



# Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)

**Overview of Cohesion Policy  
amendment adoptions per Member State**

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# STEP Funding under Cohesion Policy (31.03.26)



**Belgium – EUR 118m**

3 regional ERDF programmes



**Bulgaria – EUR 162m**

2 national ERDF programmes



**Denmark – EUR 65m**

1 national JTF programme



**Czechia – EUR 165m**

1 national ERDF programme



**Germany – EUR 1.9bn**

12 regional ERDF, 1 regional JTF and  
1 regional ESF+ programmes



**Ireland – EUR 14m**

2 regional ERDF programme



**Greece – EUR 569m**

1 National JTF and ERDF and ESF+, 8  
Regional ERDF programme



**Spain – EUR 2.1bn**

13 regional and 1 national ERDF, 8 regional  
ESF+ and 1 national JTF programmes



**France – EUR 240m**

7 regional multifund programmes



**Croatia – EUR 198m**

2 national ERDF programmes

+EUR 15 bn  
allocation to STEP



■ Adopted programmes



**Italy – EUR 4.5bn**

16 regional and 1 national ERDF, and 2  
national and 6 regional ESF+ programmes



**Latvia – EUR 58m**

1 national ERDF programme



**Lithuania – EUR 59m**

1 national ERDF programme



**Hungary – EUR 545m**

1 national ERDF and 1 national  
ERDF/ESF+ programme



**Netherlands – EUR 60m**

2 regional ERDF and 1 national JTF  
programme



**Poland – EUR 981m**

3 regional and 1 national ERDF  
programmes



**Portugal – EUR 1.2bn**

4 regional and 1 national ERDF  
programmes



**Romania – EUR 1.5bn**

8 regional and 2 national ERDF, 1 national  
ESF+, 1 national JTF programmes



**Slovenia – EUR 158m**

1 national ERDF programme



**Slovakia – EUR 315m**

1 national ERDF programme

# Reprogramming – Belgium



- **3 Regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 118 mill)**

ERDF	Brussels Region	EUR 18 m
	Wallonie	EUR 47 m
	Flanders	EUR 52 m



- **Examples of actions:** technological advances in biotechnology, clean and resource-efficient technologies, and digital technologies, and the development of critical skills.

- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – Bulgaria



- **2 Regional ERDF Programme (EUR 161 mill)**

ERDF	Competitiveness and Innovation in Enterprises	EUR 80 m
	Smart Transformation	EUR 81 m



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

- **Examples of actions:** Support through equity and quasi-equity investments in enterprises, support through a portfolio guarantee debt instrument with a loss cap designed to mitigate the credit risk of investment finance, Supporting the development and building of technology infrastructures for the development or production of technologies, support for STEP Sovereignty Seal or Seal of Excellence projects, skills development in STEP critical technologies



# Reprogramming - Czechia

- **1 National ERDF Programme (EUR 165 million)**

ERDF	Technologies and Applications for Competitiveness programme	EUR 165 m
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- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

- **Examples of actions:**
  - Implementation of business R & D
  - Support for productive investments
  - Support to projects with a STEP Seal and IPCEIs

# Reprogramming - Denmark



- **1 National JTF Programme (EUR 65 million): North and South Jutland**

JTF	North and South Jutland	EUR 65 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



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming - Germany



- 1 Regional ESF+, 1 Regional JTF and 11 Regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 1.9 billion):

JTF	North Rhine Westphalia	EUR 414 m
	Saxony	EUR 12 m
ERDF	North Rhine Westphalia	EUR 334 m
	Baden-Württemberg	EUR 78 m
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	EUR 139 m
	Bavaria	EUR 158 m
	Hamburg	EUR 13 m
	Berlin	EUR 10 m
	Thuringia	EUR 41 m
	Brandenburg	EUR 128 m
	Niedersachsen	EUR 164 m
	Sachsen-Anhalt	EUR 88 m
	Saxony	EUR 258 m
Schleswig-Holstein	EUR 43 m	
ESF+	Bavaria	EUR 37 m



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

- **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.

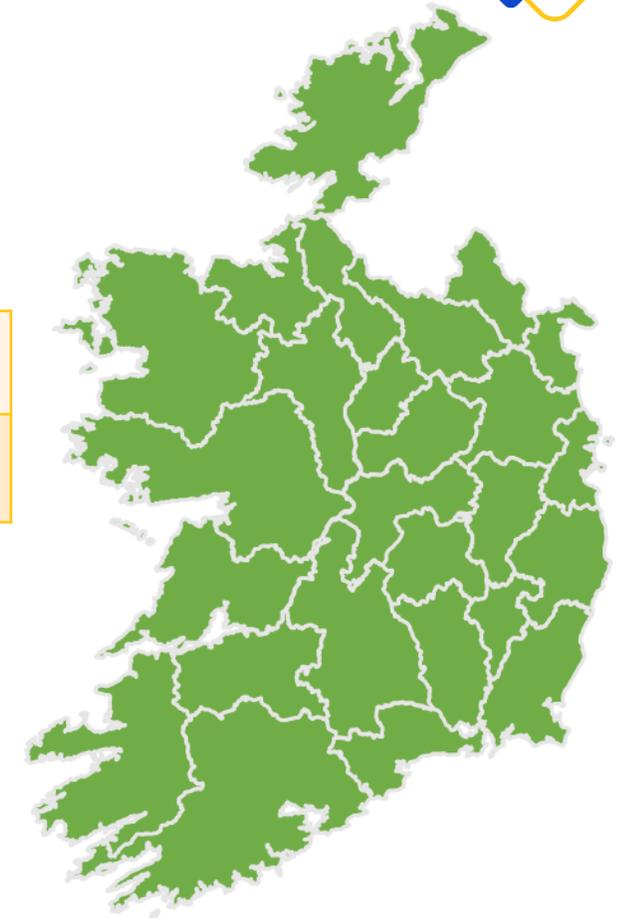
# Reprogramming – Ireland



- **1 Regional ERDF Programme (EUR 13 mill)**

ERDF	Northern and Western Ireland	EUR 2 m
	Southern, Eastern and Midland	EUR 11 m

- **Examples of actions:** The Innovators Initiative 2 is designed to enhance deep-tech innovation and entrepreneurship among PhD students in Ireland by offering intensive training modules. It aims to scale nationally, focusing on early-stage deep-tech research to strengthen development of critical technologies and support competitiveness.



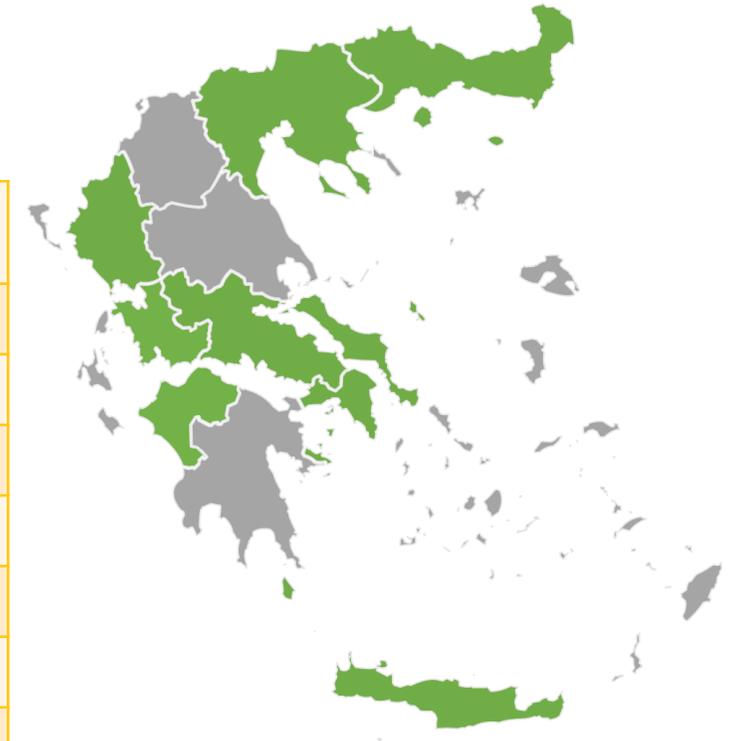
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# Reprogramming – Greece



- **1 National ERDF and JTF, and 2 National ESF+ and 8 Regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 569 mill)**

ESF+	Human Resources and Social Cohesion	EUR 150 m
	Digital transformation	EUR 75 m
ERDF	Dytiki Ellada	EUR 11 m
	Stereia Ellada	EUR 11 m
	Attiki	EUR 3 m
	Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	EUR 7 m
	Kentriki Makedonia	EUR 9 m
	Ipeiros	EUR 4 m
	Crete	EUR 9 M
	Competitiveness	EUR 200 m
JTF	Just Development transition	EUR 90 m



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

skills relevant for the development/manufacturing of critical technologies

# Reprogramming - Spain



1 national JTF, 1 national and 12 regional ERDF, 8 regional ESF+ programmes (EUR 2.1 bn):

JTF	National programme	EUR 143
ERDF	C. Valenciana	EUR 144 m
	Canarias	EUR 21 m
	Catalonia	EUR 139 m
	Comunidad de Madrid	EUR 73 m
	Castille Leon	EUR 45 m
	Aragon	EUR 23 m
	Cantabria	EUR 15 m
	Baleares	EUR 13 m
	Basque Country	EUR 33 m
	Andalucía	EUR 244 m
	Asturias	EUR 15 m
	Castilla la Mancha	EUR 62 m
	Galicia	EUR 27 m
	Plurirregional programme	EUR 975 m

ESF+	Comunidad de Madrid	EUR 64 m
	Castilla y León	EUR 24 m
	Baleares	EUR 10 m
	C. Valenciana	EUR 19 m
	Galicia	EUR 23 m
	Cantabria	EUR 3 m
	Catalonia	EUR 19 m
	Canarias	EUR 2 m

**Examples of actions:** 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.



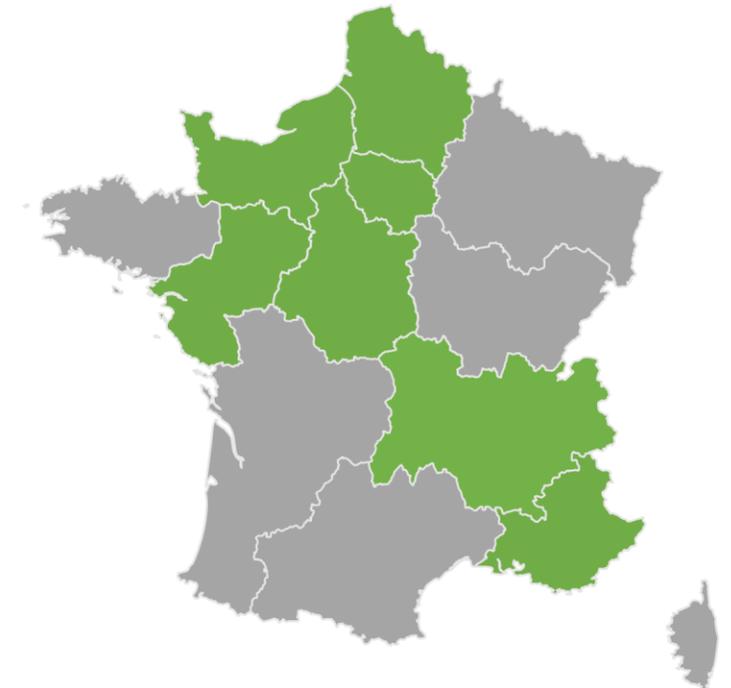
- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming - France

- 7 multifund programmes (ESF+, ERDF and JTF) (EUR 240 million):

ERDF, ESF+ and JTF	Île de France	EUR 74 m
	Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes	EUR 10 m
	Pays de la Loire	EUR 3 m
	Normandie	EUR 36 m
	Hauts de France	EUR 42 m
	Sud-Provence Alpes-Côte d'Azur	EUR 62 m
	Centre-Val de Loire	EUR 12 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)



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – Croatia



- **1 National ERDF programme (EUR 198 mill)**

ERDF	National programme	EUR 48 m
	Integrated Territorial Programme	EUR 150

- **Examples of actions:** development of critical and emerging technologies relevant for the green and digital transitions, from computing technologies, including microelectronics, quantum computing and artificial intelligence, to biotechnology and biomanufacturing and net-zero technologies.



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming - Italy



- 1 National and 16 regional ERDF, 2 National ESF+ and 9 Regional ESF+ Programmes (EUR 4.5 billion):

ERDF		
	National Research and Innovation	EUR 602 m
	Lombardy	EUR 152 m
	Emilia Romagna	EUR 61 m
	Tuscany	EUR 98 m
	Umbria	EUR 31 m
	Lazio	EUR 139 m
	Friuli Venezia Giulia	EUR 15 m
	Campania	EUR 581 m
	Abruzzo	EUR 35 m
	Apulia	EUR 471 m
	Basilicata	EUR 22 m
	Calabria	EUR 264 m
	Molise	EUR 45 m
	Marche	EUR 21 m
	Piemonte	EUR 140 m
	Sicily	EUR 615 m
	Veneto	EUR 2.5 m
	Sardinia	EUR 166 m

ESF+		
	Youth, Women and Jobs	EUR 200 m
	School and Skills	EUR 646 m
	Sardegna	EUR 52 m
	Piemonte	EUR 53 m
	Abruzzo	EUR 25 m
	Basilicata	EUR 9 m
	Friuli Venezia Giulia	EUR 15 m
	Valle d'Aosta	EUR 3 m
	Lombardy	EUR 60 m
	Molise	EUR 2 m
	Sicily	EUR 60 m



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

**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 – Latvia



- **1 National ERDF Programme (EUR 57 million):**

ERDF	National	EUR 57 m
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- **Examples of actions:** Development of a high-capacity port and logistics infrastructure to attract RES (wind energy technology) component manufacturing companies in Latvia and support programmes for the development of critical marine wind technologies:



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – Lithuania



- **1 National ERDF Programme (EUR 59 million)**

ERDF	National	EUR 59 m
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- **Examples of actions:** acquisition and development of technologies, developing high-value-added industries, technologies in the field of defence and security, including special features and special machinery, provide cumulative or alternative funding to projects with a STEP Seal.



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – Hungary



- **1 National ERDF and 1 national ERDF/ESF+ Programme (EUR 545 million)**

ERDF	Economic Development and Innovation Operational Programme Plus (EDIOP Plus)	EUR 245 m
ERDF/ESF+	Digital Renewal Plus (DROP +)	EUR 300 m

- **Examples of actions:** Support for Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI), Support for complex development of technological infrastructures, development/manufacturing of critical digital technologies, through grants and venture capital programmes, technical support for the development of critical and relevant skills for the development/production of critical STEP technologies.



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – The Netherlands

- **2 regional ERDF and one national JTF programme\* (EUR 60 mill)**

ERDF	East Netherlands	EUR 16 m
	West Netherlands	EUR 16 m
JTF	National programme	EUR 27 m

- **Examples of actions:** Experimental developments on renewable energy, Innovation pathways in SMEs, smart energy systems or battery technologies and energy storage technologies, experimental gardens and livinglabs, demonstrations of new applications and solutions



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – Austria



- **1 National JTF Programme\* (EUR 18 mill)**

JTF	National programme	EUR 18 m
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- **Examples of actions:** digital technologies and deep tech innovations, clean and resource-efficient technologies and biotechnologies, skills to diversify into green business and accompanying companies in transition

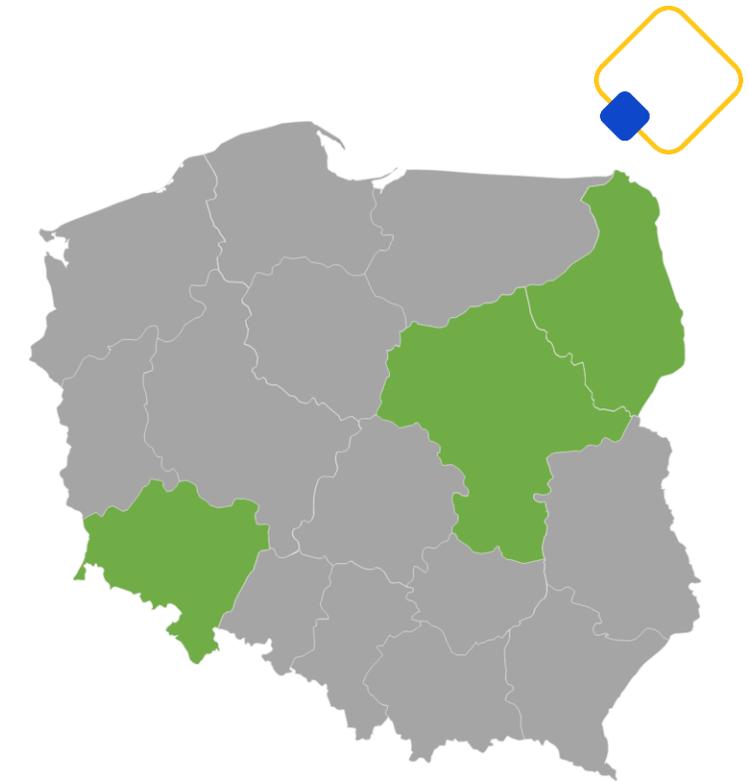
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# Reprogramming – Poland

- **1 national and 3 regional ERDF Programmes (EUR 981 million):**

ERDF	Mazowsze	EUR 46 m
	Dolny Śląsk	EUR 20 m
	Podlaskie	EUR 14 m
	Smart Economy	EUR 901 m

- **Examples of actions:** biotechnologies, focusing on research to develop new treatments using gene therapy for the treatment of Parkinson disease, support to Polish companies in the implementation of projects characterized by a high level of innovation in digital technologies.



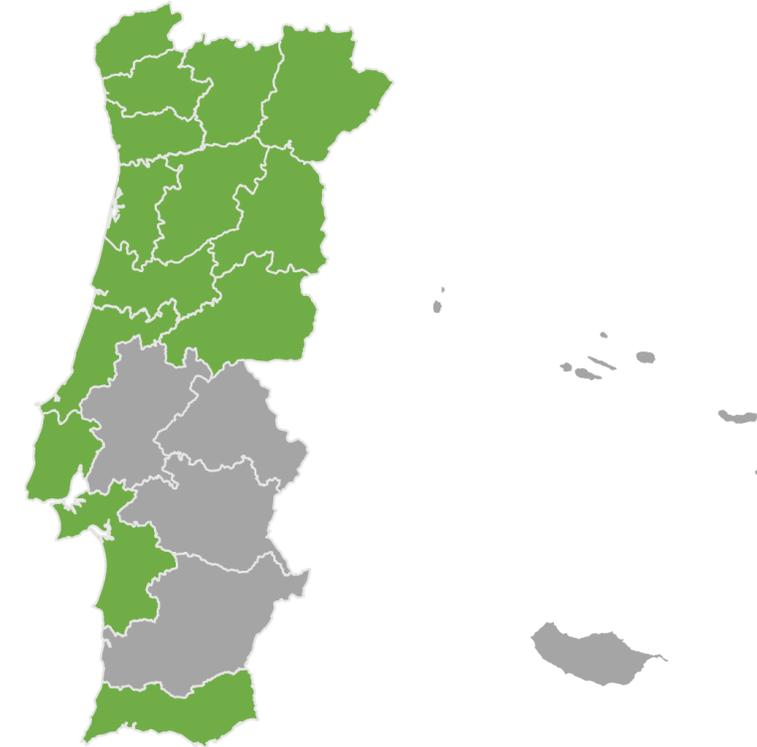
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# Reprogramming – Portugal



- **1 National ERDF and 4 Regional ERDF Programme (EUR 1.2 bn)**

ERDF	Innovation and Digital Transition Thematic Programme	EUR 1.1 bn
	Centro	EUR 30 m
	Algarve	EUR 20 m
	Norte	EUR 25 m
	Lisbon	EUR 38 m



- **Examples of actions:** Supports business investments in R&I and production for clean, resource-efficient, and zero-impact technologies, focused on decarbonisation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy, aligned with the RIS3 strategy.

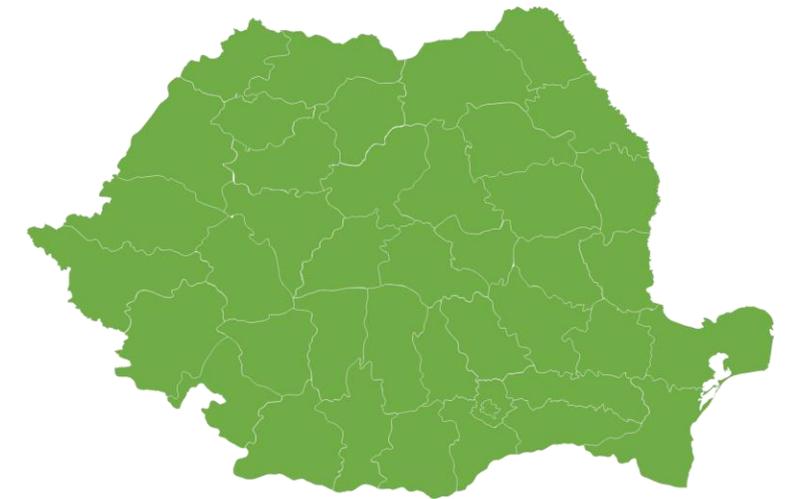
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# Reprogramming - Romania

- 2 National and 8 Regional ERDF, 1 JTF and 1 ESF+ National programmes (EUR 1.5 billion):

JTF	National	EUR 266 m
ERDF	Smart Growth	EUR 291 m
	Health	EUR 466 m
	South-West Oltenia	EUR 28 m
	North East	EUR 6 m
	South East	EUR 10 m
	Central region	EUR 11 m
	West	EUR 20 m
	South Muntenia	EUR 10 m
	North-West	EUR 21 m
	Bucharest-Ilfov	EUR 54 m
ESF+	Employment and Education	EUR 341 m



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

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# Reprogramming – Slovenia

- **1 National ERDF Programme (EUR 159 mill)**

ERDF	National programme	EUR 159 m
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- **Examples of actions:** research and innovation projects (TRL 4–9) with the aim of transitioning to commercial production and projects aimed at establishing production, support for projects with the sovereignty seal (STEP seal), and support to projects in the areas of biotechnology (field of pharmaceuticals and related disciplines) and digital technologies (particularly in the field of chips and semiconductors).



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes

# Reprogramming – Slovakia



- **1 National ERDF Programme (EUR 315 mill)**

ERDF	National programme	EUR 315 m
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- **Examples of actions:** productive investments, and industrial research in the areas of digital technologies, cybersecurity technologies, robotics technologies, artificial intelligence technologies, energy technologies, eco-innovation technologies, biotechnologies and semiconductor technologies



- Submitted programmes
- Adopted programmes