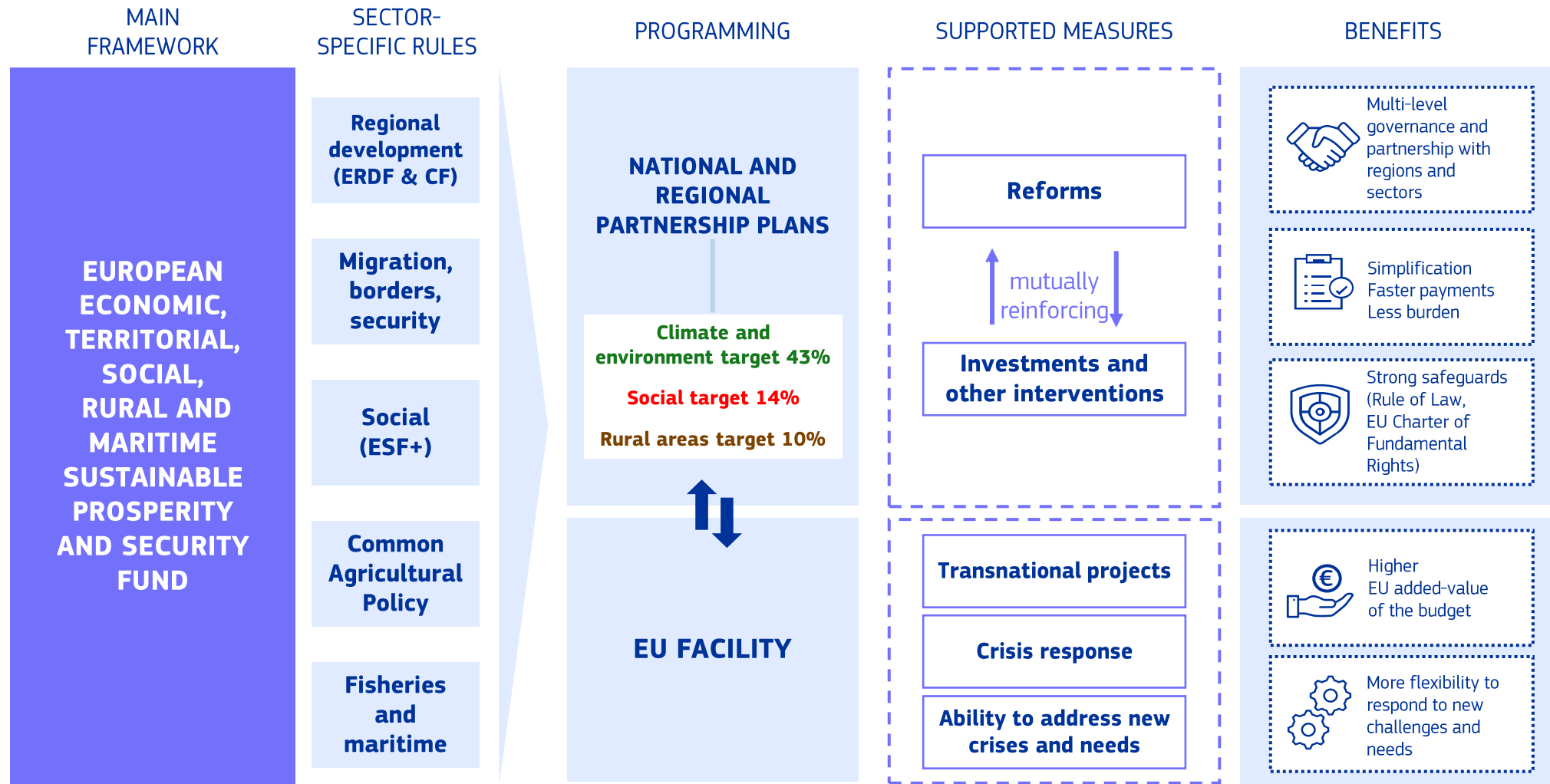


Support to EU social objectives

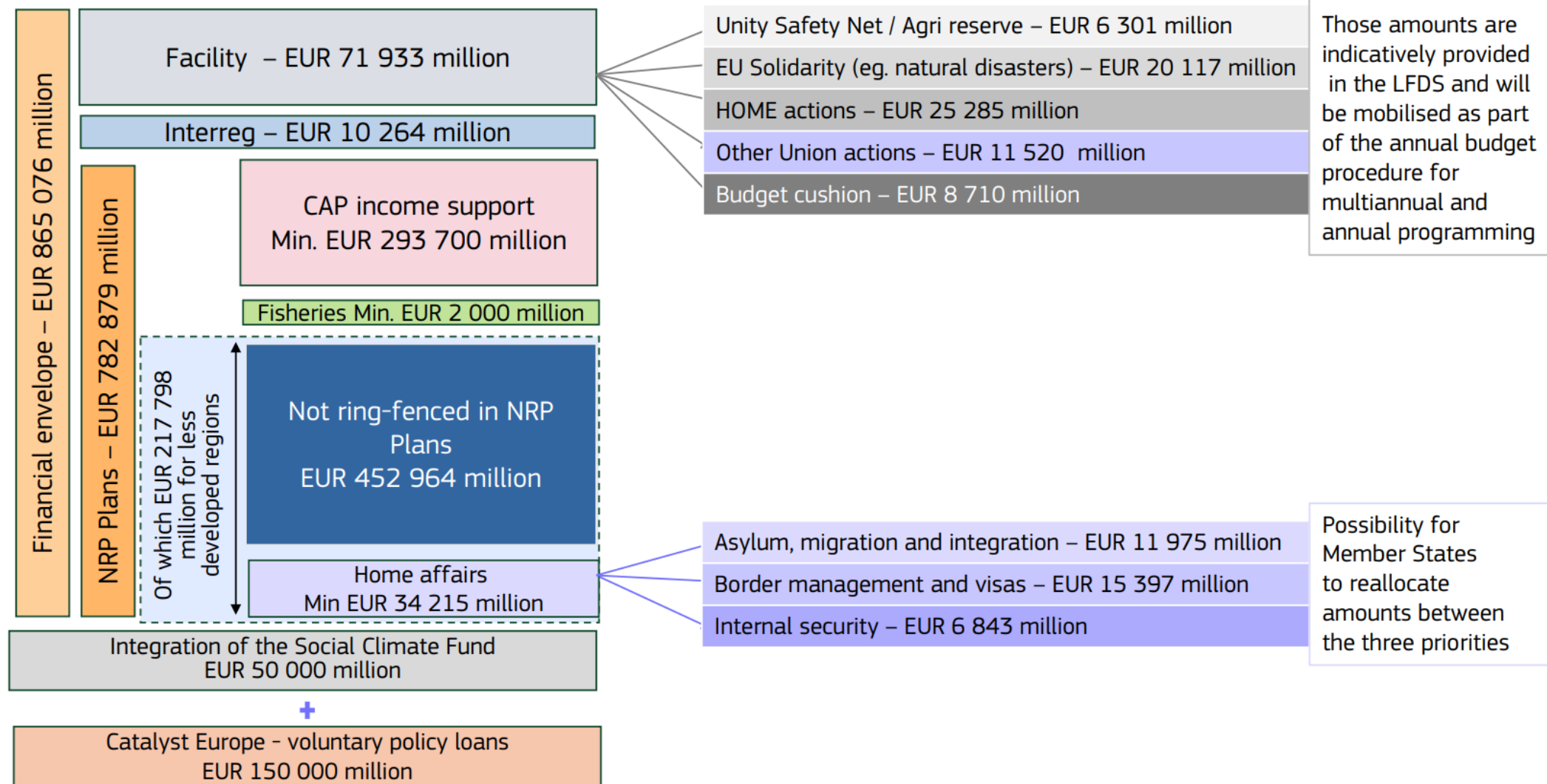
- National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs)
 - ❖ European Social Fund (ESF)
 - ❖ EU Facility
 - ❖ Social Climate Fund (SCF) – financed outside MFF
- European Competitiveness Fund (ECF)
 - ❖ ECF InvestEU instrument
 - ❖ Sole budgetary guarantee under the next MFF
 - ❖ EU Facility connected to that guarantee
 - ❖ Horizon
- Erasmus+, AgoraEU, Global Europe Instrument, and the horizontal crisis mechanism (Own resources decision proposal)



National and Regional Partnership Plans



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Performance Regulation – 14% social target

- **The performance regulation**

- ❖ establishes a **single methodology** for performance, monitoring and evaluation of the Union budget, as well as **Do No Significant Harm** (DNSH) principle
- ❖ establishes a **direct link** between (1) what we finance (the intervention fields), (2) the contributions of those activities to horizontal priorities (**green and social** policies), and (3) their expected outputs and results, measured by means of ‘performance indicators’
- ❖ streamlines common **indicators**, moving from over 5.000 to 900, and allowing EU aggregation
- ❖ streamlines **reporting** requirements, moving from 32 programme-specific reports to a single performance report
- ❖ merges over 30 portals and dashboards into a single entry point for funding opportunities and EU budget performance information – **Single Gateway** portal

- At least **14% of the NRPP Regulation** financial envelope (including loan support and excluding amounts ringfenced for direct support to farmers, fisheries and the SCF) to be **dedicated to meeting the Union's social objectives**.

- ❖ This corresponds to **at least EUR 100 bn**.
- ❖ Based on social tracking of the **EU social coefficients** referred to in the Performance regulation



European Social Fund

- **The ESF is set out in its own self-standing regulation**, confirming its place as the EU's main instrument to invest in Europe's people.
- The ESF contributes, in particular, to the following **general objectives** and relevant specific objectives:
 - ❖ **support quality employment, education and skills and social inclusion** [Art. 2 (b) of NRPP Reg.]
 - ❖ **protect and strengthen democracy in the Union and uphold Union values in accordance with Article 2 TEU** [Art. 2 (e) of NRPP Reg.]
- The ESF will be implemented in **shared management** through the National and Regional Partnership Plans in close **partnership** between the Commission, the Member States, regions, local communities and relevant stakeholders such as social partners and civil society organisations.
- **The ESF regulation complements the NRPP regulation** and includes
 - ❖ specific provisions, with the same principles as in 2021 – 2027, e.g. for social innovation.
 - ❖ **no fixed thematic concentration**, yet, based on European Semester and in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights, the ESF support should be concentrated, in particular, on social inclusion, food and/or basic material assistance, implementing the Child Guarantee, and implementing the Youth Guarantee.



EU Facility

- **Objective:** providing flexibility, financing actions of EU importance and related to crisis situations
 - ❖ **Union actions (Annex XV)** – 63 bn EUR – e.g. Unity safety Net, Home affairs actions, LIFE actions, Solidarity Actions, **inter alia social innovation** and the **InvestEU SISW**
 - ❖ **Emerging challenges and priorities cushion** (budget cushion) – 8,7 bn EUR
- **Union actions [Art. 31, Annex XV] supporting employment and social policy actions:**
 - ❖ social innovation, social experimentation, capacity building of stakeholders, labour mobility and integrated labour markets, including the cross-border dimension of social security systems [\[NRPP, Annex XV 1.b\]](#)
 - ❖ social microfinance, social enterprise finance, social economy, skills, education and training, social infrastructure, inclusion and accessibility [\[NRPP, Annex XV 1.c\]](#)
 - ❖ evidence-based policy making in areas related to the European Pillar of Social Rights [\[NRPP, Annex XV 1.d\]](#)

=> NRPP Regulation maintains core activities of ESF+ EaSI strand and InvestEU SISW
- **Management mode:** Shared, direct, indirect management
- **Implementation:** grants, procurement, budgetary guarantees and financial instruments, blending, indirect management



European Competitiveness Fund

- ECF invests in strategic technologies for clean transition and decarbonization, health, biotech, agriculture and bioeconomy, digital transition, as well as defence and space
- Under **one rulebook**, and offering a **single gateway to funding applicants**, ECF will simplify and accelerate EU funding and catalyse private and public investment
- **Skills development supported** through a European Skills Guarantee, VET business partnerships, Net Zero Industries Academies, circulation of skills
- ECF to host **the sole budgetary guarantee under the next MFF, the ECF InvestEU instrument**, up to EUR 70 bn
 - ❖ Beyond an initial allocation of EUR 10 bn, the rest of the provisioning will come from top-ups either from the 4 sectoral ECF windows or from other programmes, like the EU Facility
- **Microfinance, support to social enterprises, skills development and social infrastructure are general objectives under the ECF**
 - ❖ They will part of the investment guidelines that will frame the implementation of the budgetary guarantee and will be discussed with implementing partners
 - ❖ Guarantee provisioning for the successor to InvestEU SISW will come from the EU Facility under the NRPP





Thank you

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