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Discovering the Interreg NEXT MED Programme

Objectives, Priorities and Opportunities

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Interreg NEXT MED at a glance

Making cooperation happen in the Mediterranean since 2007

- Interreg NEXT MED is the **third edition** of the **largest EU-funded external cooperation** programme in the Mediterranean Sea Basin
- It builds on the experience accumulated by **80 ENI CBC MED** (2014-2020 period) projects and **95 ENPI CBC MED** (2007-2013 period) projects, involving over **1.300 project partners** and over **€400 million** in project funding
- Contribution to **joint prosperity, stability** and **security** by addressing together **common challenges**
- **Key principles:** co-ownership, cooperation on equal footing, balanced partnership, common benefits



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NEXT MED, a new member of the Interreg community



Interreg (short for 'European Territorial Cooperation): goal of EU cohesion policy that aims to solve problems across borders and to jointly develop the potential of diverse territories

Total budget: nearly €10 billion for 2021-2027 EU period

Around 100 **cooperation programmes** operate across borders, both within and outside the EU

30+ years of experience

2021-2027: **reinforced cooperation with partner countries** through Interreg IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) and Interreg NEXT (**N**eighborhood **E**xternal)

More info on: <https://interreg.eu/>



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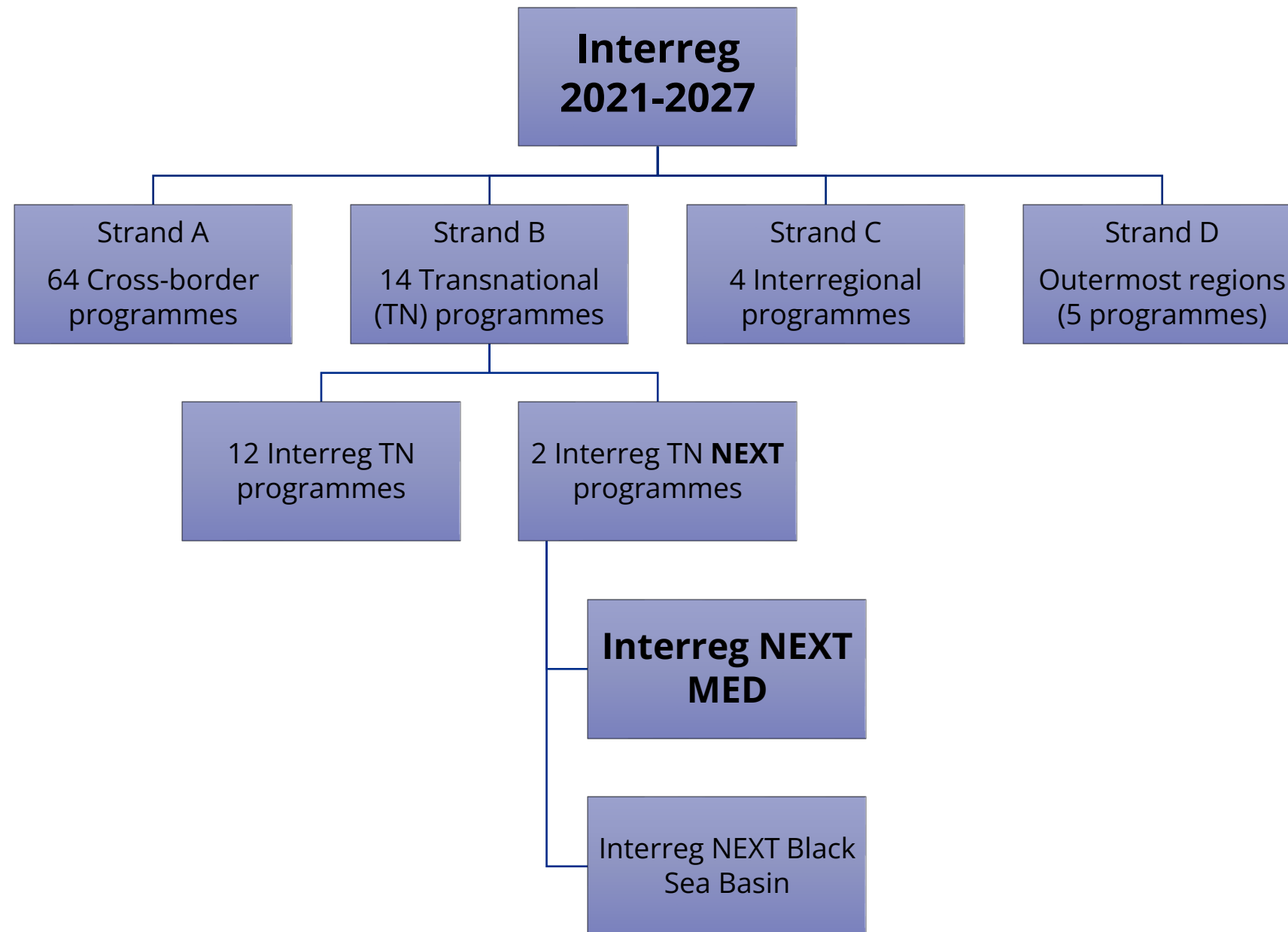


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NEXT MED, an Interreg transnational cooperation programme



- **Transnational cooperation**, known as Interreg B, allows for cooperation over larger transnational territories or around sea basins
- Promote **better cooperation and regional development** within and beyond the Union by a joint approach to tackle common issues
- Support a **wide range of project investment** related to innovation, environment, accessibility, telecommunications, urban development



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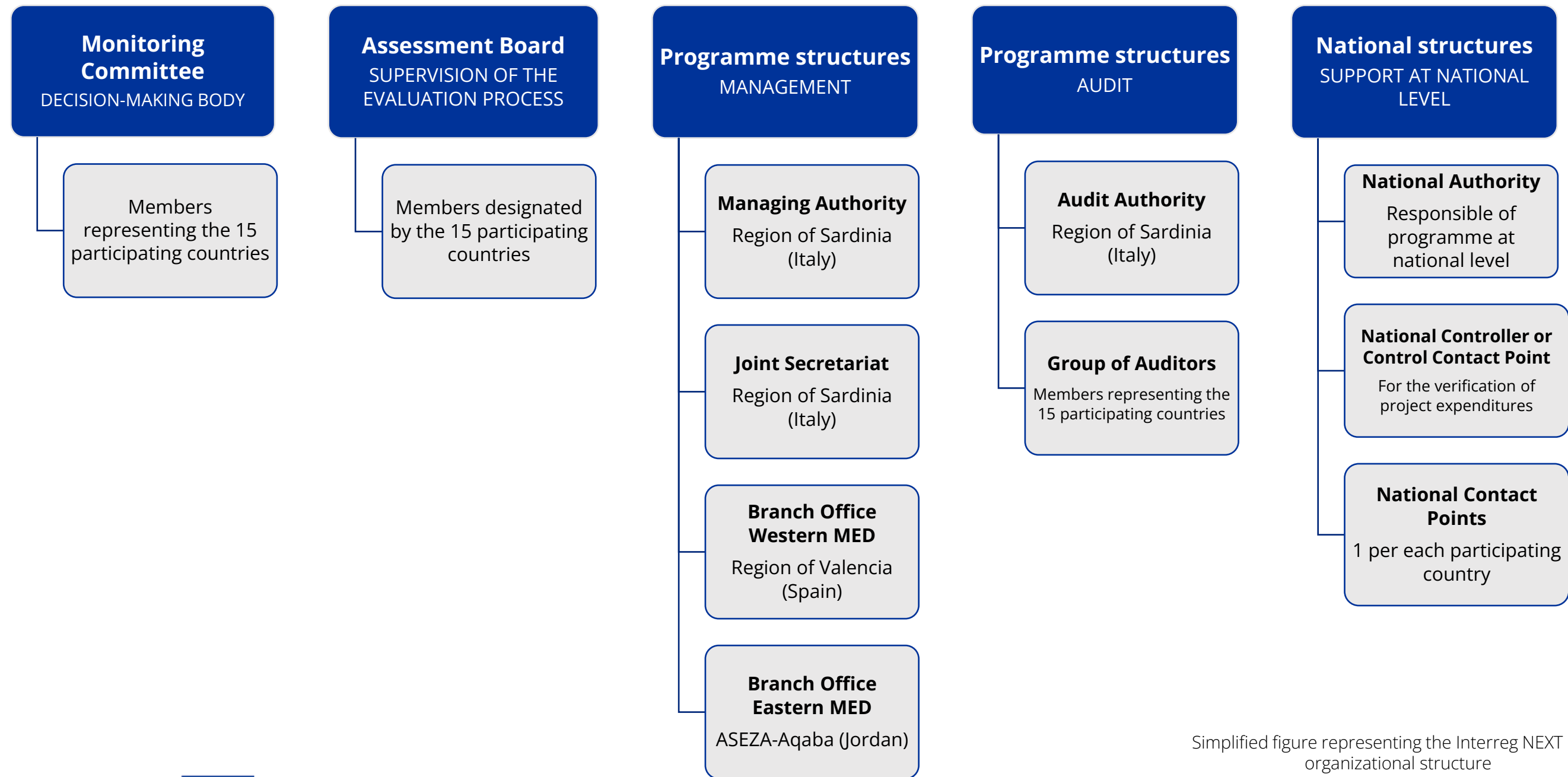


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Management of Interreg NEXT MED

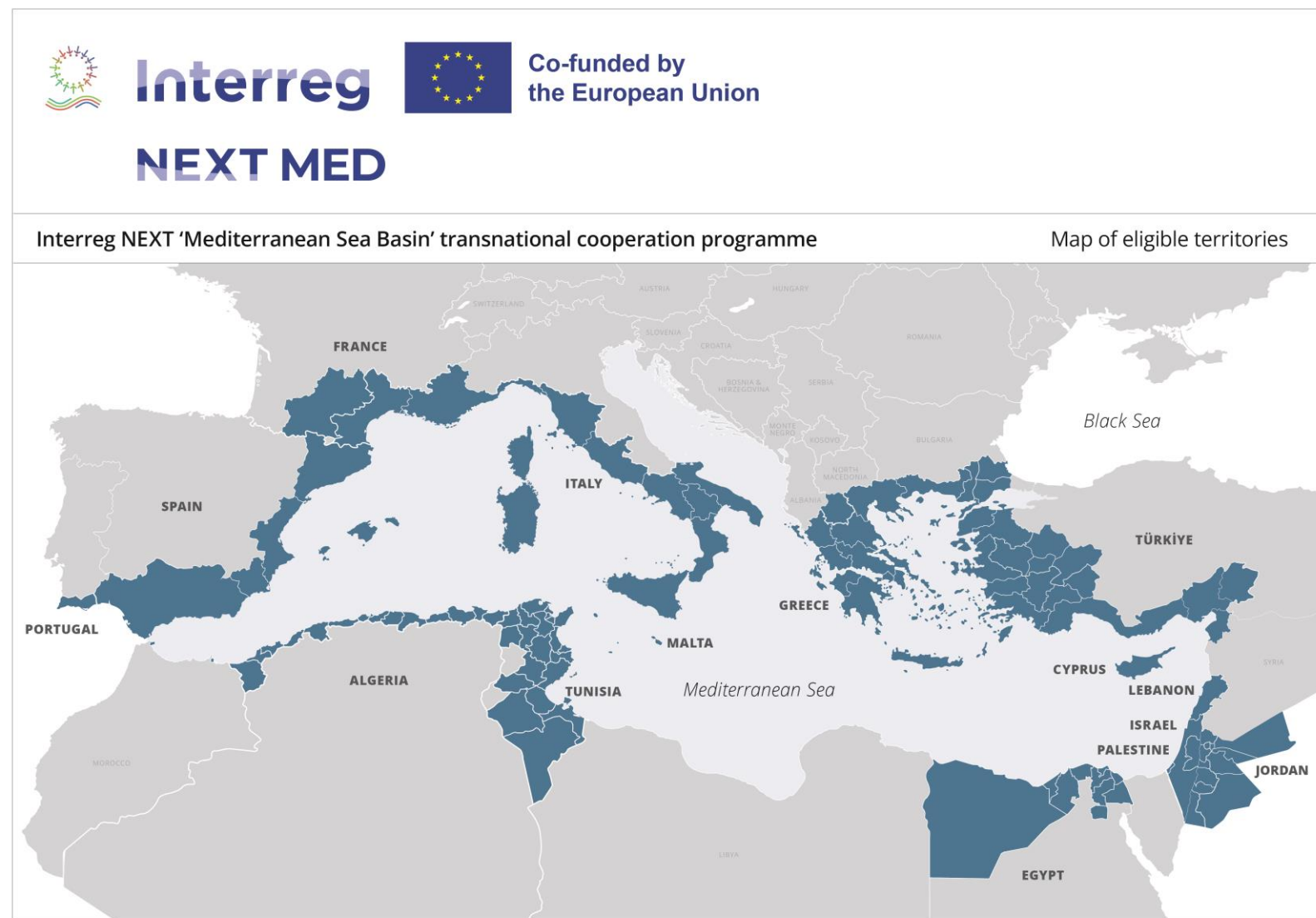


Simplified figure representing the Interreg NEXT MED organizational structure



Interreg NEXT MED

Largest transnational cooperation programme on the EU's external borders



15 participating* countries:
Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israël, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Türkiye

90+ eligible territories

200+ million people live in the cooperation area

*Eligibility of Mediterranean Partner Countries partner countries to be confirmed upon signature of a financial agreement with the European Commission



Interreg NEXT MED vision and ambition

The vision of the Programme is 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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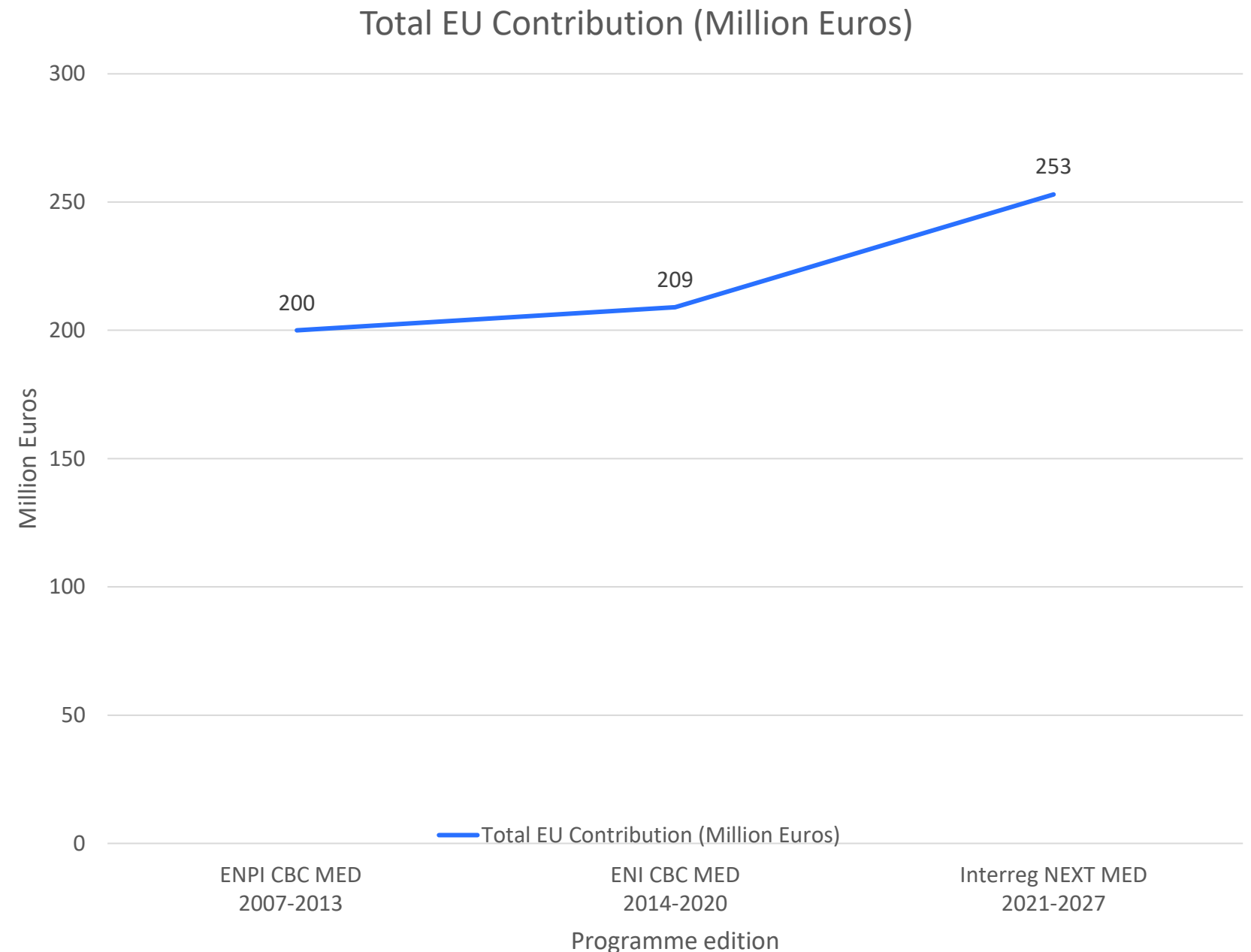
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Budget increased by 26.5% since 2007

| EU contribution to Interreg NEXT MED | |
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| Funds | Amount |
| European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) | €96.199.962,00 |
| Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) | €147.625.817,00 |
| Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance III (IPA) | € 9.500.000,00 |
| Total EU Contribution | €253.325.779,00* |

*Additional €9.7 million granted by the European Commission and to be included in Interreg NEX MED budget following an official modification of the approved Programme Document

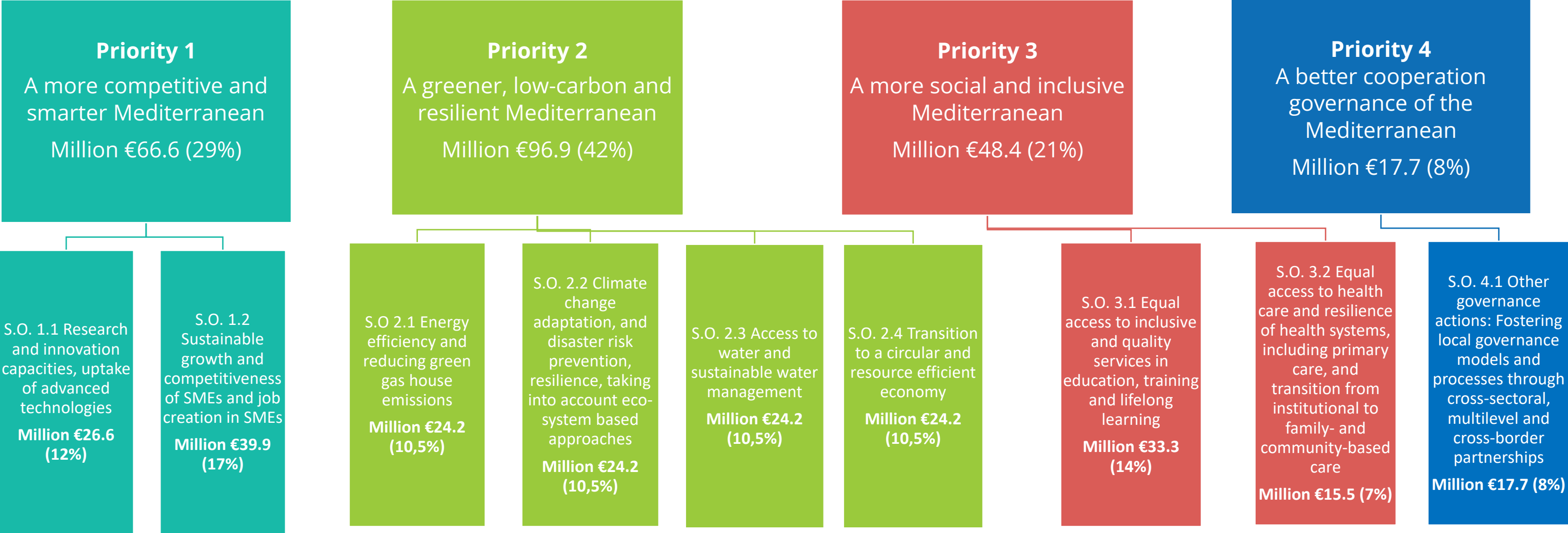


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4 Priorities and 9 Specific Objectives



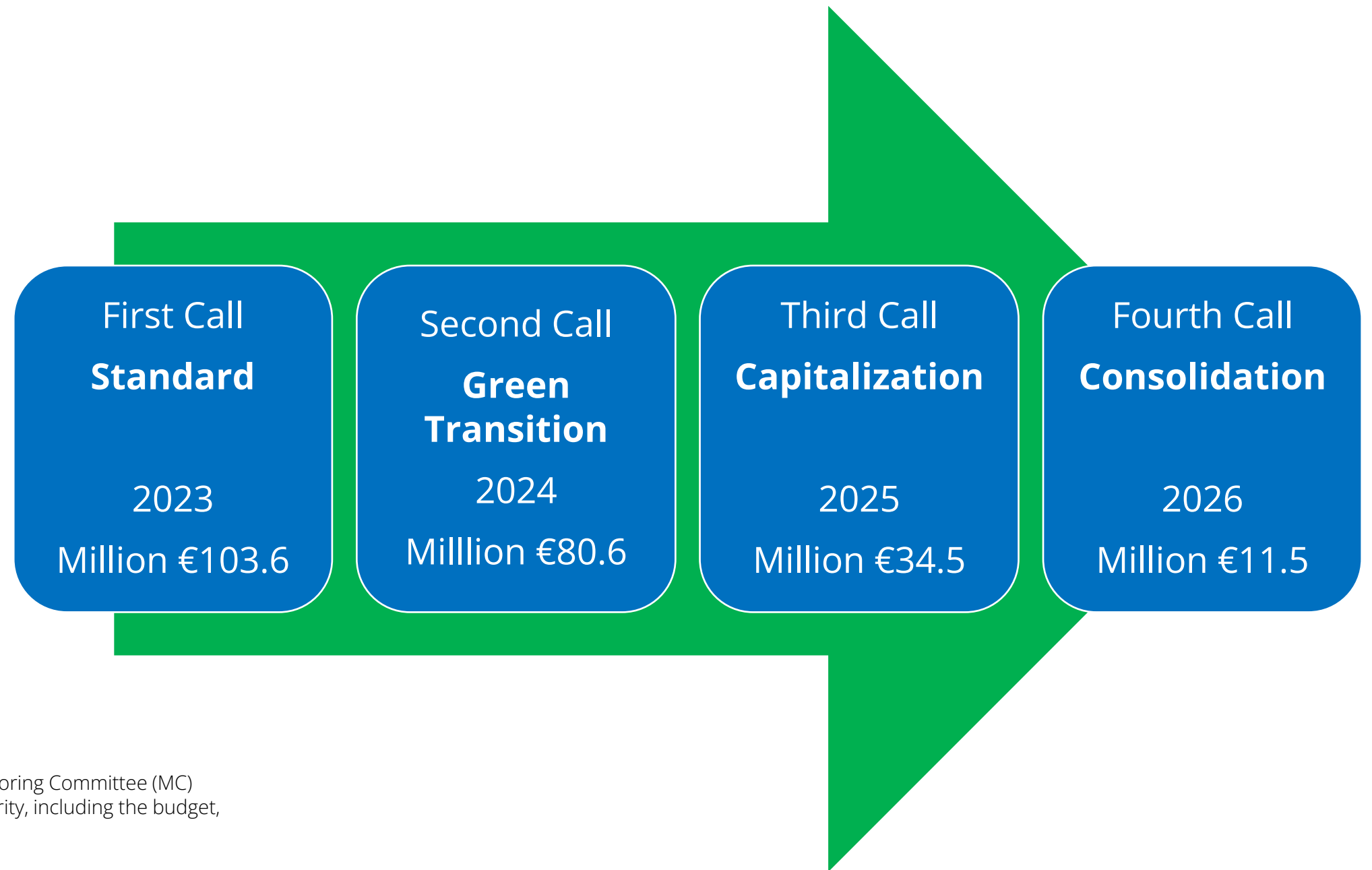
Interreg NEXT MED timeline of calls for proposals (indicative*)

Standard Projects: open to all Specific Objectives (SO)

Green Transition: open to all relevant S.O. Focus on green results and impact

Capitalization: open to all SO Focus on exploiting synergies and maximizing impact of previous results

Consolidation: open to all SO Only for Interreg NEXT MED projects (closed or on-course)



*The first call for proposals has been approved by the Monitoring Committee (MC) while the 3 other ones are proposals of the Managing Authority, including the budget, to be further discussed and confirmed by the MC.





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