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EU Budget – Evolution of the MFF



- A 7-year MFF: **2028-2034**
- From 7 to **4 headings**

1. EUROPE'S SOCIAL MODEL AND QUALITY OF LIFE €1.062 trillion*

- National and regional partnership plans
- Repayment of NextGenerationEU

3. GLOBAL EUROPE €215.2 billion*

- Global Europe Instrument
- Common Foreign and Security Policy, Overseas countries and Territories

2. COMPETITIVENESS, PROSPERITY AND SECURITY €589.6 billion*

- European Competitiveness Fund including Horizon Europe
- Erasmus+; AgoraEU; Justice; Union Civil Protection Mechanism & Health Response
- Connecting Europe Facility; Single Market Programme; Euratom/ITER; Nuclear decommissioning; Pericles

4. ADMINISTRATION €117.9 billion*

*Nominal amounts in current prices

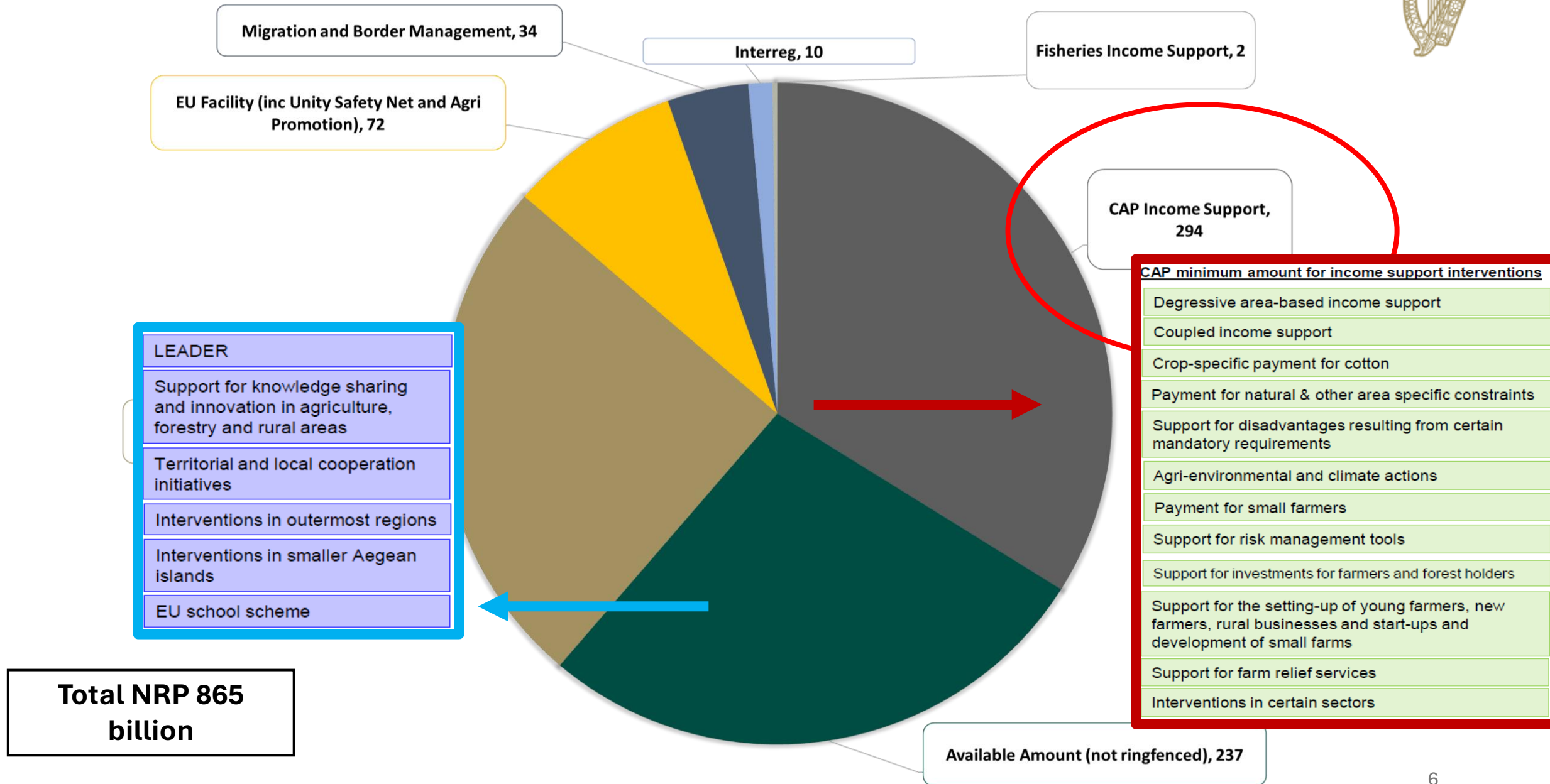
Source: European Commission, July 2025

National Regional Partnership Plans



- From 2028, the CAP and CFP will sit inside the new National Regional Partnership Plan 'NRPP' structure.
- These were previously separate funds now merged into **one National Plan.**
- CAP and CFP **have pre-allocated funding.**
- The **Performance Framework Regulation** - provide horizontal rules for all EU funds, including CAP.
- No finance/ funding outlined in CAP regulation.

Indicative EU NRPP Budget



Rural Development in the next CAP



- Proposed CAP regulations provide support for:
 - Setting up of new farms or rural businesses
 - Income diversification of farms
 - Business development
 - Up to €300,000 available
- Generational renewal measures include:
 - Support for setting up young farmers
 - Higher income support and investment rates for young farmers – no qualification requirement
- LEADER
 - Mandatory for MS but financed from outside the current ring-fenced amount
- Rural Target
 - CION have proposed that 10% of unallocated NRPP funds are allocated to rural areas
 - Negotiations are currently ongoing

CAP Post 2027 Negotiation Update



Initial read-through completed by Danish Presidency (Sept–Dec 2025)

Regulation divided into blocks

MS submitted written questions after initial read-through of each block was completed

Commission issued responses to written questions in January 2026

Strong early messages from MS

- Need for greater flexibility and subsidiarity
- Concerns about the new structure and how it would work in practice
- Budget
- Need to have all relevant elements included in the CAP Regulation

CAP Post 2027 Negotiation Update – Cyprus Presidency



1 Detailed CION answers to MS written questions on all blocks

2 Advanced the transfer of NRPP articles into the CAP Regulation

3 Developed entire compromise CAP regulation with transferred articles included

4 Will have completed two rounds of drafting suggestions on **original CAP regulation** by July

CAP Post 2027 Negotiations – Ireland's Approach



1

Begin with drafting suggestions on transferred articles

2

Advance transfer of further articles from NRPP – will depend on MS positions

3

Build on work of CY presidency to achieve compromise texts on remaining articles

Prioritising Rural Development during Ireland's Presidency



- The LEADER programme has been a cornerstone of EU rural development policy for 35 years
- Ireland has been a strong advocate for the LEADER programme to remain a core element of the new CAP framework and for the continued prioritisation of a well funded LEADER programme in the coming years

Prioritising Rural Development during Ireland's Presidency



- Ireland will host a High-Level EU Rural Policy Forum during our Presidency
- This Event will take place in collaboration with the European Commission and with the support of the Rural Pact Support Office
- 200 delegates will be invited to explore integrated approaches to Rural Development with a particular focus on LEADER
- We look forward to welcoming EU & national policymakers, regional and local leaders, rural development practitioners, researchers and stakeholders shaping the future of rural development across Europe
- **Save the Date:** 3rd & 4th of November in Naas, Co Kildare



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Thank-You

Any Questions?