



# Funding developments

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# ESF+ contribution to overall picture

- Social and economic sustainability are two sides of the same coin.
- **Investments in human capital** go in hand in hand with investments in physical capital.
- For the 2021-2027 programming period, fair and inclusive growth is a priority with an **allocation of EUR 142 billion**.



# ESF+ and ERDF invest in deinstitutionalisation

- Enabling conditions in CPR
  - Horizontal enabling conditions
    - Implementation and application of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD)
  - Thematic enabling conditions
    - National strategic policy framework for social inclusion and poverty reduction
- Article 6 ESF+ regulation
  - *“Member States and the Commission shall support specific targeted actions [...]. Those actions may include actions [...], including in terms of information and communication technologies, and promoting the transition from residential or institutional care to family and community-based care.”*



## ESF+ and ERDF invest in deinstitutionalization (2)

- Mini-toolkit: providing concrete guidance to Member States and their Managing Authorities on how the ESF+.

## ESF+ and ERDF invest in deinstitutionalization (3)

- ESF+ and ERDF support many different projects across the EU.
  - Social services
  - Kindergarten
  - Alternative housing settings



# Future: structural challenges

Challenges are expected to impact Member States and regions asymmetrically:

- Climate and energy transitions,
- Digitalisation, technological change,
- Globalisation
- Demographic transition
- Open strategic autonomy
- Enlargement

Role of Cohesion Policy as EU's convergence machine



# Future: timeline

- **Early 2024** report of HLG on Cohesion Policy
- Publication of the **9<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report** and related Cohesion Forum – **spring 2024**
- **Continuous consultations of and exchanges** with Member States, institutions and stakeholders - **2023-2024**
- **Encouraging policy debates with Member States**, including all governance levels, representatives of economic and social actors and of civil society.
- The **next MFF proposals** need to be adopted by **30 June 2025**



## 6. Questions to you!

- What are your suggestions to us concerning the content of the next MFF?
- Do you have suggestions to further improve our reach-out to stakeholders?





**Thank you for your attention !**