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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF EU FUNDS?

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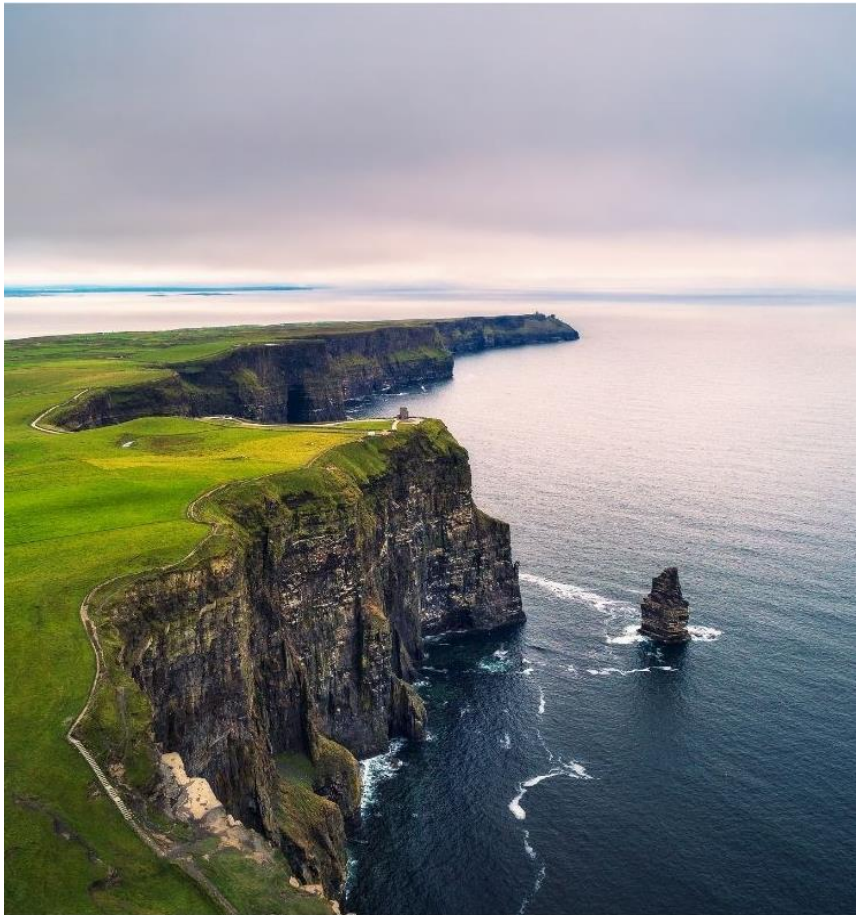

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www.wheel.ie

Ireland's national association of community, voluntary and charitable organisations and social enterprises.

Access Europe
Unlocking EU Funding

www.accesseurope.ie

A support and capacity-building programme for Irish civil society organisations to better access EU funds.

AGENDA

- How does EU funding work?
- Characteristics of EU funding
- Most relevant EU funding programmes for civil society
- Q&A
- Collective harvesting
- Conclusion & End

EXPECTATION SETTING

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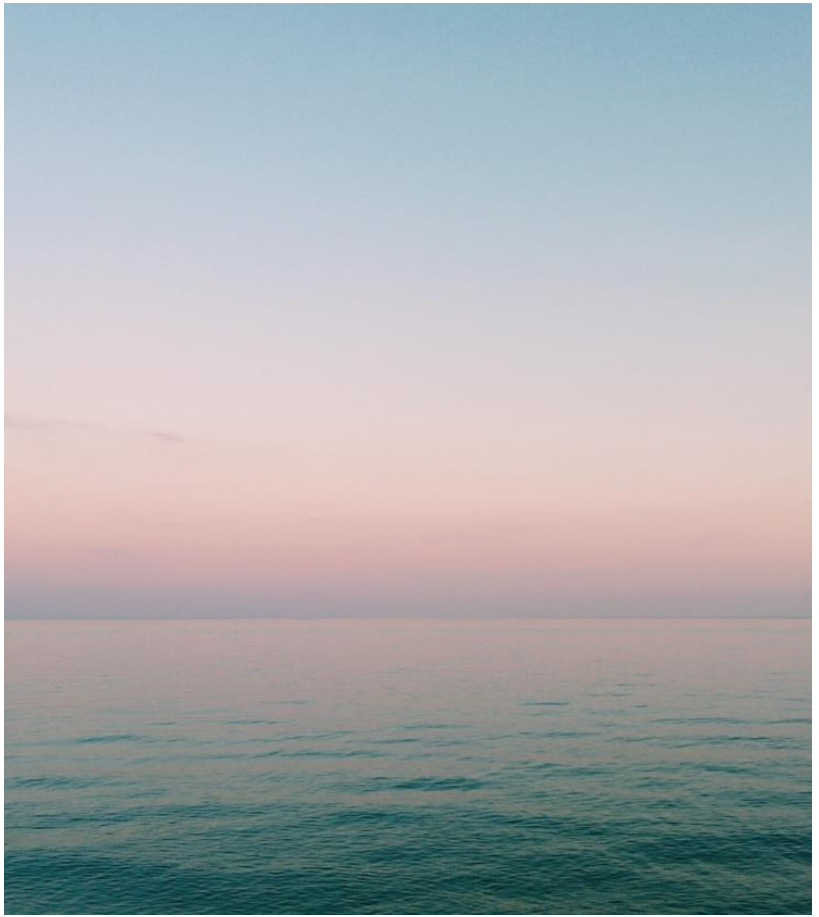
EU and civil society

No superheros

Limited resources

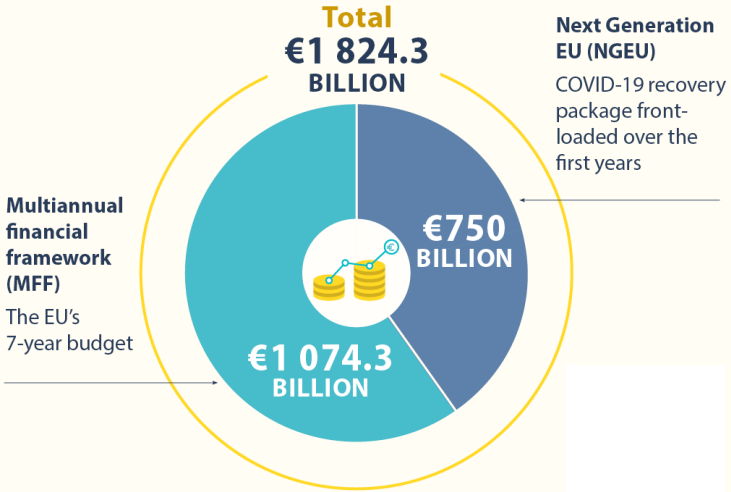


HOW EU FUNDING WORKS

MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK – MFF

- EU's long-term budget
- 7 year cycles (2021 – 2027)
- Allocated funding to achieve goals

EU budget 2021-2027 and recovery plan



SPENDING CATEGORIES

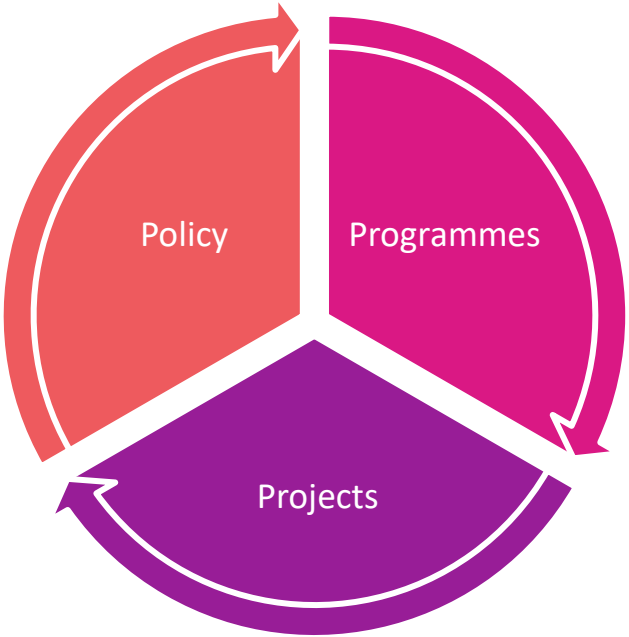
- Single Market, Innovation and Digital
- Cohesion, Resilience and Values
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Migration and Border Management
- Security and Defence
- Neighbourhood and the World
- European Public Administration

POLICY TO PROGRAMMES

EU funding **programmes** are financial instruments to put **policy** into action ("**projects**").

Stay up to date on EU policy in your field!

Always link your project to EU policy!



CHARACTERISTICS OF EU FUNDED PROJECTS

BENEFITS OF EU FUNDING

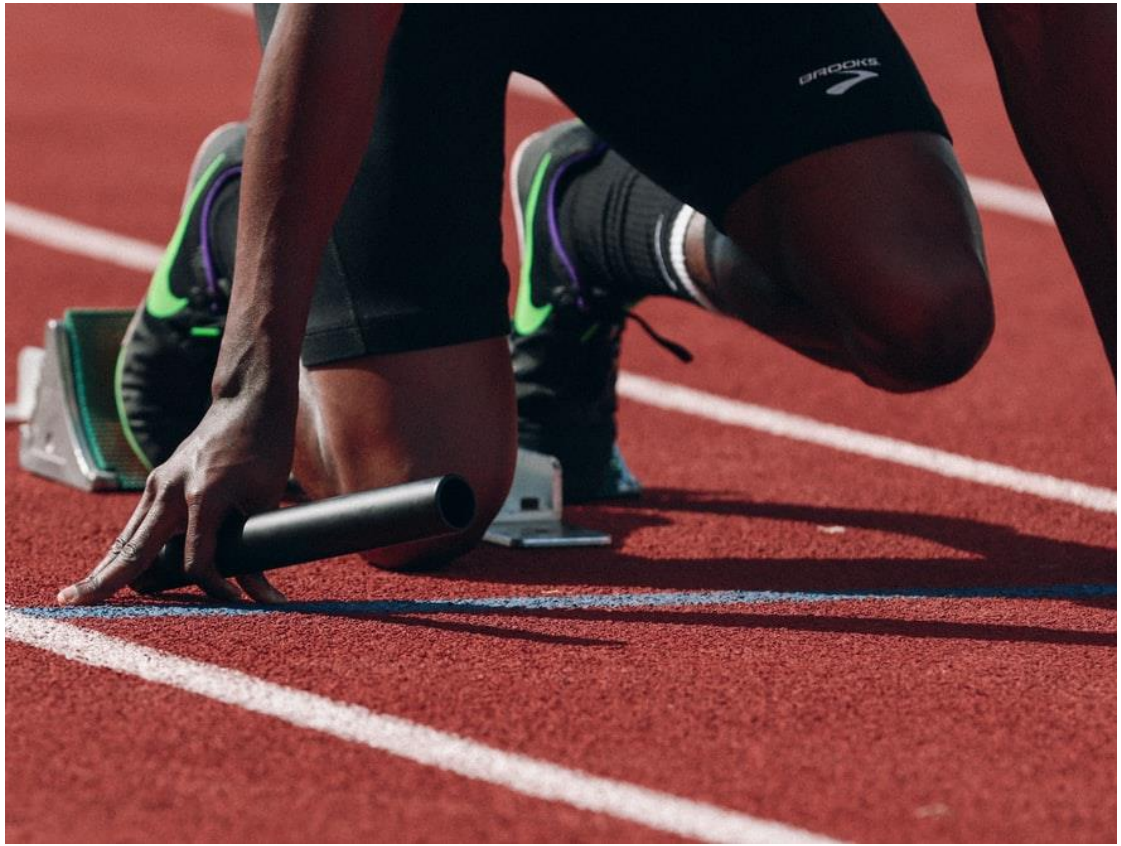
- Learn and share
- Connect with and influence policy
- Be innovative
- Fast-track strategic objectives
- Collaborate with partners
- Build capacity and organizational profile
- Diversified income generation

PROJECT BASED

- New innovations (campaigns, initiatives, results, research)
- Network building & exchange of best practice

COMPETITIVE

- Europe-wide
- Be innovative!



PARTNERSHIP

- Usually minimum three member states (some exceptions)

Start as a partner not a lead

Use the Access Europe Partner Database to find an Irish partner

CO- FINANCING

- Some investment on partners' side usually needed
- Check co-financing rates

IMPACT-ORIENTATED

- What difference can you make? To whom?
- Measurement, KPIs
- Short, medium and long term
- Sustainability

WHAT EU FUNDING IS NOT

- Quick
- Easy
- Without risk
- Core funding (mostly!)
- National funding (mostly!)

EU FUNDING PROGRAMMES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

EU FUNDING PROGRAMMES

Erasmus+

Education

Creative Europe

Culture & Media

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

Citizens & Democracy

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Volunteering

AMIF

Asylum & Migration

HORIZON EUROPE

Research & Innovation

DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME

Digital Technology

JUSTICE EUROPE

Human Rights

Life

Environment & Climate

EU4health

Healthcare Systems

European Union
European Social Fund

Employment & Social Inclusion

STRUCTURAL FUNDS & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

ERDF
ESF+
Just Transition Fund
and more

EuropeAid:
DEAR programme

DEAROpen call
DEAR Handbook

Global Europe
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Guide to Global Europe Funding 2021-2027: For civil society organisations

Global Europe: Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

- Knowledge exchange and transfer
- Comparative research
- Events and conferences
- “Mobilities”, i.e. study placements and visits
- Capacity building, training and workshops
- “Intellectual outputs”, e.g. a tool kit, best practice guide, course content, report
- New technologies, methodologies, or approaches
- The building of networks, e.g. for professionals or other target groups.
- Campaigns, initiatives, awareness

Erasmus+

€26.2 billion

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

- social inclusion
- green & digital transition
- participation in democratic life

Mobility and cooperation projects in:

- higher education
- vocational education and training (VET)
- school education
- adult education
- youth
- sport

€2.44 billion

Creative Europe is the European Commission's programme for support to the culture and audiovisual sectors.

- transnational creation and circulation of European works and artists
- nurture talents, to innovate, to generate jobs and growth

- artistic and cultural cooperation
- competitiveness, innovation, and sustainability
- cross-sectoral innovative and collaborative actions

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

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€1.55 billion

CERV is the EU's funding programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values.

- promoting and protecting fundamental rights
- rule of law
- Democracy & values

- Training activities, workshops, conferences
- Mutual learning, cooperation, capacity building
- Town twinning
- Media campaigns, awareness raising dissemination

QUESTIONS?

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