



Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)

**Overview of adopted Cohesion Policy
amendments per Member State**

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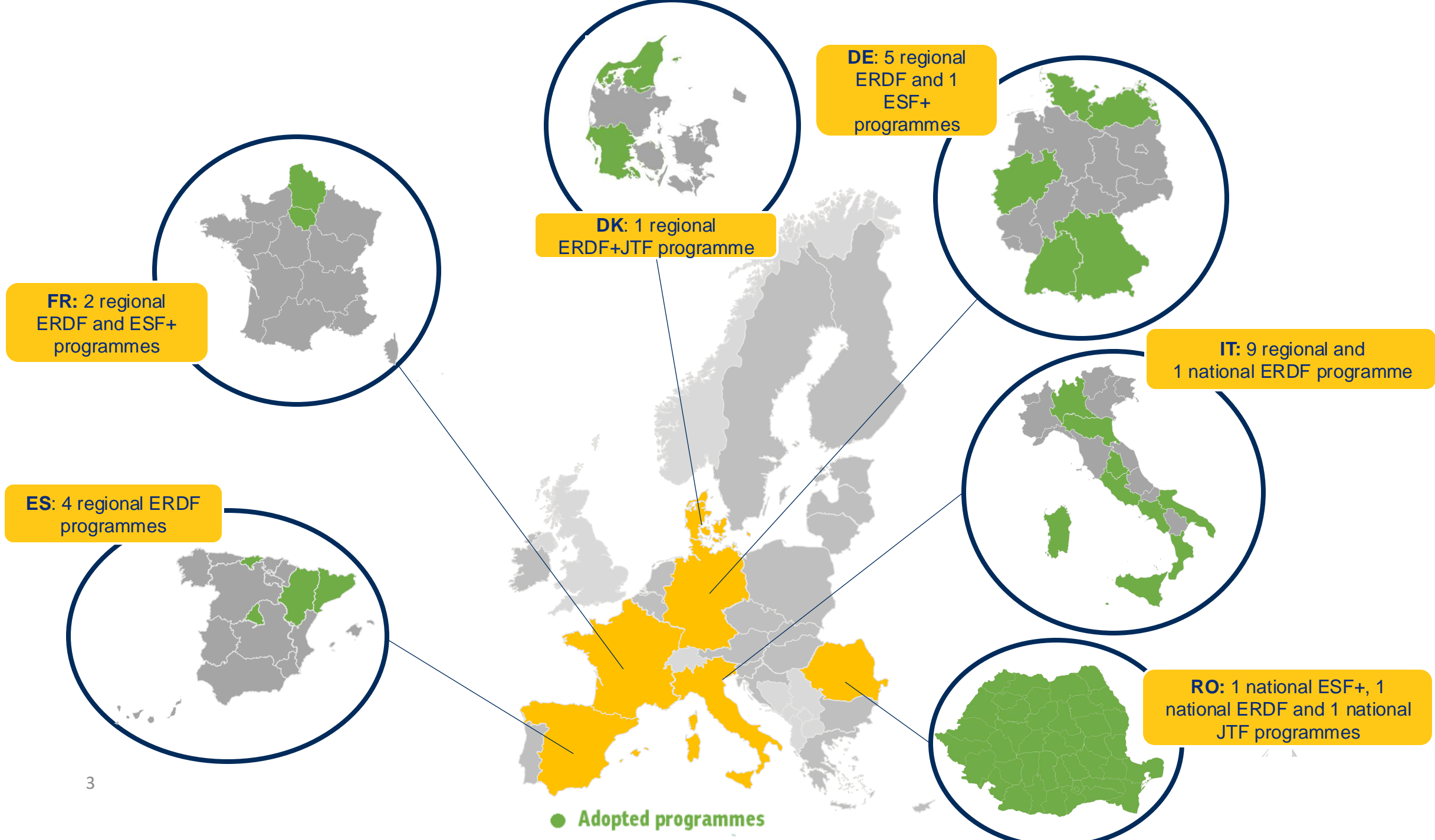
Cohesion Policy amendments – mobilising investments towards STEP



- Under the EU's flagship initiative '**Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform**' (STEP) launched this year, **Cohesion Policy is investing in critical technologies such as clean tech, deep tech and biotech**, as well as in the **skills** relevant for the development and manufacturing of critical technologies which are key for the energy transition and Europe's future competitiveness.
- **35 amendments from 8 Member States (Denmark, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Romania, Latvia, The Netherlands)** have been officially **submitted to the European Commission** to swift resources towards the STEP objectives under different EU Budget instruments such as the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund + (ESF+) and Just Transition Fund (JTF) for a **total amount of up to EUR 6.3 bn***.

**Please note these are preliminary amounts as the Commission is still assessing these amendment proposals.*

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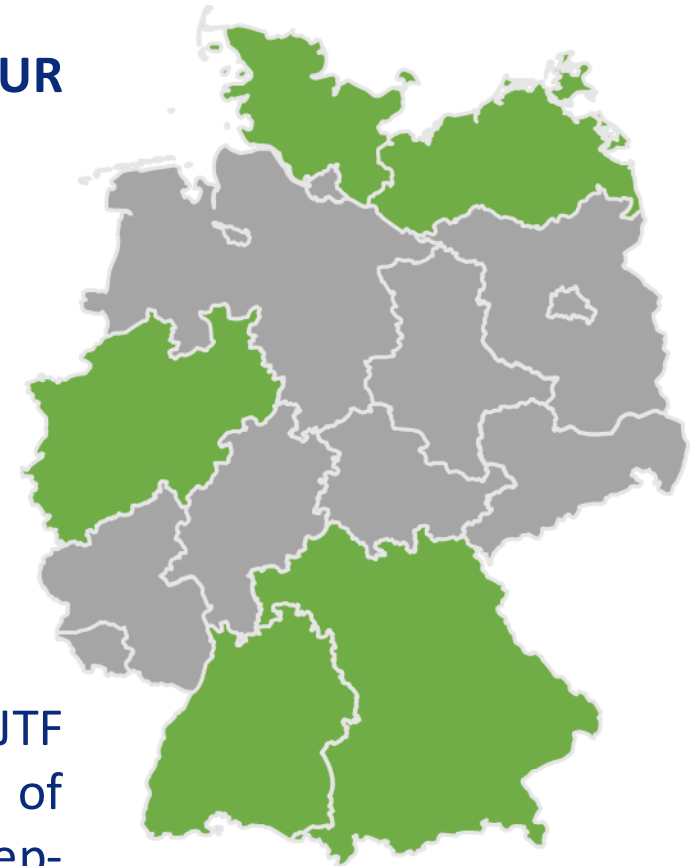
Reprogramming - Germany



- **1 Regional ESF+, 1 Regional JTF and 5 Regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 891 million):**

JTF	North Rhine Westphalia	EUR 301 m
ERDF	North Rhine Westphalia	EUR 200 m
	Baden-Württemberg	EUR 62 m
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	EUR 138 m
	Bavaria	EUR 104 m
	Schleswig-Holstein	EUR 47 m
ESF+	Bavaria	EUR 36 m

- **Examples of actions:** Support to SMEs, large enterprises (in the JTF regions), vocational training and research institutions in the fields of critical digital technologies, biotechnologies, circular economy, deep-tech innovation, green and resource-efficient technologies, technology transfer activities between universities, research organisations and SMEs.



● Adopted programmes

Reprogramming - Spain



- 4 Regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 223 million):

ERDF	Catalonia	EUR 113 m
	Comunidad de Madrid	EUR 72 m
	Aragon	EUR 23 m
	Cantabria	EUR 15 m

- **Examples of actions:** green lithium production for the automotive sector, advanced facilities to enhance photonic chips, quantum computing, public-private R&D&I partnerships involving SMEs and large enterprise, support for advanced projects labelled the Horizon Europe Seal of Excellence, artificial intelligence, semiconductors and clean technologies.



● Adopted programmes

Reprogramming - Italy



- **1 National ERDF and 9 Regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 3 billion):**

ERDF	National Research and Innovation	EUR 558 m
	Lombardy	EUR 120 m
	Emilia Romagna	EUR 61 m
	Umbria	EUR 31 m
	Lazio	EUR 109 m
	Campania	EUR 581 m
	Apulia	EUR 471 m
	Calabria	EUR 264 m
	Sicily	EUR 615 m
	Sardinia	EUR 166 m

- **Examples of actions:** pharmaceuticals, aerospace, and cloud computing, tissue and cell engineering, green hydrogen, onshore and offshore wind energy, mechanics and mechatronics, quantum computing.



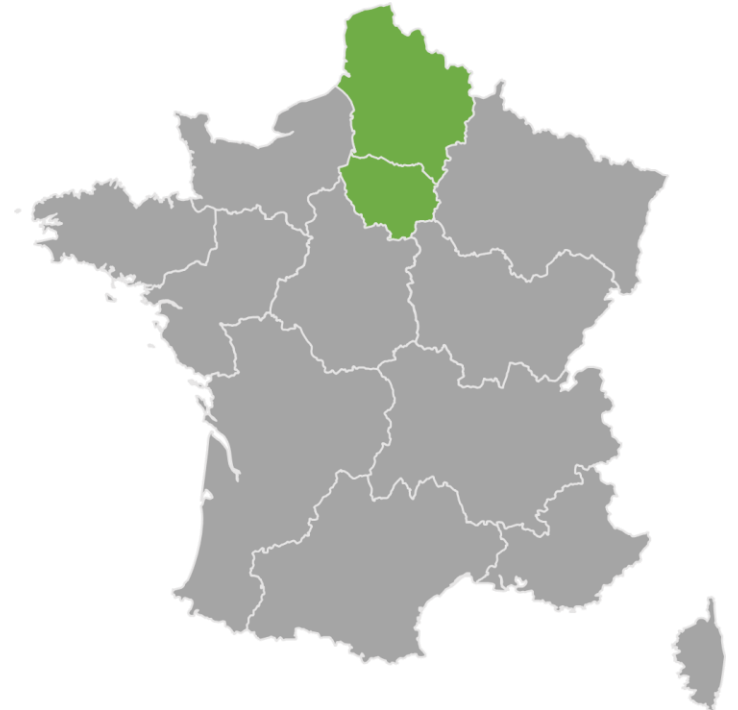
Reprogramming - France



- **2 regional ESF+ programmes and 1 regional ERDF programme (EUR 83 million):**

ERDF	Île de France	EUR 35 m
ESF+	Île de France	EUR 12 m
	Hauts de France	EUR 34 m

- **Examples of actions:** support to skills for the development and/or production activities of STEP technologies, financial instruments for industrial startups and innovative SMEs (deep tech innovation, digital, clean and resource-efficient technologies)



● Adopted programmes

Reprogramming - Denmark



- **1 Regional JTF Programme (EUR 52 million): North and South Jutland**

ERDF	North and South Jutland	EUR 52 m
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- **Examples of actions:**

- including the related value chains,
- competence and skills development in the enterprises.
- Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage



● Adopted programmes



Reprogramming - Romania

- **2 ERDF, 1 JTF and 1 ESF+ National programmes (EUR 1.1 billion):**

JTF	National	EUR 266 m
ERDF	Smart Growth	EUR 271 m
ESF+	Employment and Education	EUR 572 m

- **Examples of actions:** public research on AI, hydrogen, and semiconductors, biotech, AI, and robotics in healthcare, training healthcare professionals, investments in STEP technologies by SMEs and industrial installations.



● Adopted programmes