



Cohesion policy supporting disaster risk management

Workshop on Civil Protection capacity building tools and EU funding opportunities

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Cohesion Policy 2021-2027

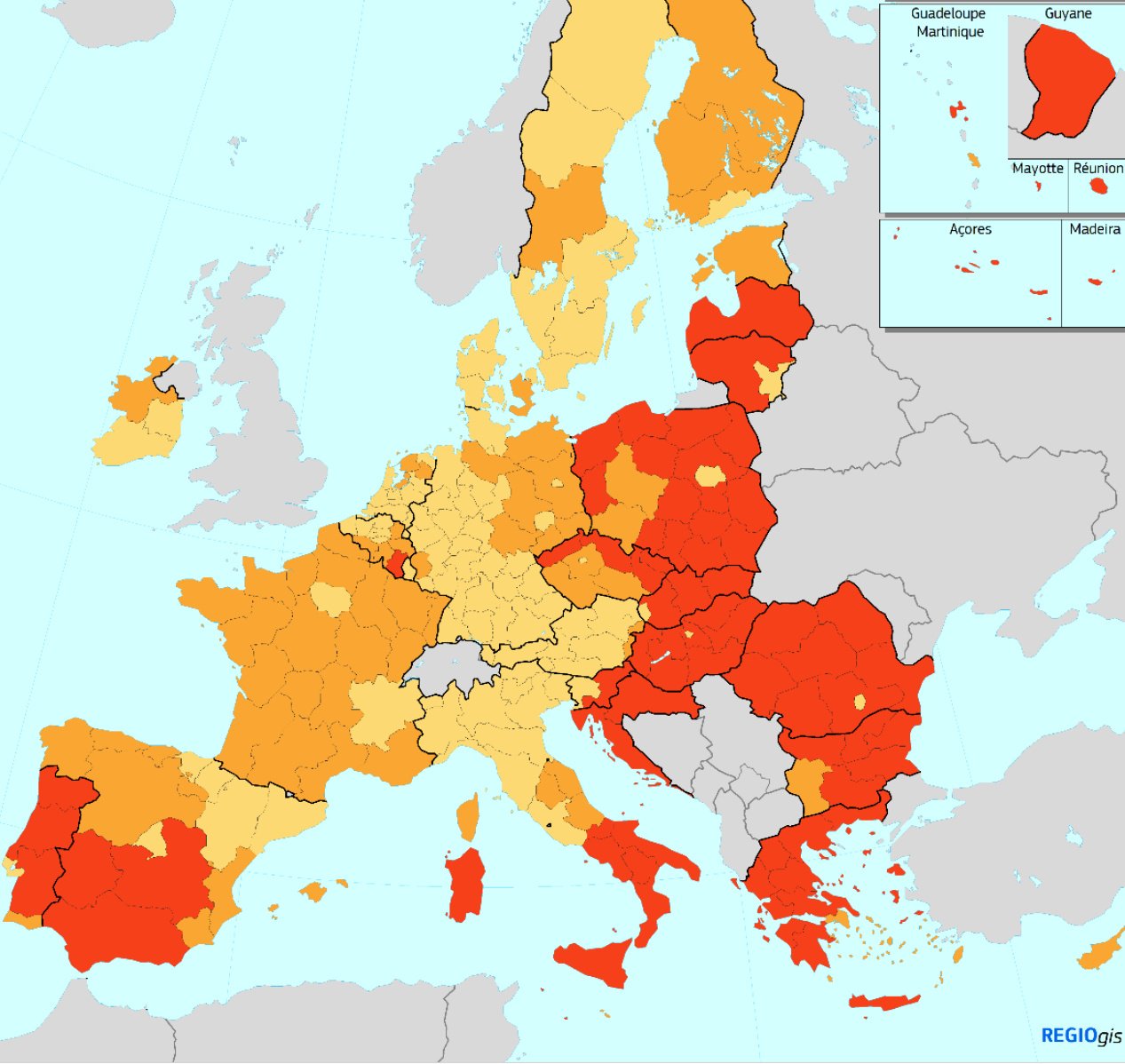
**1/3 of the EU budget (ERDF, CF, ESF +, JTF)
to:**

- Reduce disparities between Europe's regions, strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Contribute to EU priorities, including the European Green Deal

5 Policy Objectives:

1. A more competitive and smarter Europe
2. A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe
3. A more connected Europe
4. A more social and inclusive Europe
5. A Europe closer to citizens

**At least 30% of the ERDF and 37% of the CF
dedicated to climate action.**



Investment for jobs and growth goal (ERDF and ESF+) eligibility, 2021-2027

Categories of regions

- Less developed regions (GDP/head (PPS) less than 75% of the EU-27 average)
- Transition regions (GDP/head (PPS) between 75% and 100% of the EU-27 average)
- More developed regions (GDP/head (PPS) above 100% of the EU-27 average)

Cohesion Policy investments in prevention, preparedness and response to disasters

Examples of investments include:

- actions to improve the knowledge base,
- preparation and implementation of adaptation to climate change strategies,
- awareness-raising campaigns,
- protection and prevention infrastructure,
- climate proofing of buildings and networks,
- management of land, forests and rivers to prevent specific risks.

Cohesion policy supports adaptation measures by promoting ecosystem-based approaches. This means that nature-based solutions should be preferred and streamlined across different investment areas.

Ensure an effective framework is in place and support climate proofing of future infrastructure

Effective disaster risk management framework in place and fulfilled description of the key risks, preparedness and financing

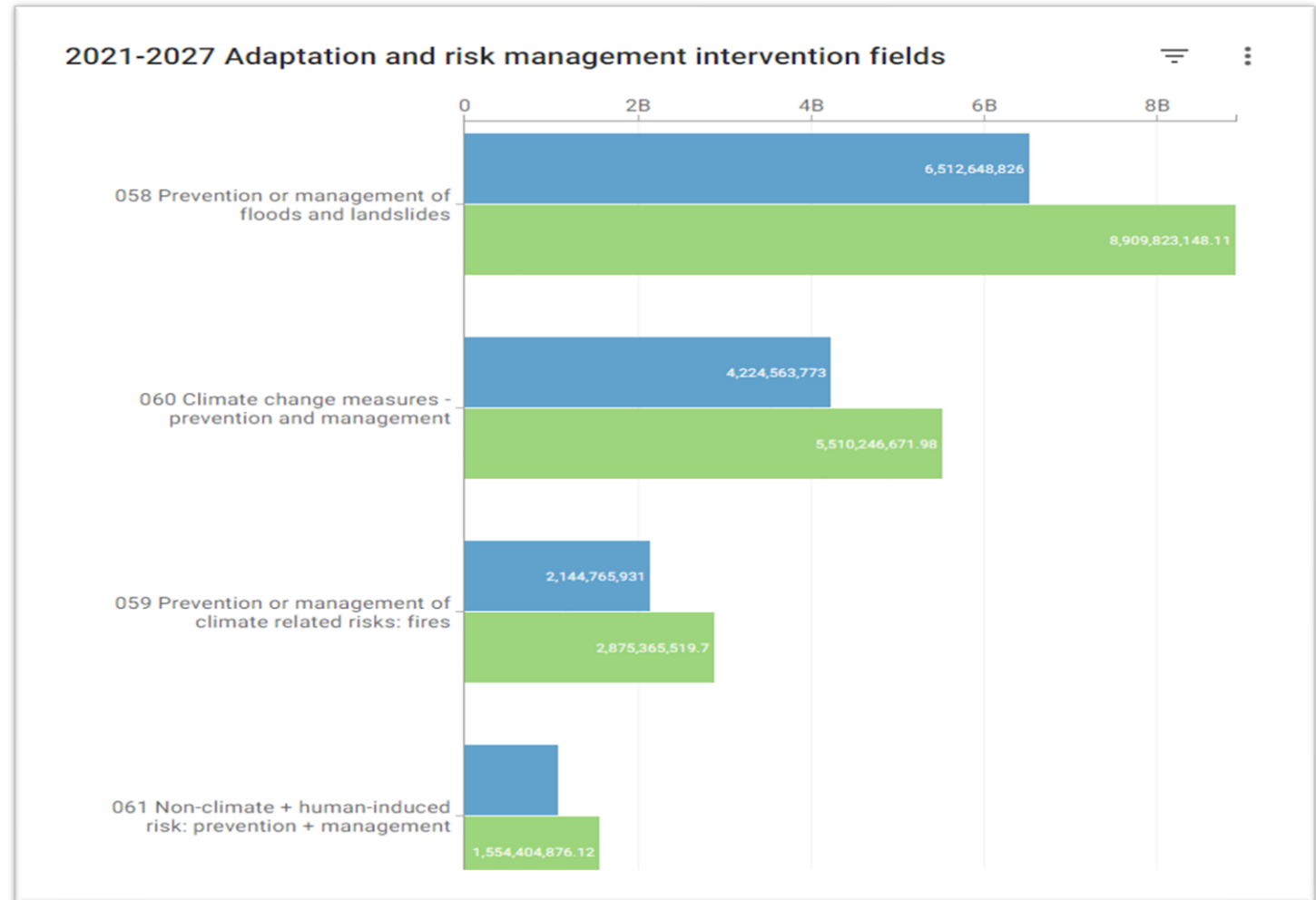
In the 2021-2027 period, managing authorities have to ensure that selected investments in infrastructure with an expected lifespan of at least five years are climate proofed

'climate proofing' means a process to prevent infrastructure from being vulnerable to potential long-term climate risks whilst ensuring that the 'energy efficiency first' principle is respected and that the level of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the project is consistent with the climate neutrality objective in 2050.

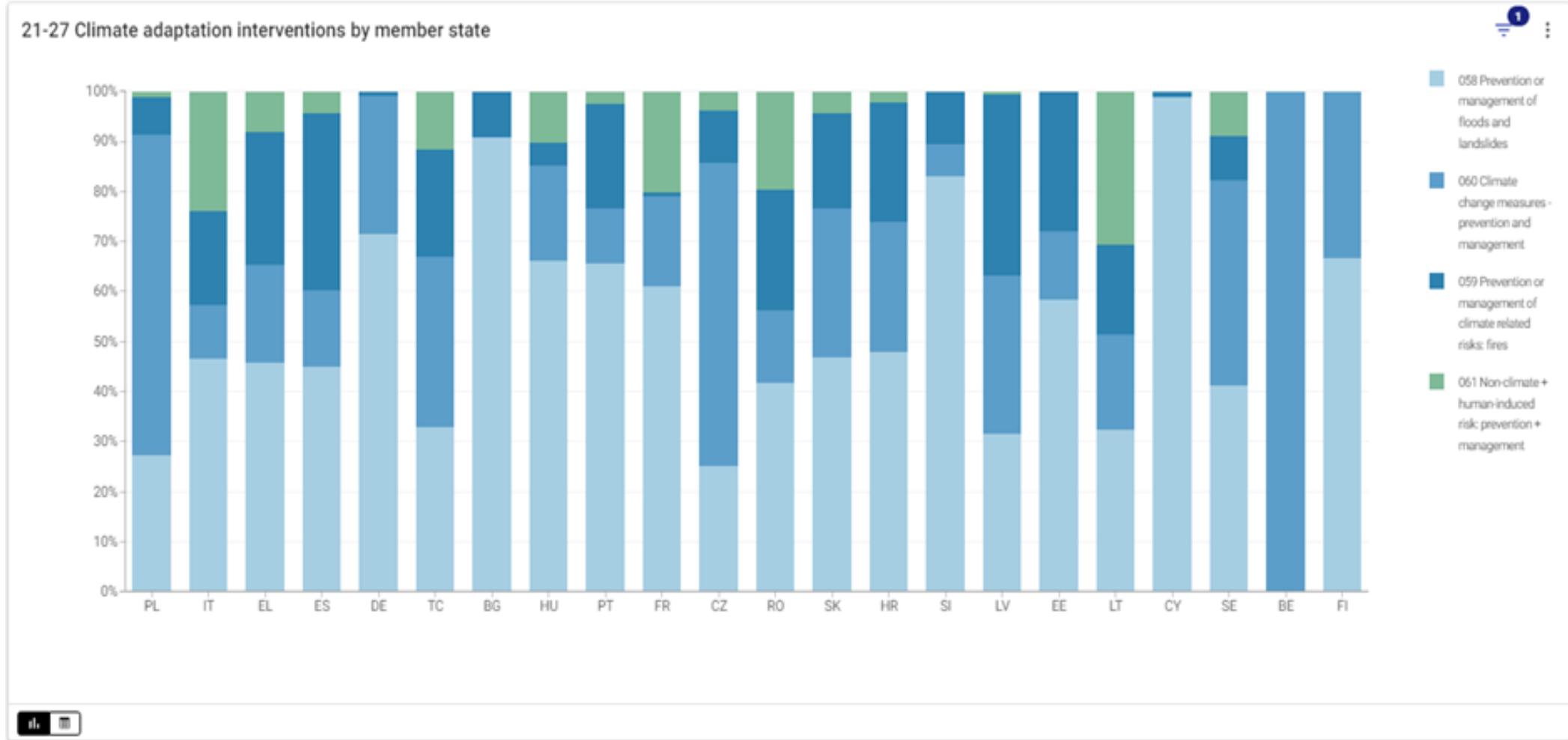
EUR 19 billion for Disaster Risk Management

4 types of investment

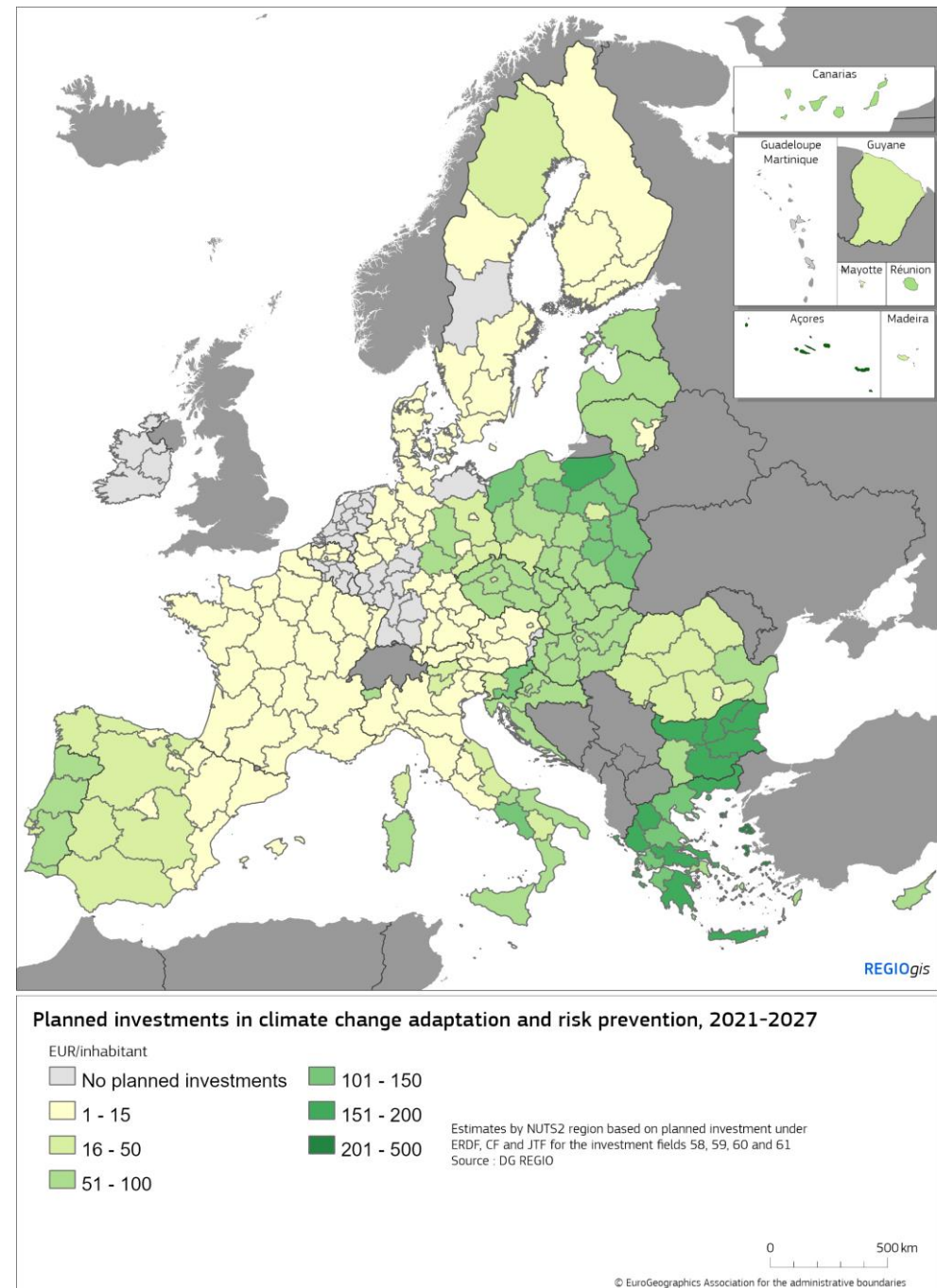
The highest allocations are for the prevention and management of climate-related floods as well as climate change measures



Disaster Risk Management – distribution per MS (2021-2027)



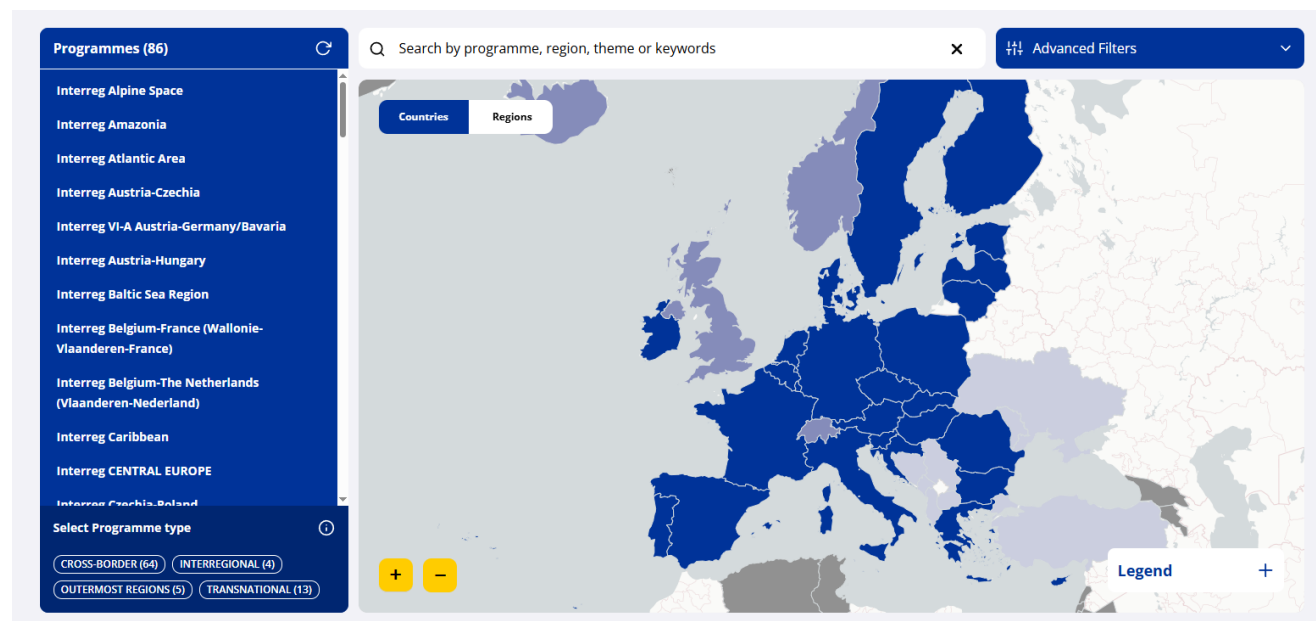
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Interreg

- Series of EU funding programmes that support cooperation between countries and regions.
- 7 objectives: Smarter, Greener Connected, Social, Citizens, Governance and Safer Europe.
- Total budget: EUR 14.2 billion
- Support to climate adaptation and DRM: EUR 1.2 billion (total).

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Example: joint risk preparedness in the Danube area (RO-BG)

Joint monitoring systems and improved cooperation damages caused by environmental disasters such as hail, air pollution and floods in the Danube border area have been reduced.

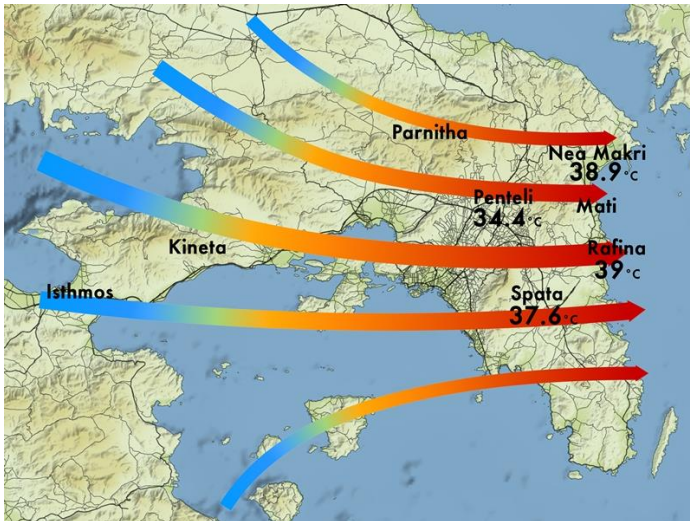
Benefits of the project

- improvement of emergency preparedness and disaster flood risk management, and prevention of disasters
- joint risk management plans and model projects
- purchase of emergency equipment, such as rescue equipment, and monitoring instruments
- Embedded in a long-term strategic approach

Total budget: 11 508 671 €
EU contribution: 9 761 655 €



Example: DISARM: a better understanding of drought and wildfire risk in the south-eastern Mediterranean



DISARM developed an observation and early warning system to help authorities better respond to drought and wildfires in Bulgaria, Cyprus and Greece. The system includes forest fire risk indicators and a high-resolution fire spread model, adapted to the geography and climate of the Southern Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean.

Key actions

- Creation the disarmfire.eu website, a mobile application, and the IRIS early warning system for firefighting services.
- Development of algorithms to establish fire and drought vulnerability indices to provide short-term and monthly forecasts.
- Elaboration of remote sensing techniques to detect wildfires from space.

*Total budget: 1 028 547 €
EU contribution: 874 265 €*



Example: Water reservoir Racibórz Dolny on the river Oder (PL)

Benefits of the project

- Part of comprehensive flood protection programme of the upper and middle Oder
- High flood-water retention capacity to absorb peak flood waves
- Protecting the cities of Wrocław and Opole (more than 1 000 000 inhabitants)

Fund: Cohesion Fund (CF)
Total budget: 333 300 540,00 €
EU contribution: 160 089 600,00 €

Technical assistance to Member States

- **Cohesion4Transitions (C4T) Community of Practice**

Tailor-made assistance for the implementation of investments financed by ERDF and CF under PO2

- **TAIEX-REGIO - Peer to peer**

Assistance for expert missions, workshops, study visits, online events

- **The joint assistance to support projects in European regions (JASPERS)**

advises on strategies, programmes and projects for investments supported by EU grant funds, with the aim of promoting growth and paving the way to a smarter, greener and more connected Europe.

EU Solidarity Fund - EUSF

The EUSF supports EU Member States and accession countries by offering financial support after **severe natural disasters** and **major public health emergencies**.

Since 2002, the EUSF has mobilised over **€ 8.6 billion** for interventions in **130 disaster events** (110 natural disasters and 20 health emergencies) in 24 Member States (plus the United Kingdom) and four accession countries (Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, and Türkiye).

The EUSF's annual budget amounts to **€ 1.17 billion** in 2025 prices.

RESTORE – Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction

21 October 2024: Commission adoption of ‘RESTORE - Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction’ as a **fast response** to the disasters that took place in the EU last September.

Objective: mobilisation of cohesion policy funding for the **reconstruction** of the damaged infrastructures.

Result: It will allow Member States impacted by a natural disaster to **reprogramme** part of their ERDF and ESF+ allocations. Retrospective application as of **1 January 2024** and up to **31 December 2025**.

Budgetary flexibilities: An additional **pre-financing of 25%**, to immediately inject liquidity. The **EU** will be able to **finance up to 95%** of the supported measures.

Thank you



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