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Interreg NEXT MED Programme

Key features and preliminary results

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DE SARDIGNA
REGIONE AUTONOMA
DELLA SARDEGNA



GENERALITAT
VALENCIANA
Presidencia



سلطة منطقة
الاقبة الاقتصادية الخاصة
AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY



Making cooperation happen in the Mediterranean since 2007

- Third edition of the **largest EU-funded external cooperation** programme in the Mediterranean Sea Basin.
- Building on over **175 projects**, involving **1,300+ partners** and **€400M** invested.
- Focus: Joint **prosperity, stability**, and **security** through **shared solutions** to **common challenges**.
- Principles: **Co-ownership**, equal cooperation, balanced partnerships, shared benefits.



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We are

- **Enablers of connections** building bridges among thousands of communities and organizations across the Mediterranean.
- **Providers of collective solutions** that improve the lives of thousands across the region.
- **Catalysts for sustainable and harmonious growth**, empowering stakeholders to turn challenges into opportunities and fostering resilience for a thriving Mediterranean future.



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Interreg (short for 'European Territorial Cooperation): goal of EU cohesion policy that aims to tackle cross-border challenges and jointly unlock territorial potential

30+ years of cooperation experience

Budget 2021–2027: **~€10 billion**

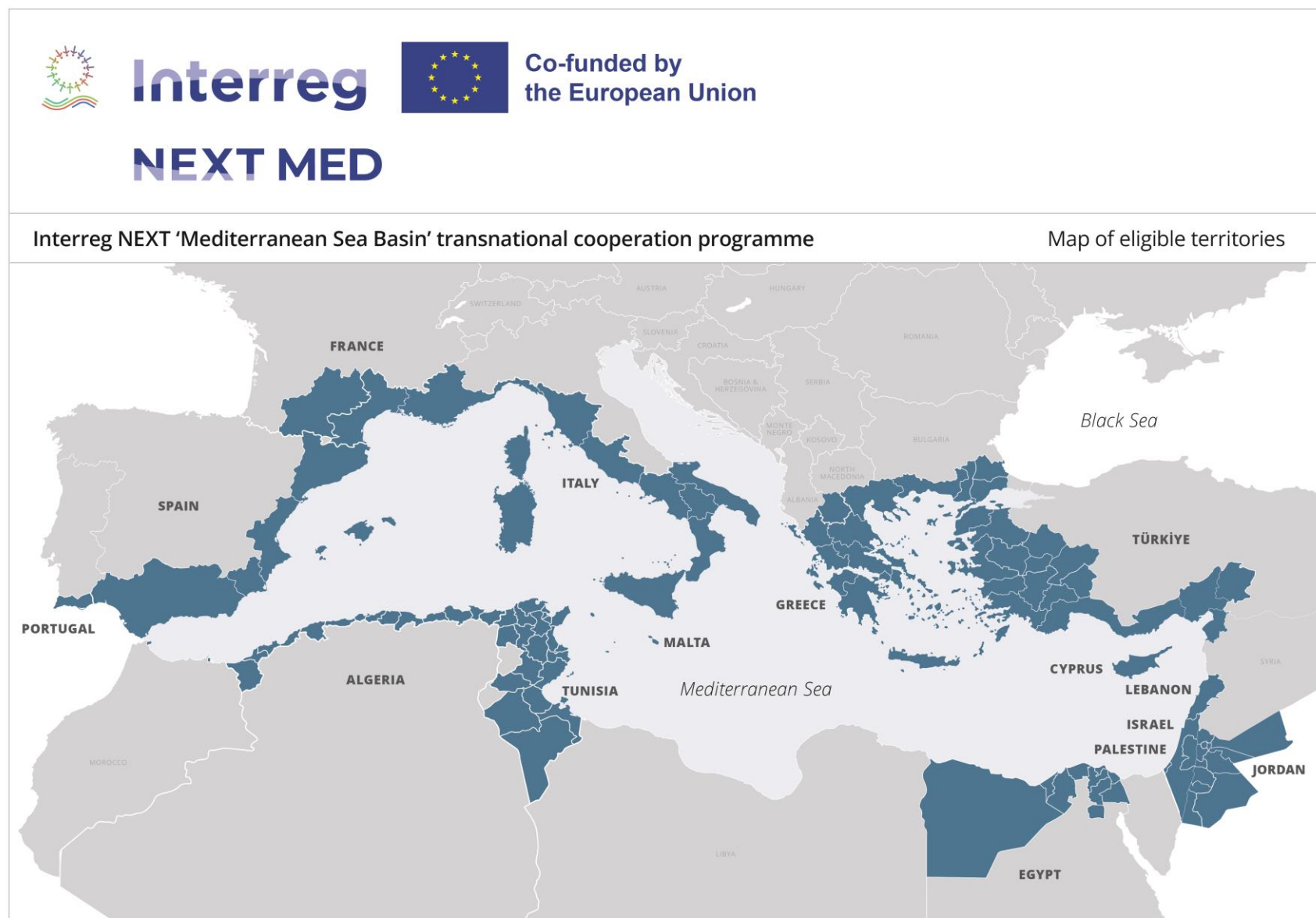
86 programmes within and beyond the EU

Stronger links with partner countries via Interreg IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) & Interreg NEXT (Neighborhood External)

4 strands: Cross-border, Transnational, Interregional, Outermost regions



Working together across borders



15 participating countries (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Jordan, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia)

100+ territories

200+ million people live in the cooperation area



Budget

Total value:
€292 million

EU financial
contribution:
€263 million

Co-financing at
project level:
€29 million



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Interreg NEXT MED overall objective

The Programme aims to contribute to a **smart, sustainable and fair development** for all across the Mediterranean Basin by supporting a **balanced, long-lasting and far-reaching cooperation** as well as **multilevel governance**



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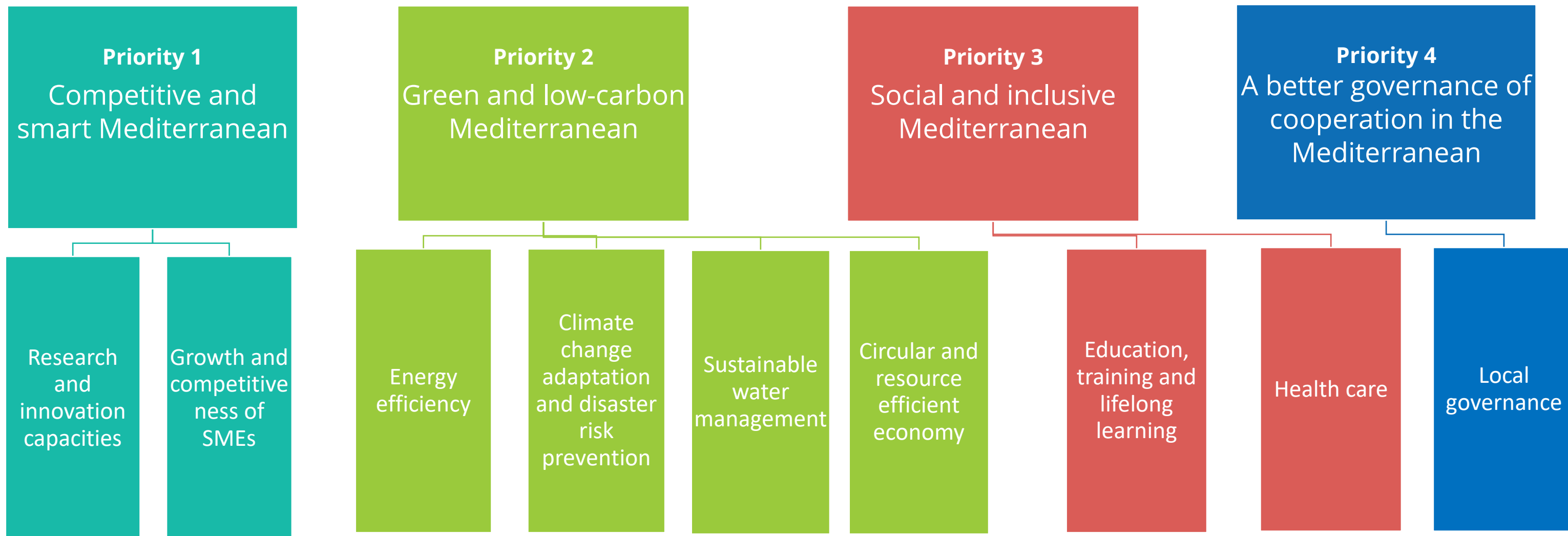
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Priorities and Specific Objectives



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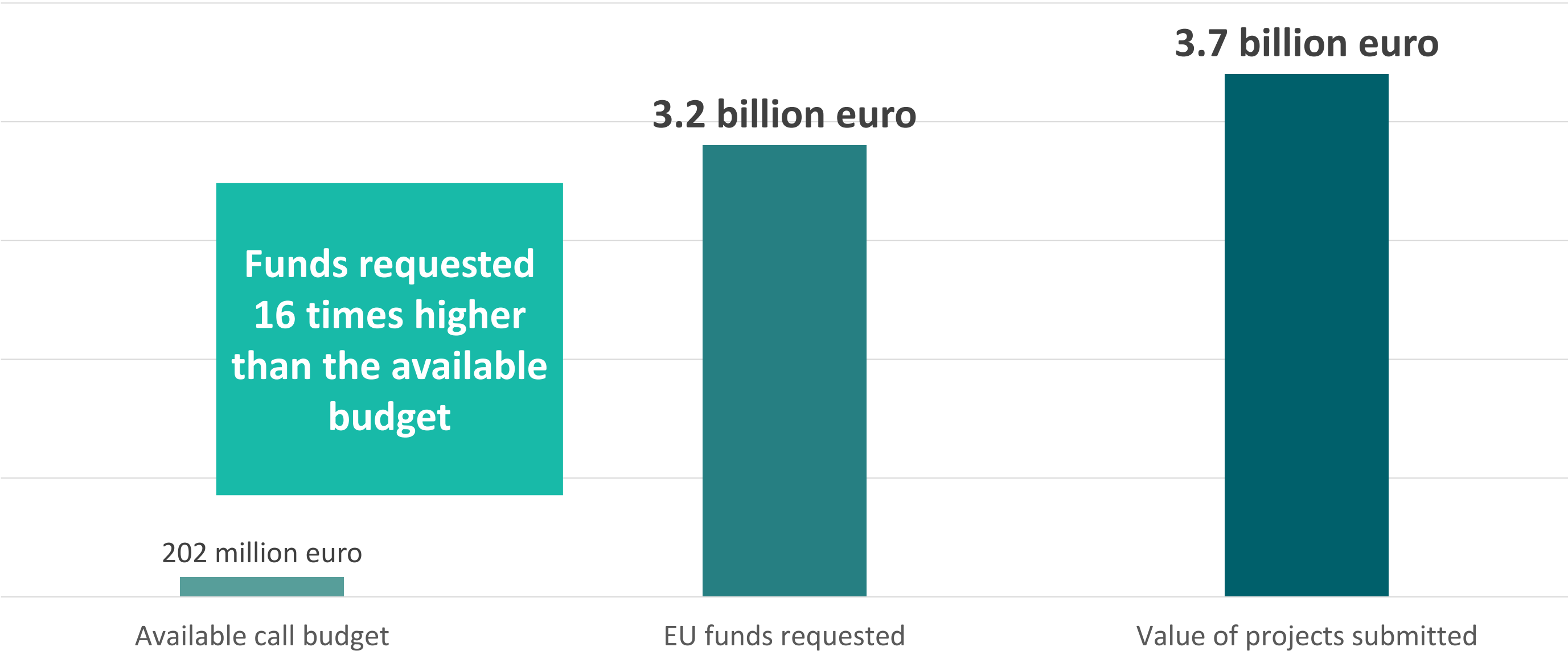


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Comparison of available budget vs EU funds requested

First two calls for proposals: 1.445 proposals submitted



First call for proposals

Final results

631

proposals
submitted

**€1.3
billion**

of EU contribution
requested

60

projects admitted to
funding

**€119
million**

of EU contribution
requested



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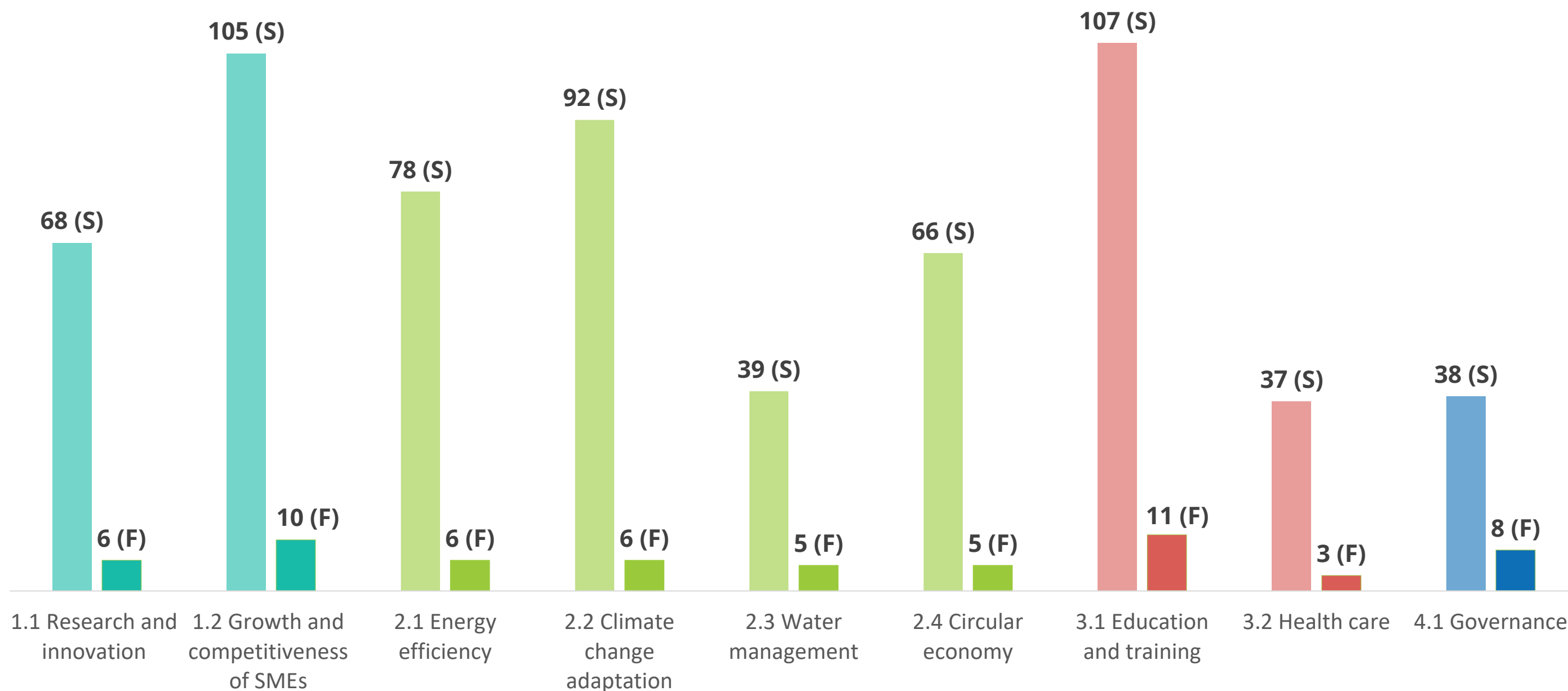


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Proposals selected by Specific Objective

S: Submitted
F: Recommended for funding



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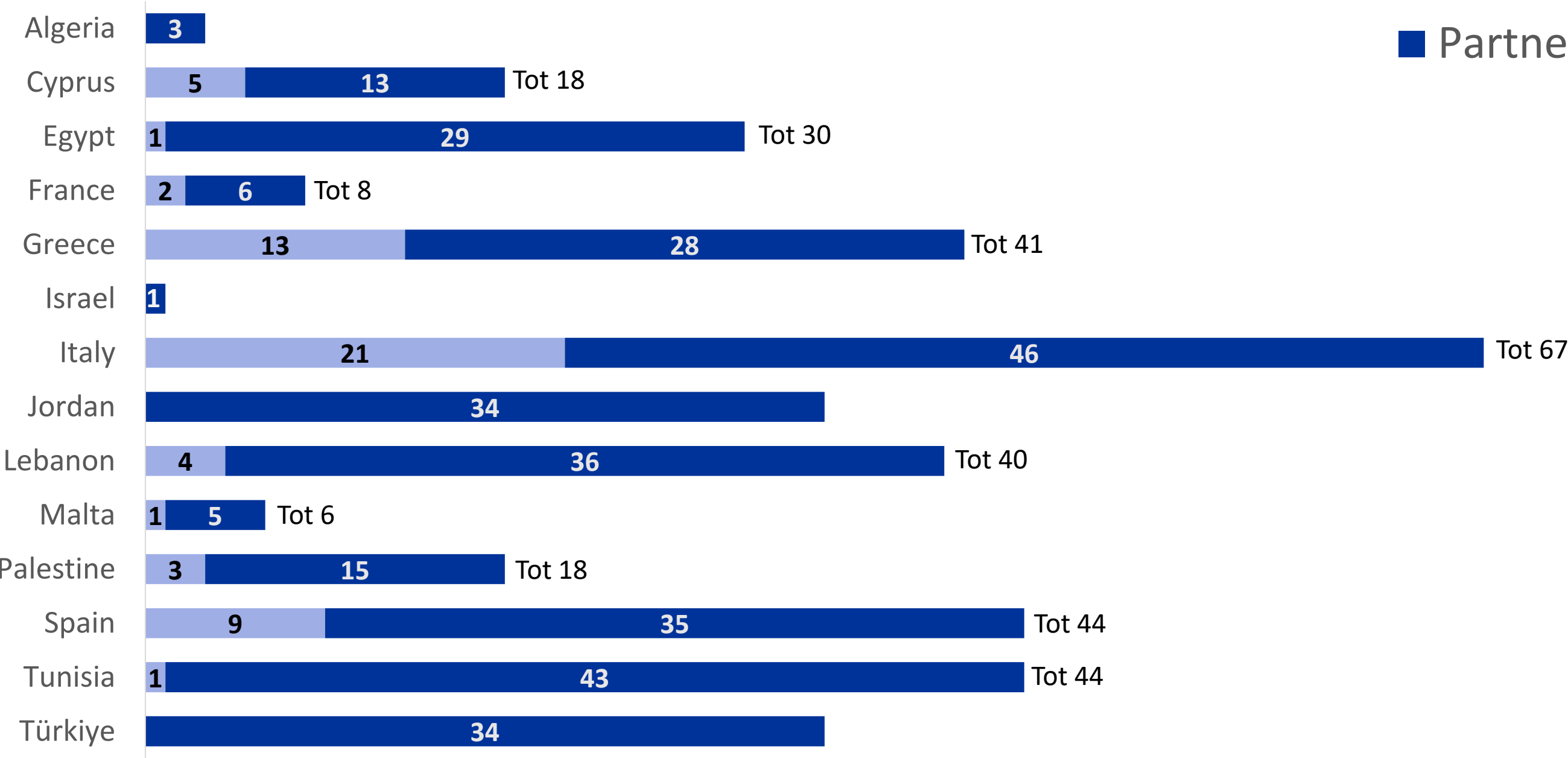
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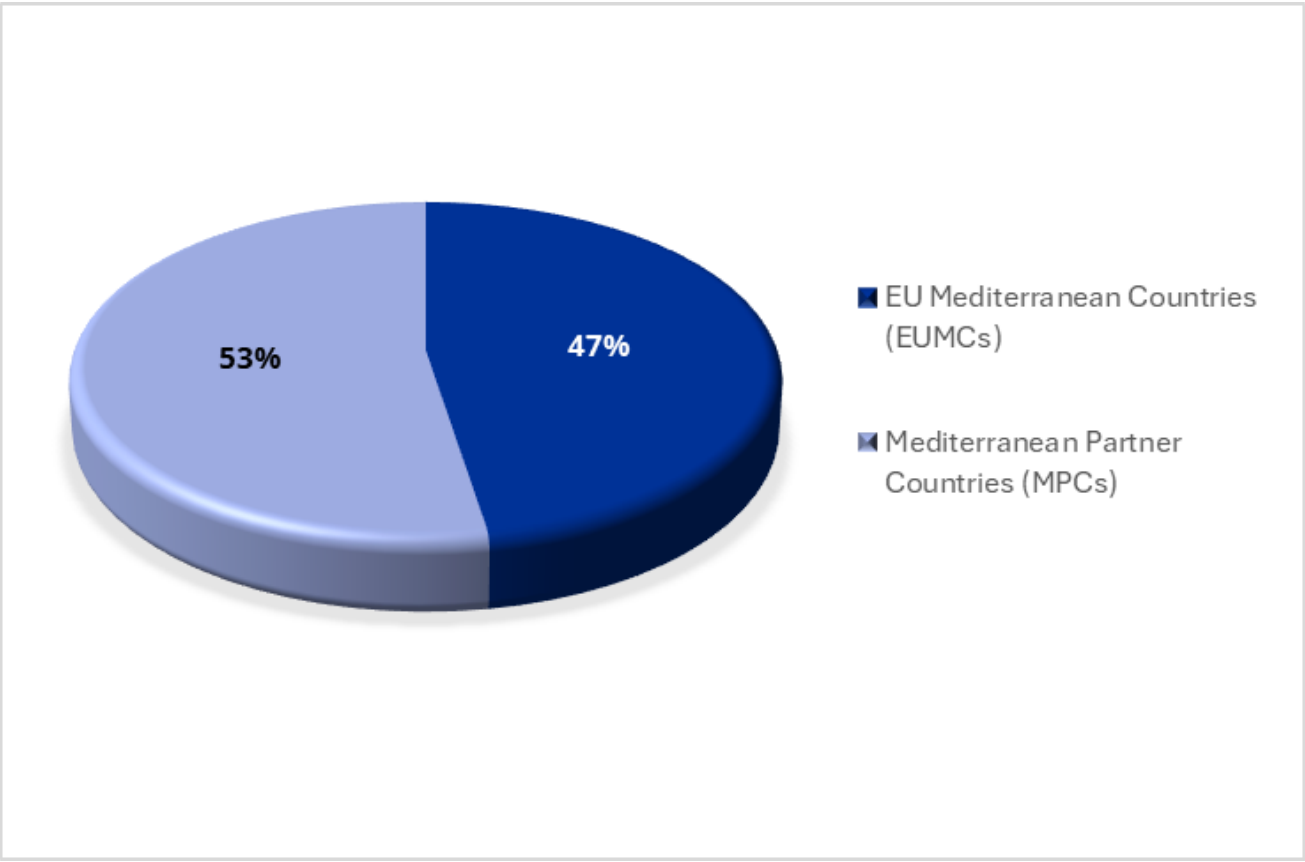
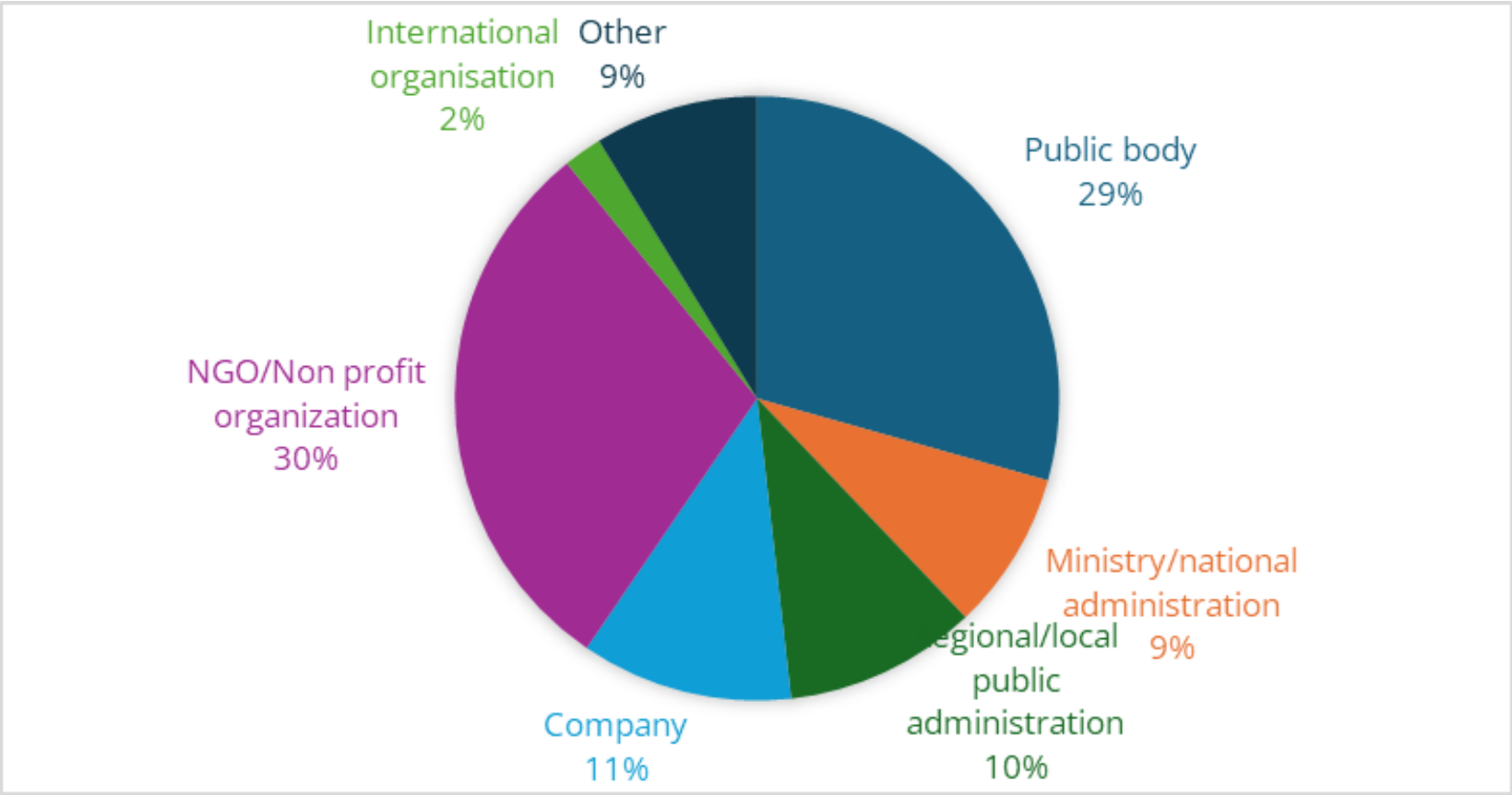


388 organisations involved (contracting process ongoing)

Lead Applicant
Partner



Type of organisations involved in the 60 funded projects



Examples of funded projects



SheEmpower - *ENTREPRENEURSHIP*

To strengthen 280 women-led businesses with training, mentoring, and digital skills, boosting regional markets, job creation, and inclusive growth across the Mediterranean.



STORM - *ENERGY EFFICIENCY*

To unlock the potential of seasonal thermal energy storage in the Mediterranean, demonstrating innovative pilots to cut fossil fuel dependence, boost building efficiency, and move toward a net-zero energy future.



AIGENCY - *HEALTH*

To harness AI potential for stronger preparedness, response, and recovery in health emergencies, empowering policymakers, providers, and communities.



MedYCI - *YOUTH*

To empower Mediterranean youth through innovative training, digital media hubs, and cross-border exchanges, fostering skills, employability, and active civic engagement.



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The call for green transition at a glance

€83.7 million to enable a collective action for a **climate-resilient Mediterranean**

- **Challenge:** Tackling the multifaceted impacts of climate change on natural resources, ecosystems, communities, businesses, and public health.
- **Focus:** Fostering **scalable, replicable, collaborative** solutions among 15 countries in line with global/EU (Paris/COP-related Agreements, European Green Deal, etc.) and national frameworks.
- **Holistic Approach:** Engaging **diverse sectors**, from traditional environmental areas like water, energy, circular economy, climate adaptation and disaster prevention, to SMEs, innovation, education, and policy-making.



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Second call for proposals (Green transition)

Statistics on submitted proposals

814
proposals
submitted

5294
organisations
involved

€1.9 billion
of EU
contribution
requested

€2.2 billion
value of projects
submitted



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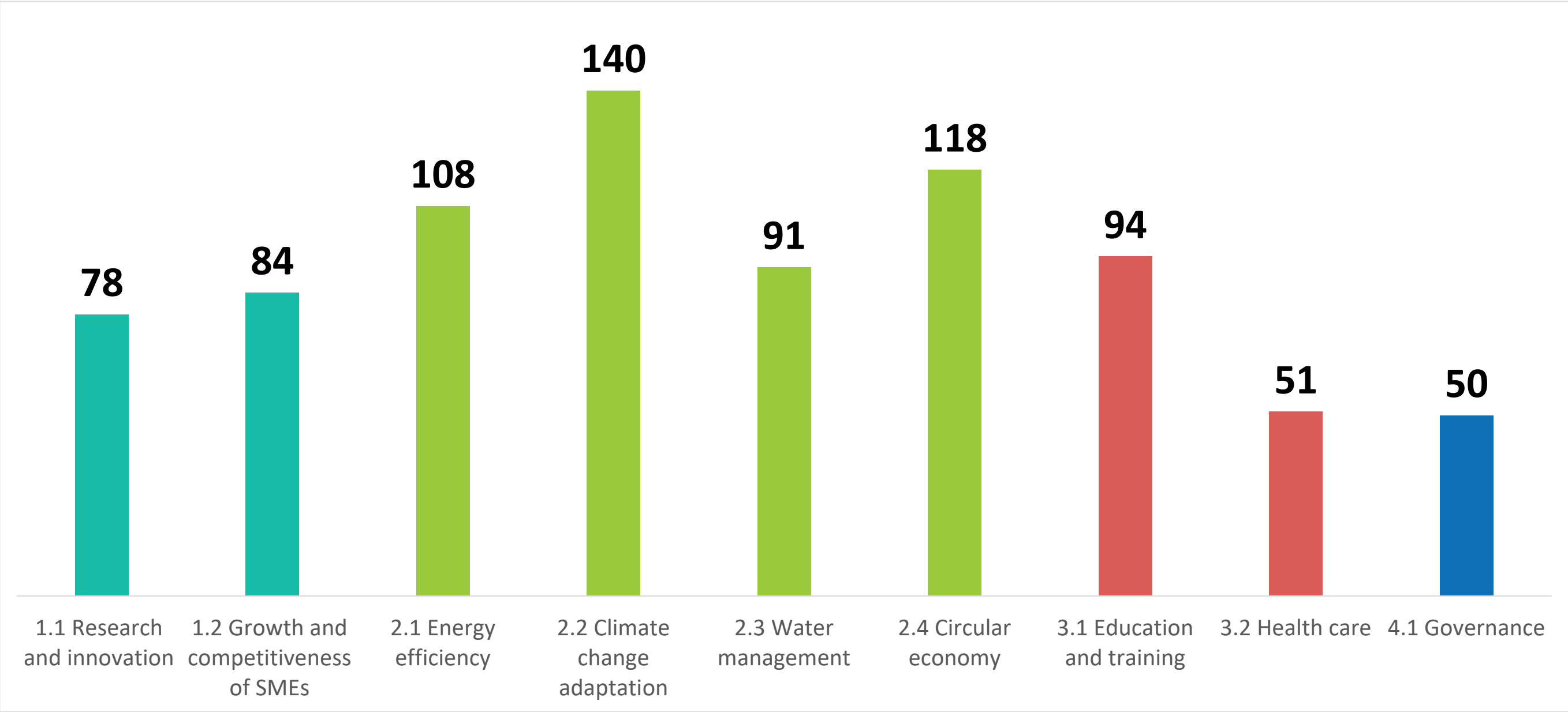
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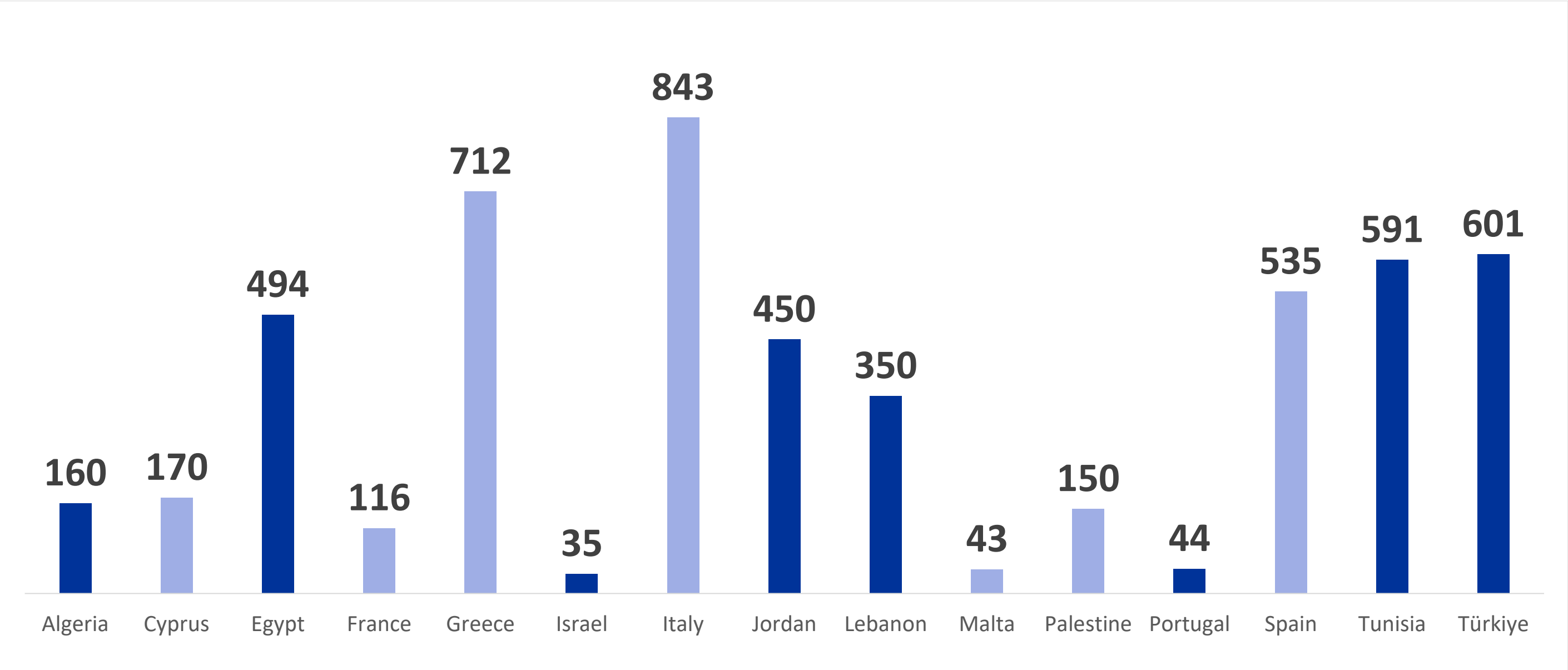
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Number of projects per Specific Objective (total: 814 proposals)



Number of organisations per country (total: 5,294)



The future is now!

- European Commission's proposal **post-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework** (MFF):
 - Total funding: €10.264 billion (current prices), up from €8.9 billion in 2021–27 programmes
 - Programmes continuity: Expectation that current programmes will continue in the next period
- Upcoming “**New Pact for the Mediterranean**”: Thirty years after the launch of the Barcelona Process, it will aim at providing a new impetus to the EU engagement in the Mediterranean region. Due to be published in October 2025.



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