

A modernised cohesion policy

Working together
for stronger regions
in a stronger EU

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#CohesionPolicy

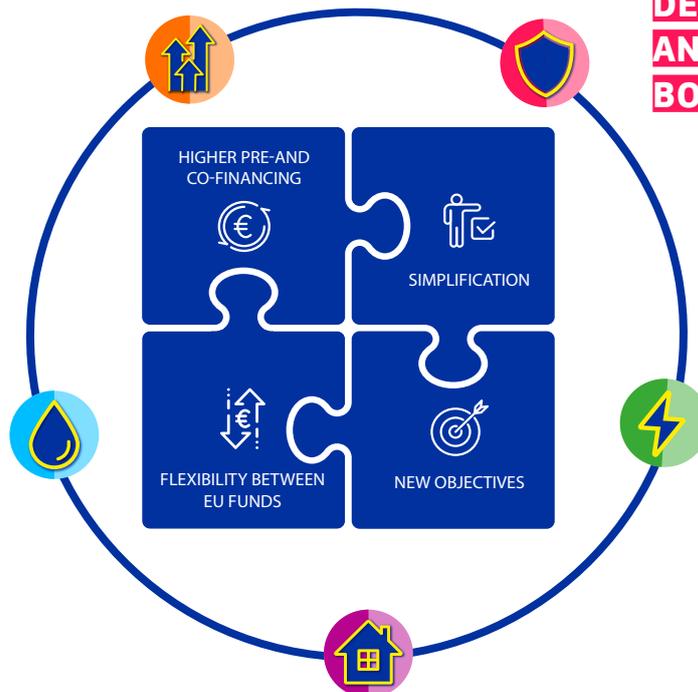
Unprecedented challenges require swift action. We need to modernise cohesion policy to boost Europe's competitiveness, defence and security, affordable housing, water resilience, and energy transition.

MID-TERM REVIEW 2025: PROPOSED CONCRETE MEASURES AND INCENTIVES

COMPETITIVENESS AND DECARBONISATION

DEFENCE, SECURITY AND EASTERN BORDER REGIONS

WATER RESILIENCE



ENERGY TRANSITION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

With the changes to cohesion policy legislation, Member States and regions will be able to adapt their investments to the strategic priorities, and benefit from simpler and more flexible rules. This will result in stronger and more resilient regions that are better prepared to address geopolitical and economic challenges, while they keep the focus on reducing disparities and improving lives of all EU citizens. In short, we want a cohesion policy:



with regions at the centre



designed and implemented
in partnership with national,
regional and local authorities



delivering on the Union's
political priorities

The next EU budget must lay the groundwork for a stronger and future-oriented Union. The mid-term review is therefore the first step to modernise cohesion policy in a rapidly changing world.

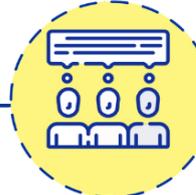
FROM PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENTATION



April 2025
Commission makes
legislative proposal



Council and European
Parliament discuss and
adopt the legislation



Commission dialogue
with stakeholders



Member States
and regions submit
amendments to cohesion
programmes



January 2026
Implementation begins



Revised programmes
adopted



European Commission
assesses the proposals