



Funding opportunities for Natura 2000 in 2021 -2027

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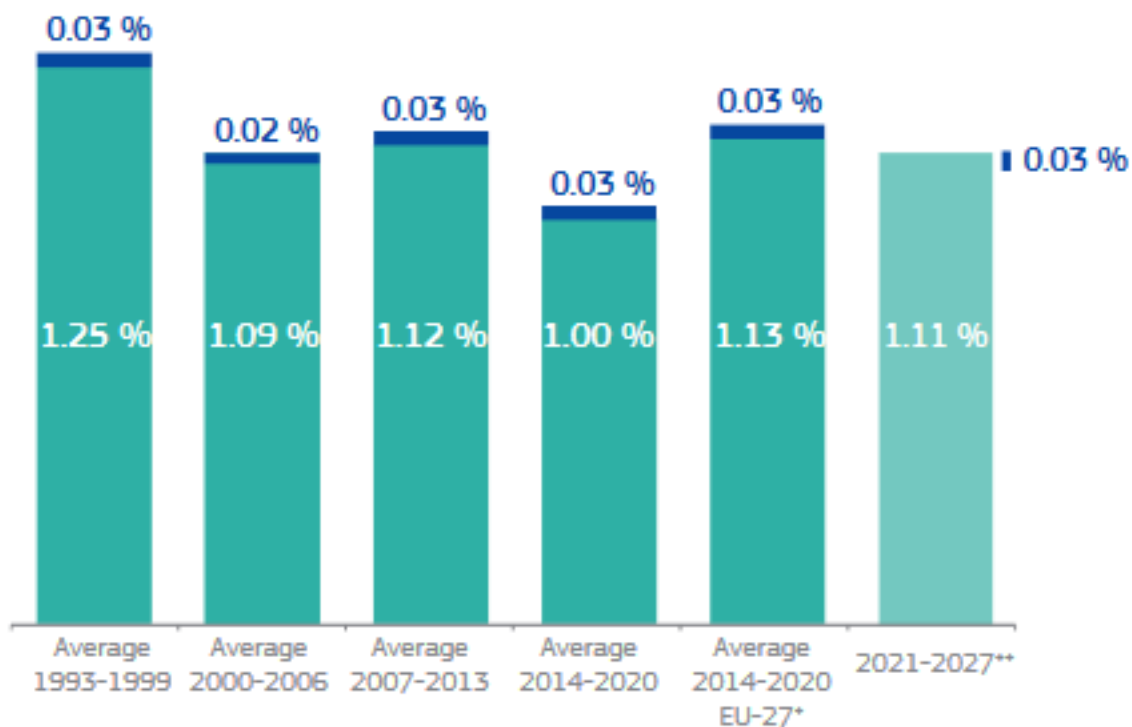
EC Communication of 2 May 2018 (COM(2018)321)
"Modern Budget for a Union that Protects,
Empowers and Defends - The Multiannual Financial
Framework for 2021-2027"



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The size of the EU budget as a percentage of gross national income (GNI)

Commitments ceiling in % EU GNI



THE NEW MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2021 - 2027

A BUDGET FOR A UNION THAT PROTECTS, EMPOWERS AND DEFENDS

In billion euro, current prices

I. SINGLE MARKET, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL

€187.4

- 1 Research and Innovation
- 2 European Strategic Investments
- 3 Single Market
- 4 Space

II. COHESION AND VALUES

€442.4

- 5 Regional Development and Cohesion
- 6 Economic and Monetary Union
- 7 Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values

III. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

€378.9

- 8 Agriculture and Maritime Policy
- 9 Environment and Climate Action

IV. MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

€34.9

- 10 Migration
- 11 Border Management

V. SECURITY AND DEFENCE

€27.5

- 12 Security
- 13 Defence
- 14 Crisis Response

VI. NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE WORLD

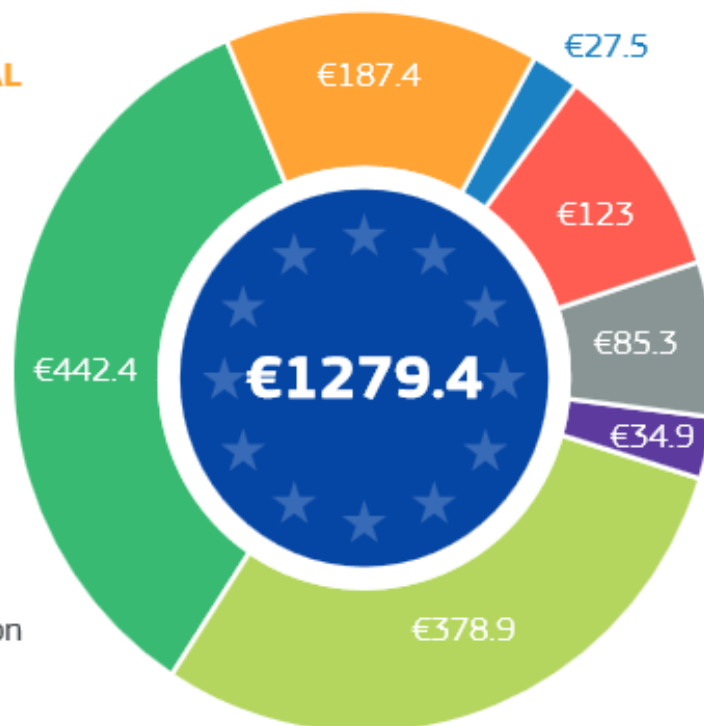
€123

- 15 External Action
- 16 Pre-Accession Assistance

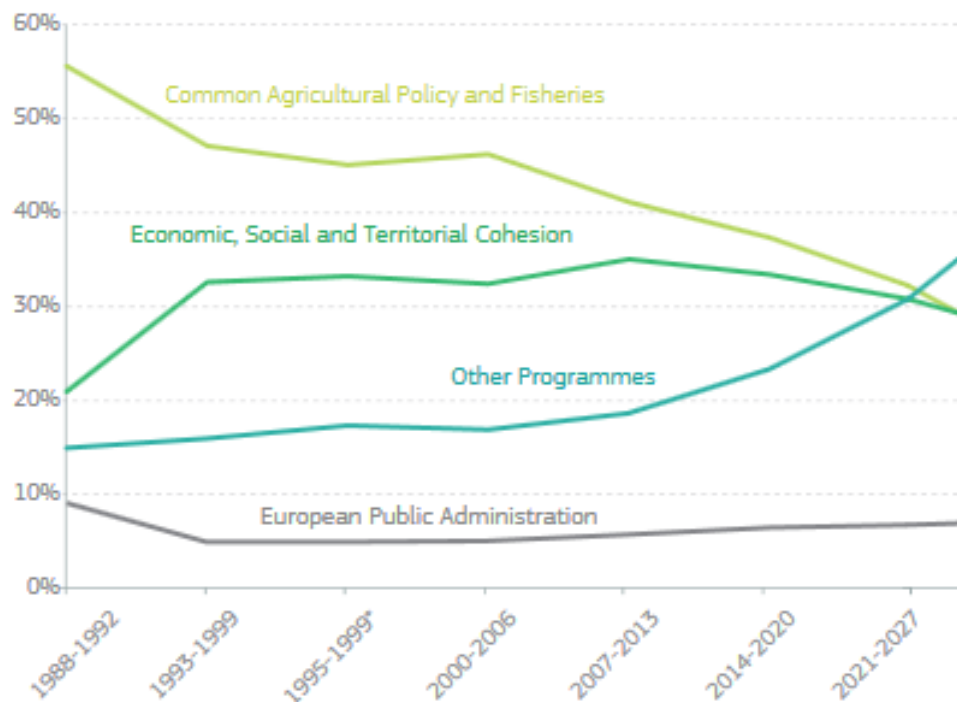
VII. EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

€85.3

- 17 European Public Administration



Evolution of main policy areas in the EU budget



Climate Mainstreaming
contributing to climate objectives



20% of Multiannual Financial Framework
2014-2020, EU 28 = 206 billion

x1.6

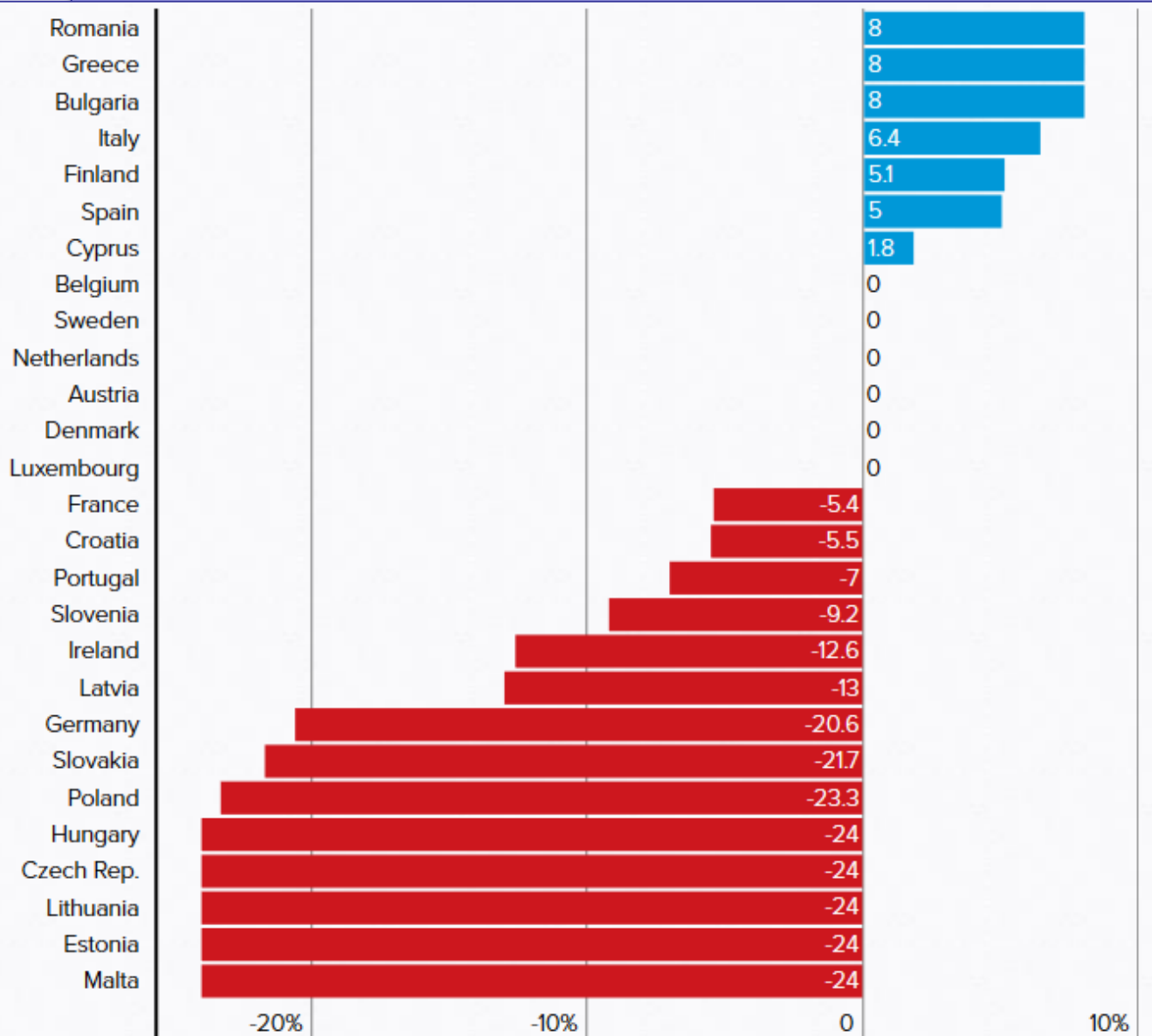


25% of the Multiannual Financial Framework
2021-2027, EU 27 = 320 billion

Combined increase = + €114 billion



Relative change between current and proposed cohesion policy funding



Source: POLITICO
based on the EC data

CAP 2021-2027 =

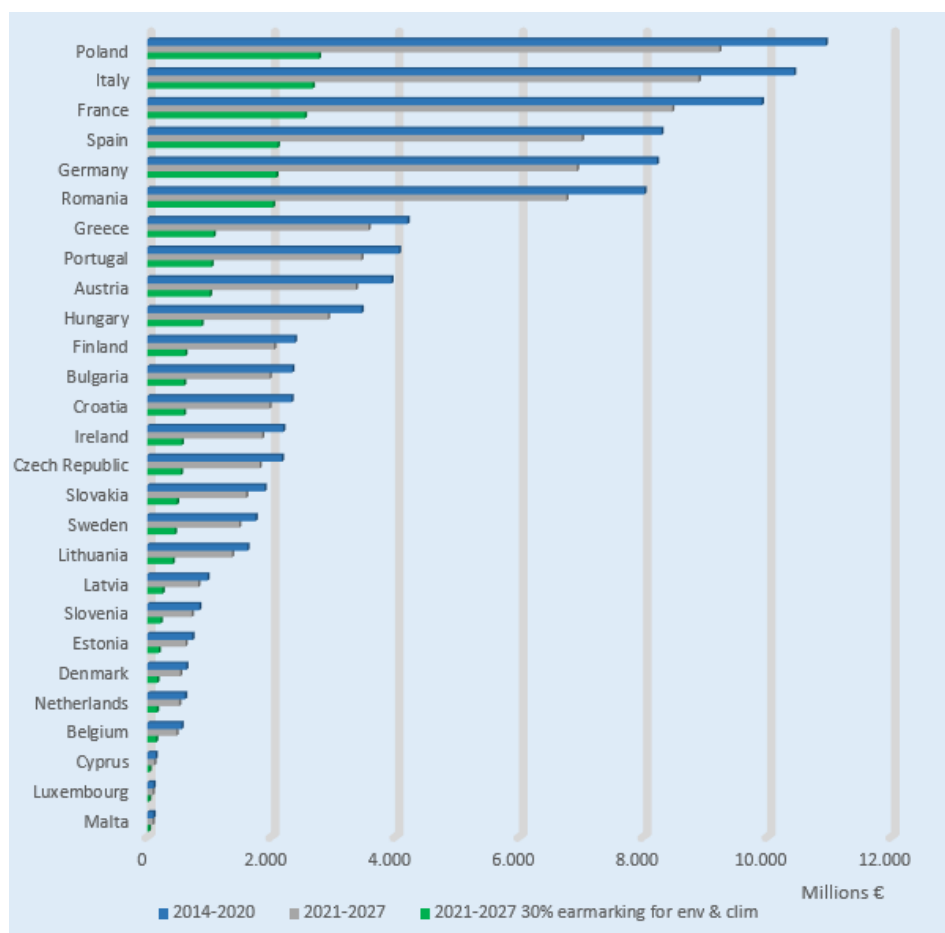
**265,2
BEUR**

Pillar 1

**78,8
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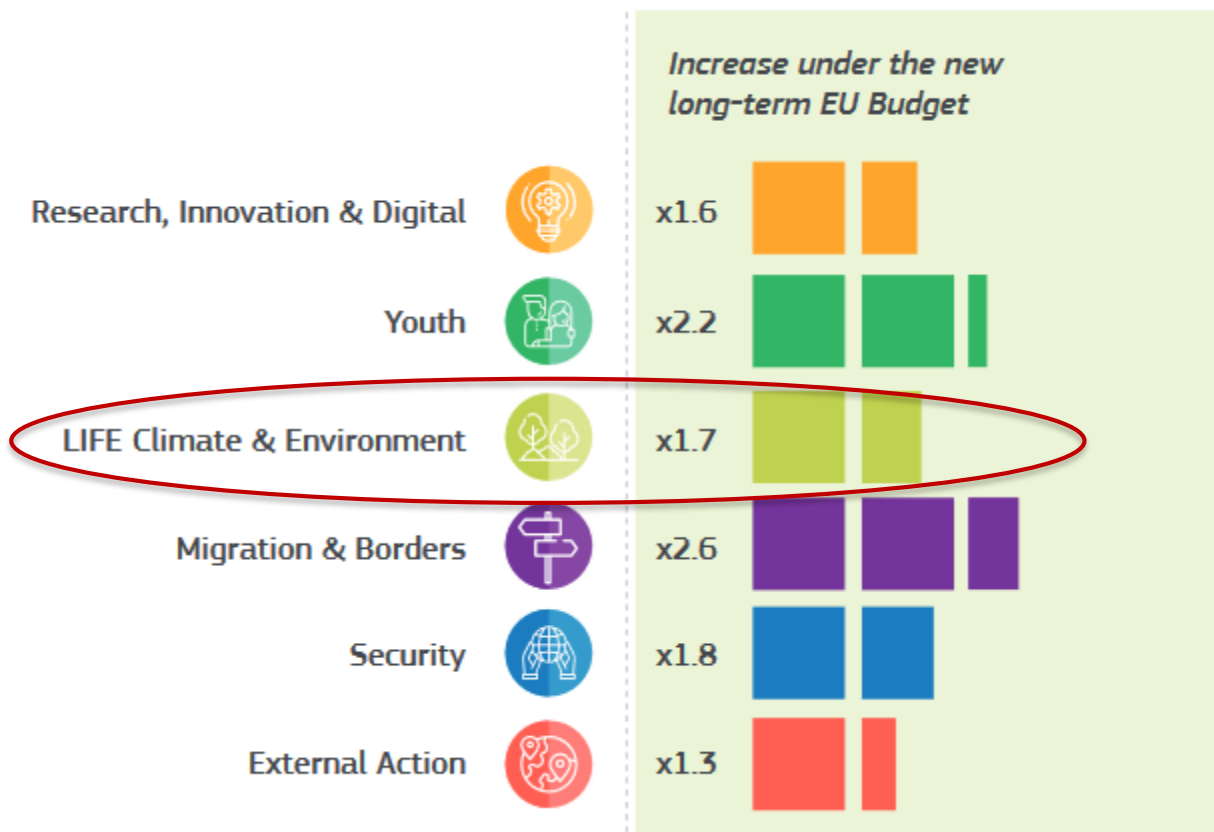
Pillar 2

Rural Development funds in current and proposed budget





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**Compromise text
adopted in April 2019**

**Budget: 5.45 billion EUR (EC); 7.27 (EP)
Environment (3.5bn/5.32 bn - 73,2%):**

- **Nature & Biodiversity (44,9%)**
- **Circular Economy and Quality of Life**

Climate Action

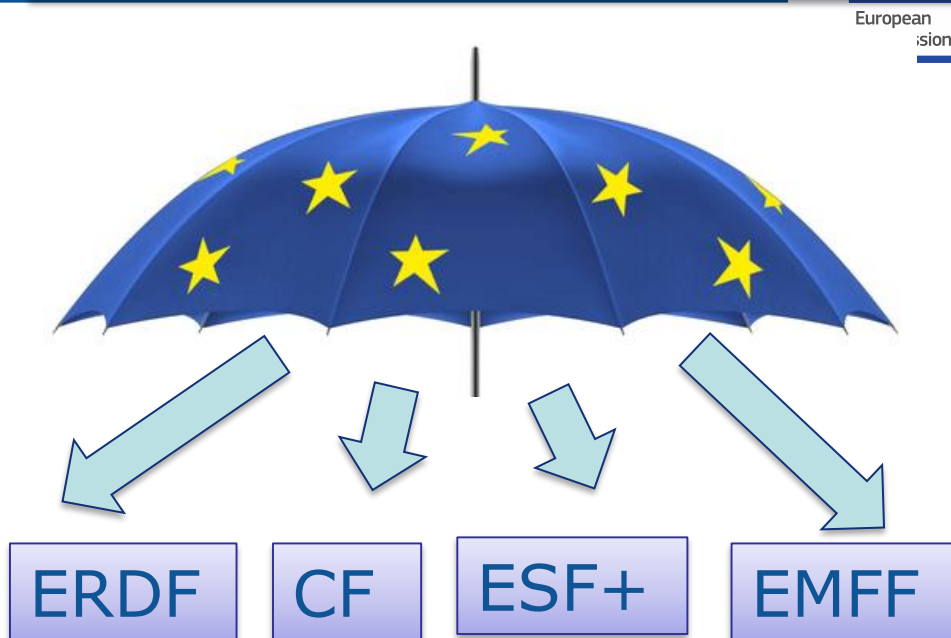
- **Climate Adaptation and Mitigation**
- **Clean Energy Transition**

Max co-financing rates up to 60% and up to 75% in the case of projects funded under the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity

Types of project

- ☐ **Traditional**
- ☐ **Integrated – including strategic nature projects (SNPs) to implement PAFs**
- ☐ **Technical assistance**

Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)



Main thematic objectives:

1. Smarter Europe
2. **Greener Europe**
3. More connected Europe
4. More social Europe
5. Europe closer to citizens



- ❑ Sets out enabling conditions for the funds (= ex-ante conditionalities)
 - PAF condition:
 - ✓ Applies to specific objective on biodiversity
 - ✓ PAF has to be submitted in line with the format;
 - ✓ PAF has to present the priority conservation measures and financing needs
- ❑ Programmes need to ensure complementarities with LIFE IPs and SNPs
- ❑ Sets out financial indicators (categories of expenditure):
 - No. 49: Protection, restoration and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites
 - No. 50: Nature and biodiversity protection, green infrastructure

ERDF/CF



Specific thematic objective:

- **2b(vii) "enhancing nature protection, biodiversity and green infrastructure, in particular in the urban environment, and reducing pollution".**

For countries with:	minimum % PO1 ("smarter Europe")	minimum % PO2 ("greener, low carbon Europe")
GNI below 75%	35%	30%
GNI 75-100%	45%	30%
GNI above 100%	60%	PO1 + PO2 min. 85%

European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) = Interreg

EC proposal (separate Regulation):

- ETC to contribute to five ERDF policy objectives including PO2 on greener and low carbon Europe
- ETC budget share fall to 2.5% of the global cohesion policy funds;
- the share for cross-border cooperation to be reduced; the share for transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation to be increased;
- ERDF co-financing rate for Interreg programmes (from up to 85% in 2014-2020 to 70% maximum in the period post-2020).

EP proposal:

- increase budget to 3%;
- increase co-financing to 80%





New mechanism:

- **CAP strategic plans (both pillars) – env authorities to be consulted; must be consistent with env planning tools (PAFs)**

Two pillars, two funds:

❑ EAFG:

- **Direct payments to be reduced**
- **Greening to discontinue**
- **Eco-schemes**

❑ EAFRD:

- **More target oriented less compliance oriented**
- **30% for environment**
- **Synergies with LIFE to be ensured**
- **Common indicators**
- **Shifts between pillars to be kept**



4 main objectives, including 3 for env:

- ☐ **Healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture**
- ☐ **Promoting blue economy**
- ☐ **International governance, safety and security**

- **Budget: 6.14 billion EUR (Art.5) – 15% less**
- **Art. 22 - the EMFF may support actions for the protection and restoration of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, including in inland waters:**

- the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 areas in accordance with the PAFs;
- the protection of species pursuant to the Birds and Habitats Directives.

- **Art. 23 – support for sustainable aquaculture**
- **Art. 26 – Community-led Local Development**
- **Art. 27 – support for collection of data/monitoring**



- **proposed allocation - €97.6 bn**
- **no specific biodiversity or nature objective; but **biodiversity and natural capital** related research can be funded under the „Food and Natural Resources” cluster**
- **specific multiannual programme to set out objectives and rules for the implementation;**
- **funding primarily delivered through calls for proposals;**

New Commission - European Green Deal

- **Preserving EU's natural environment – one of the priorities**
- **Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**
- **A Sustainable Europe Investment Plan to support €1 trillion of investment over the next decade**
- **European Investment Bank as „Europe's climate bank"**
- **Mainstreaming climate in the MFF**

