

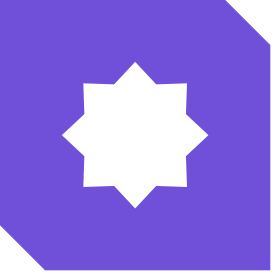


Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood

A new Agenda for the Mediterranean, adopted in 2021

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The Southern Neighbourhood in 2021

20%

faster climate
warming compared
to other regions

50%

reduction in
FDI due to
COVID-19

~ 50%

of population under
24 years old

**Over
16mio**

fulltime working
hours lost in Q2
2020 vs Q2 2019

**Up to
50%**

losses in
GDP since
2019





Our objective

- ◆ Set a **positive Agenda** for our future partnership.
- ◆ Put **people at the centre**, especially youth.
- ◆ Take advantage of trends, including the **green and digital transition**, and EU priorities, including **an economy that works for people, to foster an inclusive and sustainable recovery that creates jobs**.
- ◆ Emphasise the **need for co-ownership** based on common values.
- ◆ Use the **full EU toolbox** and engage more strategically with **EU Member States**, both at the political and policy level, as well as through Joint Programming and Team Europe Initiatives.





Five themes

Human development,
good governance & the
rule of law



Strengthen resilience,
build prosperity &
seize the digital
transition



Migration & mobility



Peace and Security



Green transition:
climate resilience,
energy, and
environment





Human development, good governance & the rule of law

- ✦ Strengthen preparedness and response capacities of **healthcare systems**
- ✦ Support a renewed commitment to **human rights, the rule of law, democracy and good governance** to strengthen governance systems, boost transparency and accountability, and build trust in institutions
- ✦ Empower **young people and civil society, and foster gender equality**
- ✦ Encourage **research, innovation, culture and education** through closer participation in EU programmes





Peace and security

- ◆ Reaffirm EU's role as an **actor for peace, conflict resolution and prevention** as part of a revitalised rules-based multilateral system with the UN at its core
- ◆ Step-up **security and judicial cooperation** to better counter terrorism, cyber and hybrid threats as well as organised crime



Migration and mobility

- ◆ Enhance cooperation on migration on the basis of **comprehensive, balanced, tailor made and mutually beneficial partnerships**, in line with the **new Pact on Migration and Asylum**
- ◆ Address the **root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement** through conflict resolution and a targeted response to socio-economic challenges providing economic opportunities, especially for the youth
- ◆ Take advantage of opportunities from **legal migration and mobility**, in line with MS competences



Strengthen resilience, build prosperity & seize the digital transition



- ◆ Build **inclusive, resilient, sustainable and connected economies** by restoring trust in the business climate, encouraging economic diversification and improving interconnectivity
- ◆ Support the leap to the **digital transition**, both for the public and the private sector
- ◆ Support access to finance for **Small and Medium Enterprises** and financial inclusion

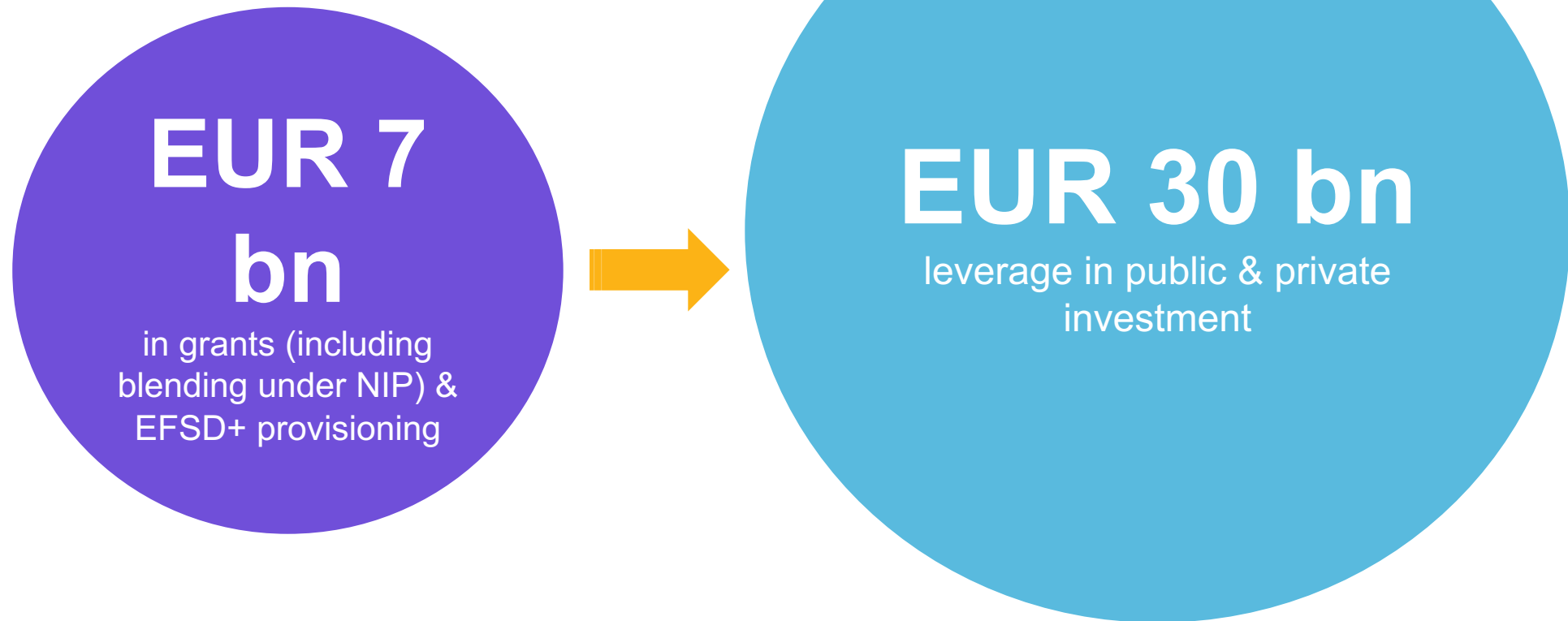


Green transition: climate resilience, energy, and environment

- ◆ Support countries in meeting their **climate commitments** and **strengthen their ambition**
- ◆ Drive **energy transition** and ensure **energy security**
- ◆ Encourage **resource efficiency**, including water and waste, protect terrestrial and marine **biodiversity**, and fight **pollution**
- ◆ Achieve transition to **sustainable food systems**



How much will we mobilise? * pending NDICI adoption



Thank you!

