

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region  
Priority Area 1b: To improve mobility and Multimodality – road, rail and air links

## S1: Financing mechanisms for transport Projects

# Searching for the possibilities of financing transport projects

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**EUSDR - 11 Priority areas:**  
- 24 June 2011: endorsed by  
the European Council!

**PA 1: To improve Mobility  
and Multimodality**

✓ **PA 1a: inland  
waterways - Austria  
and Romania**

✓ **PA 1b : rail, road and  
air links - Slovenia and  
Serbia**



- **14 States:** Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Moldova, Ukraine
- **Population:** 115 million (EU27: 502 mio) **Area:** 1,092.591 km2 (EU27: 4,324,782)

# EUSDR 4 pillars and 12 priority areas

## EUSDR PILLAR I:

### Connecting the Danube Region



**PA 1A**

**Waterways Mobility**



**PA 1B**

**Rail-Road-Air Mobility**



**PA 2**

**Sustainable Energy**



**PA 3**

**Culture & Tourism**

Pillar 2: Protecting the Environment in the Danube Region

Pillar 3: Building Prosperity in the Danube Region

Pillar 4: Strengthening the Danube Region



# Funding Opportunities for Transport (1)

**FUNDING SOURCES FOR TRANSPORT ARE VARIOUS HOWEVER NOT NUMEROUS!**

## MAIN TYPES OF FUNDING:

1. **GRANTS:** awarded through public announcement (call for proposals); aim to cover a wide range of areas, including studies, technical assistance, training, consultancy, equipment and many others.
2. **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:** loans, guarantees and equity as forms of financial assistance to support different policies and programmes
3. **PUBLIC CONTRACTS:** awarded through calls for tender (public procurement); aim to implement specific projects, are not considered a form of EU funding.

**Principles of transparency and equal treatment must apply!**

# Funding Opportunities for Transport (2)

## MAIN EU FUNDING SOURCES:

### ☐ Regional and urban policy:

- **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**, including:
  - **European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)/ INTERREG A, B and C**
- **A (CBC)**: e.g. Austria-Czech Republic, Austria-Hungary, Slovakia-Austria, Slovenia-Austria, ...  
..., incl. IPA CBC Bulgaria - Serbia
- **B (transnational cooperation)**: Alpine Space, Central Europe, **Danube**, Adriatic-Ionian, Mediterranean
- **C (territorial co-operation)**: INTERREG Europe, ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme, URBACT III will act as a European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development, INTERACT (source of information to stakeholders).
- **Cohesion fund (CF)** is aimed at Member States whose Gross National Income (GNI) per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the EU average

# Funding Opportunities for Transport (3)

## MAIN EU FUNDING SOURCES:

### ☐ Mobility and transport:

- **Connecting Europe facility (CEF)**
- **Horizon 2020:** supporting innovation for resource-efficient, environmentally-friendly, safe and seamless European transport system. Over €2.3 billion available in 2014-2020, of which €950 million in 2018-2020.

**OPEN! Call for project proposals (the deadline to apply is 16/01/2019)**

[Smart, green and integrated transport - Mobility for Growth](#)

### ☐ Financial operations and instruments:

- **European fund for strategic investments (EFSI)**
- **LGTT** (Loan Guarantee Instrument for Trans-European Transport Network Projects), an innovative financial instrument which aims at facilitating a larger participation of the private sector involvement in the financing of TEN-T infrastructure ),
- **Marguerite Fund** equity financing (for Energy, Climate Change and Infrastructure) is a pan-European equity fund that acts as a catalyst for key investments in renewables, energy and transport),
- **WBIF** (The Western Balkans Investment Framework) is a regional blending facility supporting EU enlargement and socio-economic development

### ☐ **Other: e.g. LIFE programme:** EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action - prevention and reduction of air and noise pollution, air quality management etc.

# Funding Opportunities for Transport (4)

## MAIN EU FUNDING SOURCES FOR NON-EU COUNTRIES:

- **IPA II** (Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance) – support to the EU candidate countries
- **ENI** (European Neighbourhood Instrument) - support for local development projects that aim at sustainable development and connection to EU policies and standards in neighbouring countries of the EU;
  - through **NIP (*Neighbourhood Investment Platform*)** ex NIF (Neighbourhood Investment Facility) and
  - **EFSD Guarantee** (The European Fund for Sustainable development): entry into force September 2017
- Programmes: **European territorial cooperation**:
  - e.g. IPA CBC Bulgaria – Serbia, IPA CBC Romania - Serbia...

# Funding Opportunities for Transport (5)

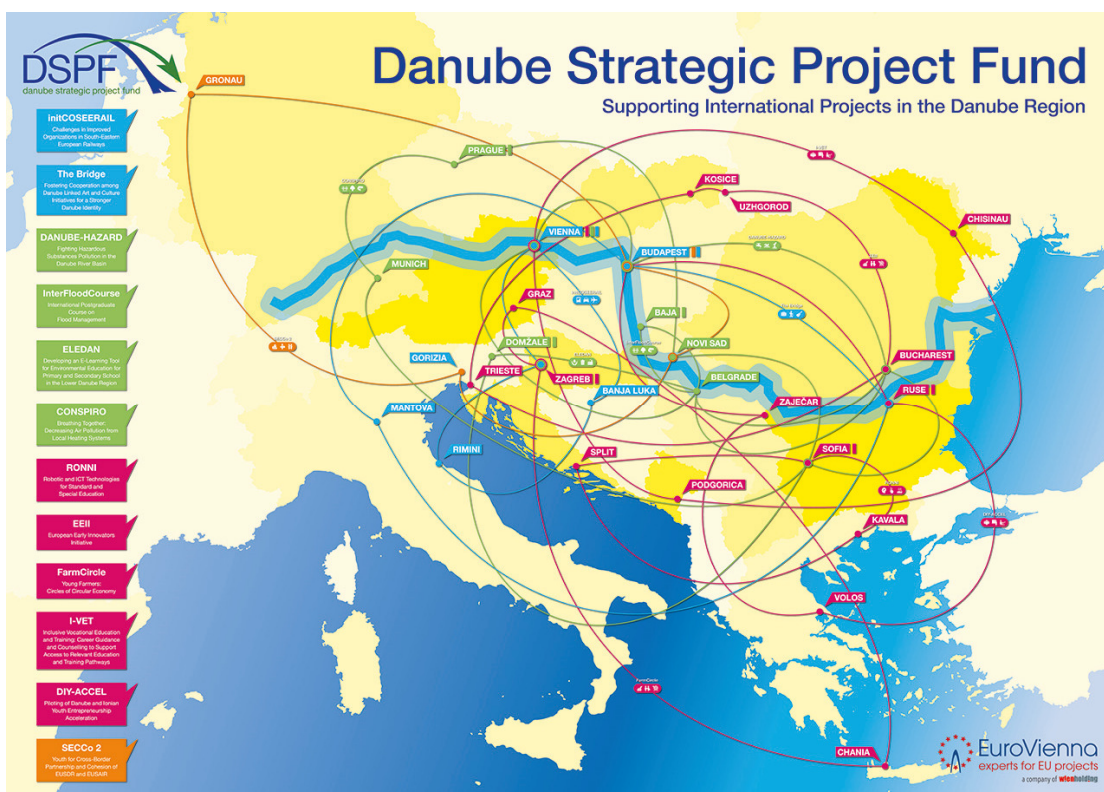
## OTHER FUNDING SOURCES:

- ☐ National funding (state, regional and local)
- ☐ Private funding (PPP models)



# Funding Opportunities for Transport (6)

„Small / Seed money opportunities“: aim to support appraisal of project proposals, studies or pilot projects



Examples:

■ **DSPF** (Danube Strategic Project Fund): 2017

<https://www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/danube-strategic-project-fund>

■ **DTP – SMF**: call was open until 7 December 2017;

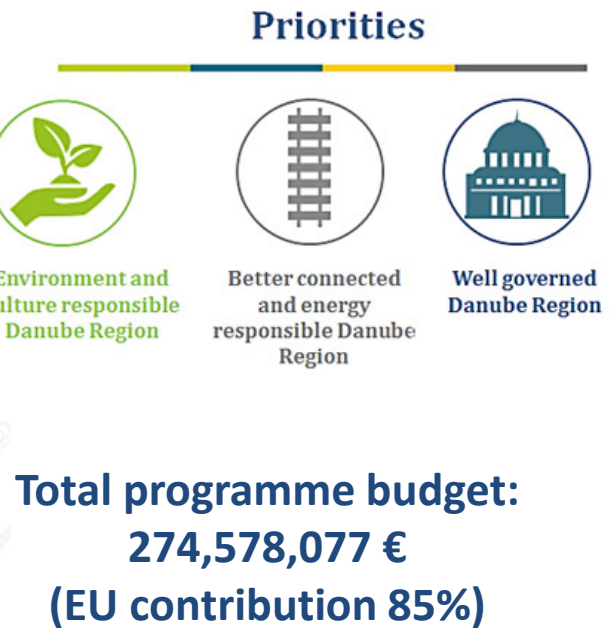
<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/calls/calls-for-proposals/seed-money-facility-call>

**No Call open at present!**

# Danube Transnational Programme (DTP)



**3 different funds:**  
ERDF – Member States  
IPA – Pre-accession &  
accession countries  
ENI – Neighboring  
countries



# Danube Transnational Programme (DTP)

**Planned in the beginning of 2019:  
the 3rd Call, under SO 3.1, the DTP will support projects addressing:**

- **Transport corridors crossing the Danube region** (e.g. addressing identified missing links, proposing solutions for improvement including [cross-border] traffic management systems, developing actions plans/ feasibility plans aimed at further developing the transport corridors – considering the pre-identified projects or their development status)
- **Cycling routes crossing the Danube region** (e.g. identifying missing links, proposing solutions for improvement, developing actions plans/ feasibility plans aimed at further developing the routes)
- **Inter- and multi-modality**, including development of ports' connections to road and rail transport for the improvement of transport chains

# SLOVENIA and EU funds

# Case: Funding Transport in Slovenia (1)

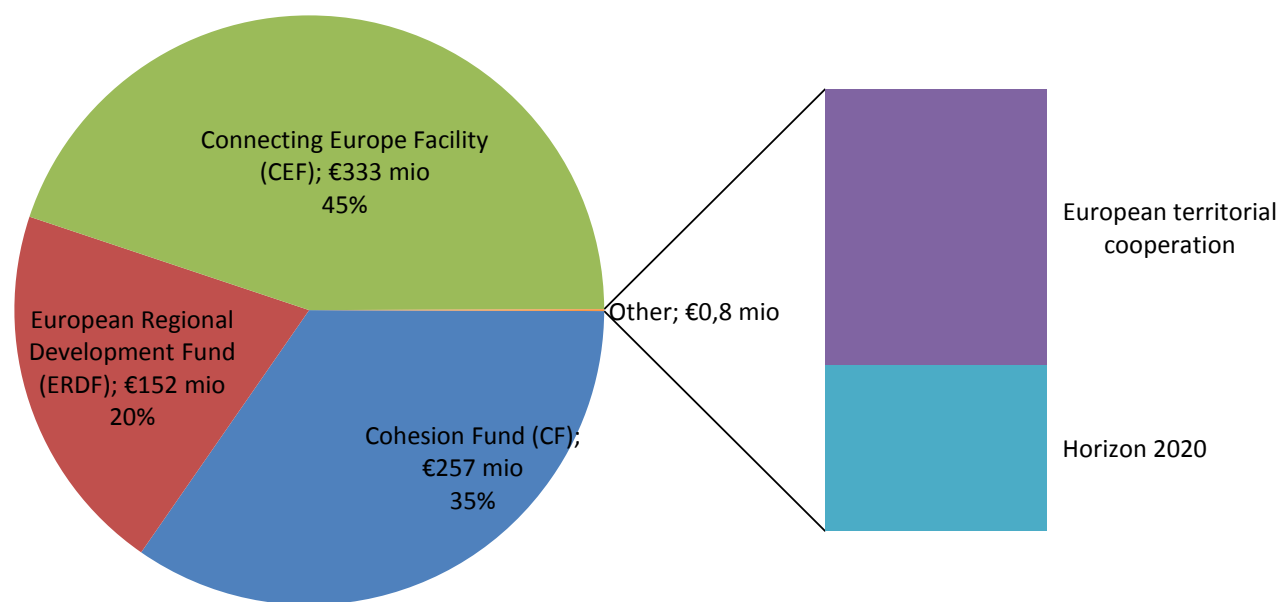
## MAIN SOURCES OF FUNDING:

1. National budget
2. EU funding
3. Local budgets
4. Private financing



## Case: Funding Transport in Slovenia (2)

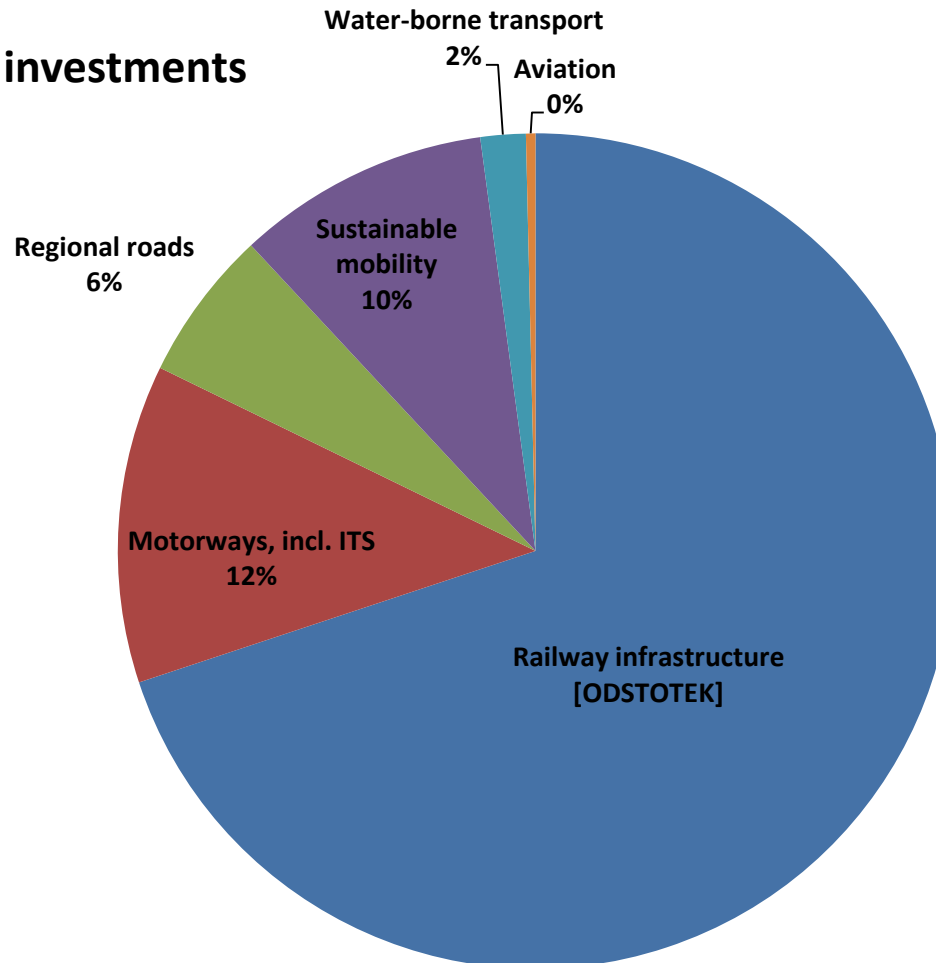
**Available sources of EU financing for transport in the period  
2014-2020: €744 mio EUR**



Source: Ministry of Infrastructure, November 2018

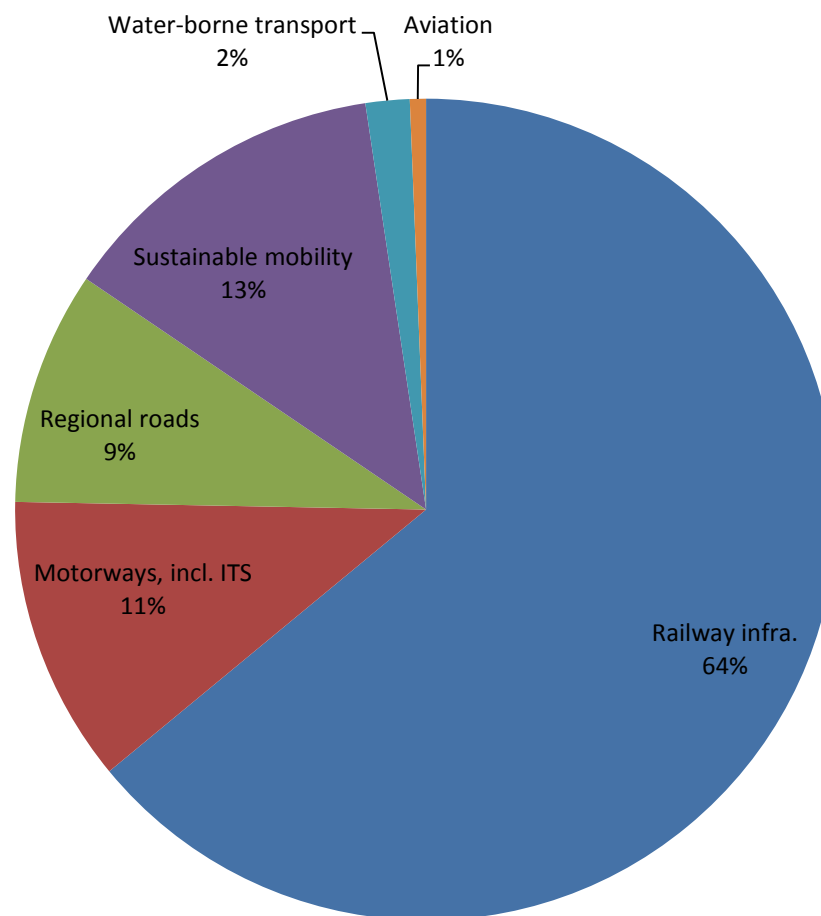
## Case: Funding Transport in Slovenia (3)

EU co-funded investments



## Case: Funding Transport in Slovenia (4)

### EU funds allocations



## Case: Funding Transport in Slovenia (5)

Main projects co-funded by the EU grants:

- **Second railway track from Divača – Koper**  
CEF and ESIF EU co-funding: 250 mio EUR
- **Upgrading of the existing railway line Zidani Most-Celje**  
282,8 mio EUR (CEF: 90,58 mio EUR)
- **Upgrading the Šentilj – Maribor rail line and the second track of this line**  
253,69 mio EUR (CF: 101 mio EUR)
- **Upgrading Pragersko railway hub**  
88,9 mio EUR (ERDF: 40 mio EUR)
- **Tube 2 of the Karavanke motorway tunnel**  
195,34 mio EUR (EU: 11,68 mio EUR)
- **Construction of the missing TEN-T section - motorway Draženci – Gruškovje**  
176,76 mio EUR (EU: 63,52 mio EUR)
- **Third developement axi - motorway Novo mesto junction - Novo mesto**  
139,30 mio EUR (EU: 39,67 mio EUR)

# TOWARDS FP 2021 – 2027

(source: the European Commission)



# EU Long-term Budget 2021-2027

## ALIGNED TO POLITICAL PRIORITIES!

I. Single market, Innovation and digital	Eur 187,4
II. Cohesion and Values	Eur 442,4
III. Natural Resources and Environment	Eur 378,9
IV. Migration and Border Management	Eur 34,9
V. Security and defence	Eur 27,5
VI. Neighbourhood and the World	Eur 123
VII. European Public administration	Eur 85,3



# CEF 2 Proposal by the Commission

## EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY

**Transport**                      **30,615 billion EUR**

(out of it **24,115** for efficient and interconnected networks  
Smart sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility, and  
**6,500** TEN-T adopted to military mobility requirements)

**Energy**                              **8,650 billion EUR**

**Digital**                                **3,000 billion EUR**



# CEF Transport: the Specific objectives

## **1. Development of the TEN-T network 60%**

- 75% - Core Network Corridors
- 10% - Other sections of the Core network
- 15% - Comprehensive network specific sections: cross-border links & outermost regions

## **2. Modernisation of existing TEN-T network 40%**

- Core and Comprehensive network :

Smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure TEN-T:

MoS, Telematic application systems (e.g. VTMIS, RIS, ITS, ERTMS, SESAR), freight transport services, new technologies and innovation (e.g. alternative fuels, automation), interoperability, road safety, climate change, accessibility, security and civil protection

# EU Budget for the future Regional Policy and Cohesion: A modern, dynamic policy

## Modern investment

- Focus on transition to smart, low-carbon economy
- Stronger conditions & link to European Semester
- Comprehensive performance data (in near real time), open data

## Simple, flexible, dynamic

- 7 funds, 1 regulation (50% shorter)
- 80 key administrative simplifications
- Faster implementation (return to n+2)
- Responsive to emerging needs (migration, economy)

## For all regions

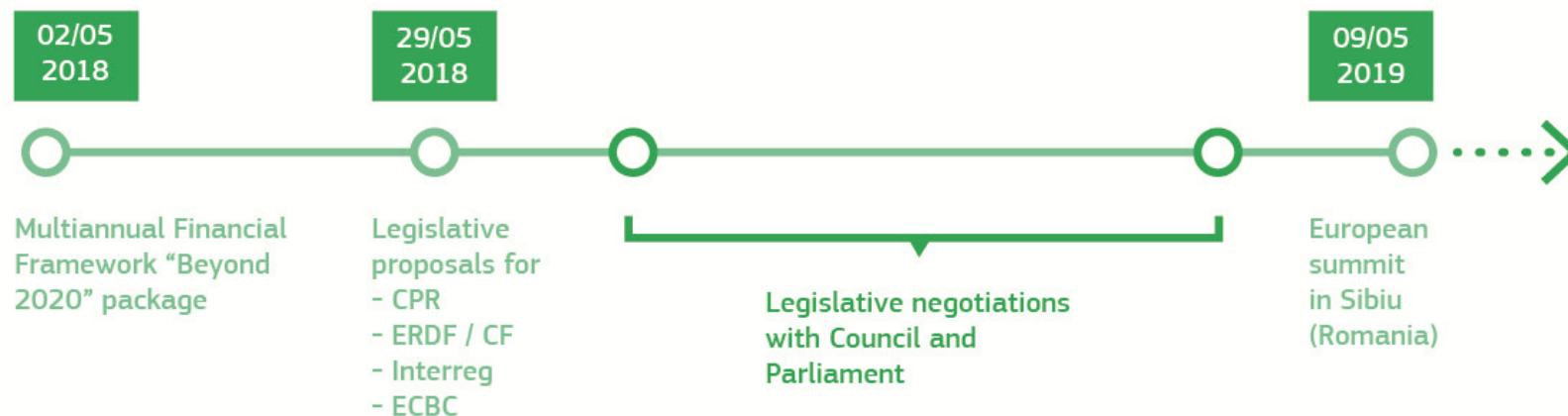
- Balanced and fair "Berlin method"
- 75% to poorest regions, where most needed
- Tackling emerging needs and economic transition across the EU

## Allocations by Member State

Member State	2021-27 allocation (billions, 2018 prices)	Change from 2014-2020 period (%)	Aid intensity (EUR/head)	Change from 2014- 2020 period (%)
<b>BG</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>RO</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>HR</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>0</b>
LV	4.3	-13	308	0
<b>HU</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-22</b>
EL	19.2	8	254	12
PL	64.4	-23	239	-24
LT	5.6	-24	278	-12
EE	2.9	-24	317	-22
PT	21.2	-7	292	-5
<b>SK</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>-22</b>
CY	0.9	2	147	-5
<b>SI</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>CZ</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>-25</b>
ES	34.0	5	105	3
MT	0.6	-24	197	-28
IT	38.6	6	91	5
FR	16.0	-5	34	-9
FI	1.6	5	42	2
BE	2.4	0	31	-5
SE	2.1	0	31	-6
<b>DE</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-20</b>
DK	0.6	0	14	-3
<b>AT</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-4</b>
NL	1.4	0	12	-3
IE	1.1	-13	33	-17
LU	0.1	0	16	-14
<b>EU27</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>-11</b>



# Timeline for the adoption of FP 2021-2027



# Conclusions

If you have been thinking about applying for EU funding, **you have to go to the right place!**

- Depending on size of the project, area addressed and/or geographical scope funding instrument should be carefully selected e.g. Horizon 2020, CEF, INTERREG transnational programme, ...
- Much depends on the nature of the project prepared and submitted, its scope and priorities
- Since needs are high while funding sources are limited there will be always good projects not funded !!
- Funding opportunities may also be found in other areas.

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# Thank you very much!

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