

Funding Coordination in the Danube Region

Interreg Danube Region

**A smarter
Danube Region**

**A greener,
low-carbon
Danube Region**

**A more social
Danube Region**

**A better cooperation
governance in the
Danube Region**

Priority 1 OBJECTIVE 1.1

**Enhancing innovation
and technology transfer
in the Danube Region**

The Programme addresses actions developing and enhancing **research and innovation** capacities and the uptake of **advanced technologies**. These include actions complementing national and regional mainstream with **innovative** and **coordinated policy, planning** and **pilot tested led delivery**.



Priority 1 OBJECTIVE 1.2

**Developing skills for
smart specialisation, industrial
transition and entrepreneurship**

The Programme supports actions advancing **smart specialisation** strategies, **industrial transformation** and transition towards **industry 4.0** in the Danube Region. The Programme also encourages actions increasing **cross-sectoral collaborations** and **smart networking** in business, science and infrastructure sectors.

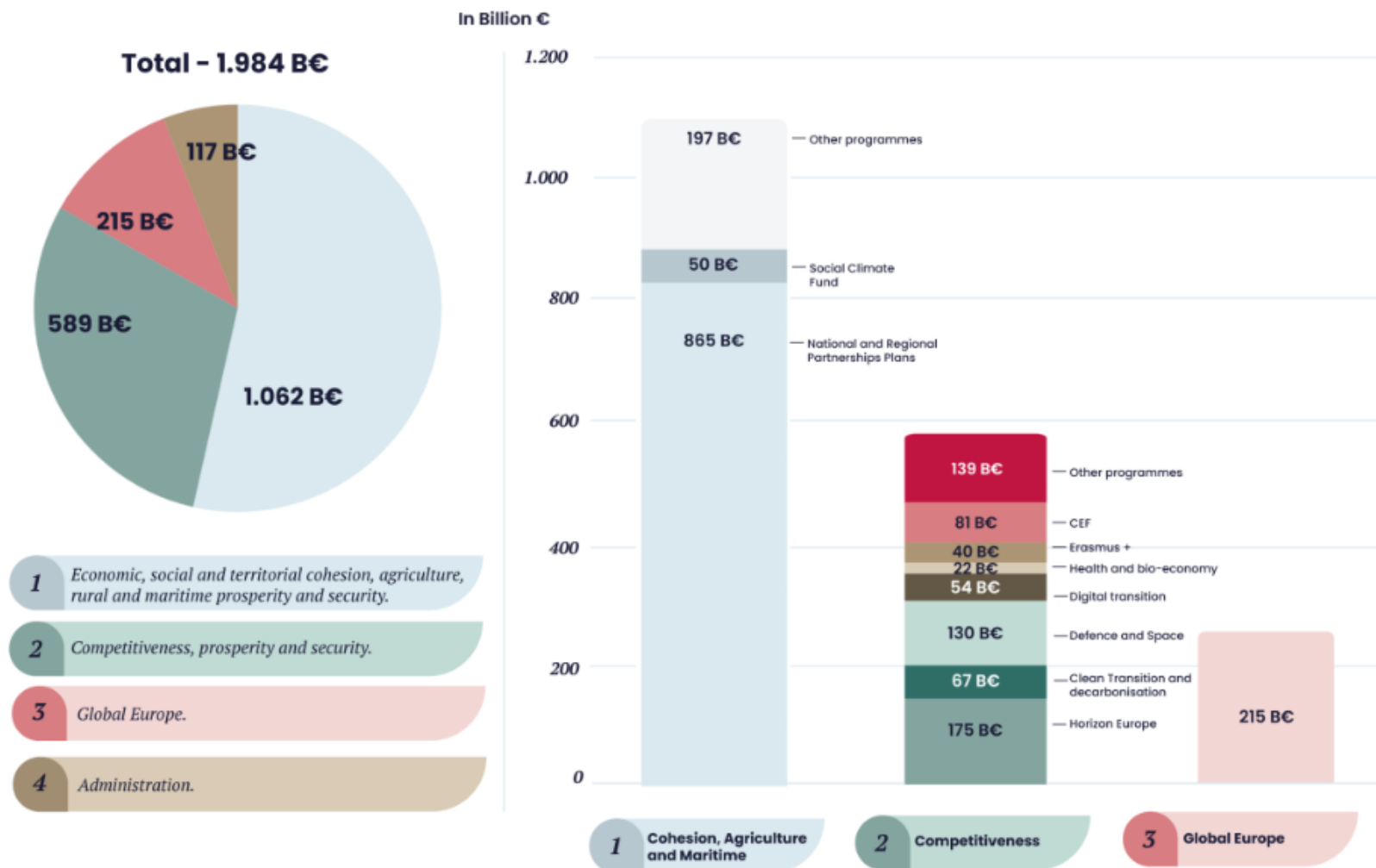


€226,206,024 Granted **139** Projects **1382** Partners



- Third call is currently ongoing (deadline submission 15. December 2025)
- **Specific Objective 1.2 Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship – open for submission – budget for that part ~ 2,8 Mio. Euro**
- **+ 3 objectives in green (2.1, 2.2, 2.3) 2 objectives in social (3.1, 3.2) and 1 objective in cooperation (4.2)**
- **Projects to start in June 2026**

The 2028–2034 Multiannual Financial Framework





Horizon Europe 2025/2026/2027

OPEN:

[Water4All 2025 Joint Transnational Call “Water and health”](#)

Opening date: **12 September 2025** | Next deadline: **13 April 2026**

[SoS2LearnDBS’s Open call for Community-Led Actions to restore Danube-Black Sea Waters \(OC-CLed-SoS2LearnDBS-2025\)](#)

Opening date: **27 November 2025** | Deadline date: **30 March 2026**

[TASC-RestoreMed Open Call Type B: Transition Agenda Development \(TAD\)](#)

[TASC-RestoreMed Open Call Type A: Community-Led Actions \(CLA\)](#)

Opening date: **27 November 2025** | Deadline date: **27 May 2026**

[EUROLakes Replication Call](#)

Opening date: **16 October 2025** | Deadline date: **15 January 2026**

WORK Programme 2026/2027 to be published officially soon – preliminary version of the work Programmes available at:

[Search for committees - Comitology Register](#) – look for Committee title “Horizon Europe”

With a proposed **€175 billion** budget, the new programme will be based on four pillars.

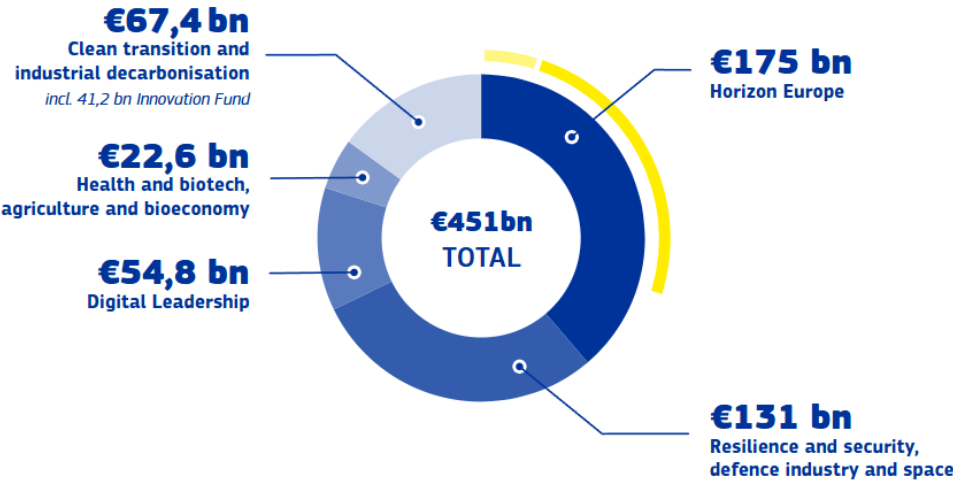
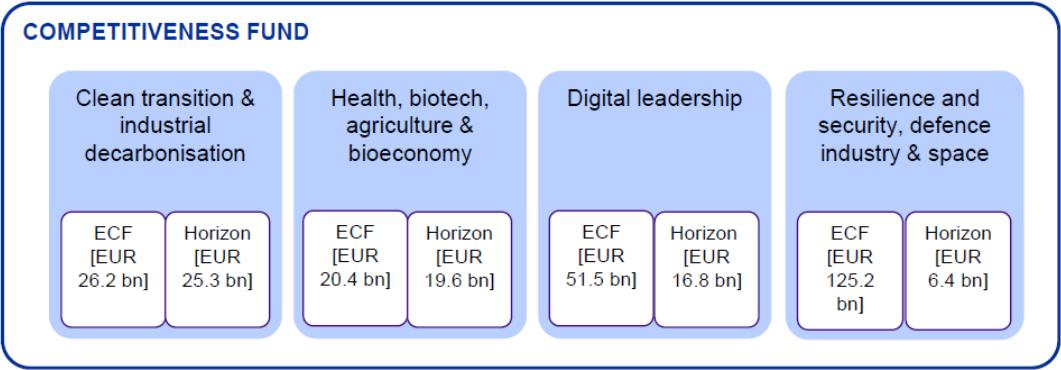
Pillar I	Pillar II	Pillar III	Pillar IV
EXCELLENT SCIENCE	COMPETITIVENESS AND SOCIETY	INNOVATION	EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA
€44.079 BILLION	€75.876 BILLION	€38.785 BILLION	€16.262 BILLION
EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL	COMPETITIVENESS ¹ : 1. Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation 2. Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy 3. Digital leadership 4. Resilience and Security, Defence Industry and Space	EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL	ERA POLICIES
MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS		INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS AND THE KNOWLEDGE TRIANGLE	RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURES
SCIENCE FOR EU POLICIES	SOCIETY: 1. Global societal challenges 2. EU Missions 3. New European Bauhaus Facility		WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND SPREADING EXCELLENCE

Horizon Europe post 2027

Negotiations in both FP10 and the ECF are currently ongoing;
DK Presidency will present a progress report to research ministers on the 9th of December;
Many issues still unresolved – from budget to governance etc...

- More funding for competitiveness and research compared to 2021-2027, totalling €451 Billion
- More structured and simplified funding
- Flexible financial toolbox including grants, equity, debt, procurement, and business coaching

ECF window structure and budget



Programme for Funding Multilateral Scientific and Technological Cooperation Projects in the Danube Region - MSTC-DR

- 63 multilateral projects funded so far
- 4th Call autumn 2024
 - AT, BG, CZ, FR, HR, MN, SK, RS
 - 117 project applications
 - Selection meeting 12. June 2025 Vienna/online
- 5th call planned for spring 2026

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4th call – 33 projects selected

We hope to have a new partner country on board for the 2026 Call