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Clusters role in
National recovery plan: Lithuania

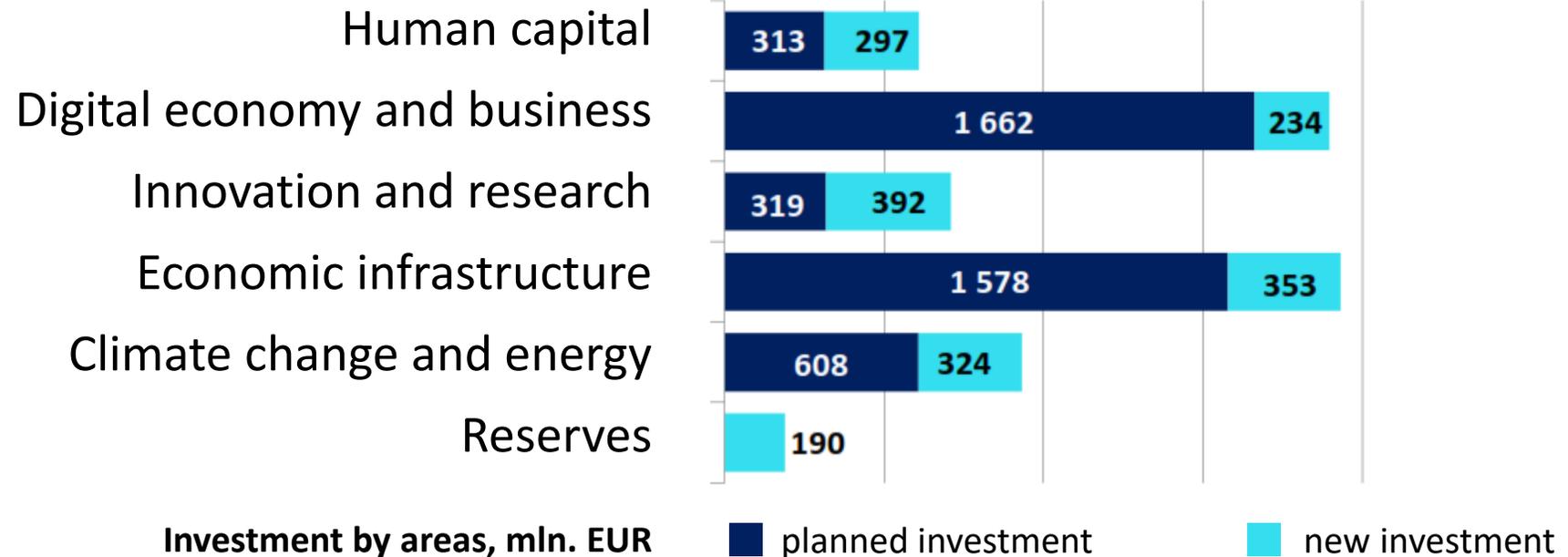


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POST-COVID LITHUANIA: INVESTMENT CHANGES THE DNA OF THE FUTURE ECONOMY

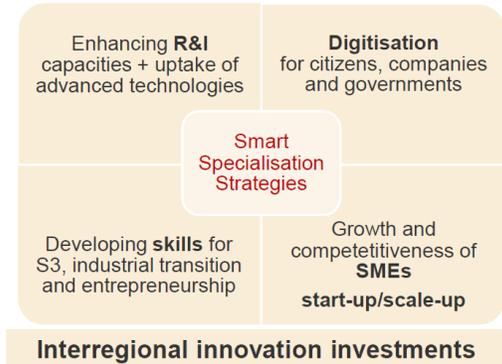
4.5 billion planned investment

1.8 billion for additional investment



OBJECTIVES OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS FOR 2021–2027

Cohesion Policy Objective 1: 2021-27 A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation



Policy objective 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe, by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management

- (i) promoting energy efficiency measures;
- (ii) promoting renewable energy;
- (iii) developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level;
- (iv) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;
- (v) promoting sustainable water management;
- (vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy;
- (vii) enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution;

- => PO2 allows for integrated, cross-sectorial approaches
- => PO2 provides important support/opportunities for transition towards climate neutral, circular economy



Policy Objective 3: A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity

Specific Objectives from CF/ERDF

- (i) enhancing digital connectivity;
- (ii) developing a sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent, secure and intermodal TEN-T;
- (iii) developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility;
- (iv) promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility;

Priorities:

- => Better physical and digital connectivity
- => Balanced development of the transport network (all layers)
- => More sustainability; reducing externalities (safety, air quality, CO2)



Policy Objective 4 - A More Social Europe – Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

ESF+ Specific Objectives

EMPLOYMENT

- (i) Access to employment of all jobseekers
- (ii) Modernising labour market institutions and services
- (iii) Women's labour market participation, work/life balance, well-adapted working environment, adaptation of workers & enterprises, active & healthy ageing

EDUCATION TRAINING

- (iv) Improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems
- (v) Promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education
- (vi) Lifelong learning, upskilling, anticipating change and new skills requirements

SOCIAL INCLUSION

- (vii) Active inclusion
- (viii) Socio-integration of migrants and marginalised communities e.g. Roma
- (ix) Equal and timely access to services; social protection healthcare systems and long term care
- (x) Social integration of people at risk of poverty;
- (xi) Addressing material deprivation

Gender equality, equal opportunity & non-discrimination

Also contributes to other policy objectives, in particular, to PO 1 a Smarter Europe; PO 2 A Greener, low-carbon Europe



Policy objective 5 The objective

Foster economic, social, and environmental sustainability and resilience in all places.

- **Urban context:** to benefit from agglomeration economies and positive spill-overs towards the wider functional urban and rural areas close to cities
- **Other territories:** To build on the potentials and specific assets of remote rural areas and local communities (beyond compensatory)



PRIORITIES OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2021–2027

Program priorities

- Advanced Lithuania
- Greener Lithuania
- Better connected Lithuania
- More socially responsible Lithuania
- Closer to its citizens Lithuania
- Just Transition Fund



PRIORITIES OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2021–2027

I Priority: Advanced Lithuania (1)

Task - 1.1. Strengthen research and innovation capacity and the deployment of advanced technologies

- Encourage the development, acceleration and expansion of start-ups
- Encourage the supply of innovation
- Encourage SME (industrial) transformation (Industry 4.0 and "ringing")
- Encourage SME participation in international R & D & I initiatives (i.e. clusters, TVGs)
- Encourage the attraction of foreign direct investment

PRIORITIES OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS INVESTMENT PROGRAM 2021–2027

I Priority: Advanced Lithuania (2)

Task - 1.3. Strengthen the growth and competitiveness of SMEs

- Encourage the creation, growth and development of start-up SMEs
- To promote the formation and development of short value chains between SMEs in the regions of Central and Western Lithuania
- Encourage the attraction of talent to SMEs
- Promote the internationalization of SMEs and the identification of new export markets
- Promote the certification and supply of high value-added products and services to SMEs in foreign markets
- Promote the development and expansion of an export-oriented SME network integrated into a common value chain
- Promote the automation of production processes and the introduction of digitization technologies in industrial SMEs (industrial digitization)

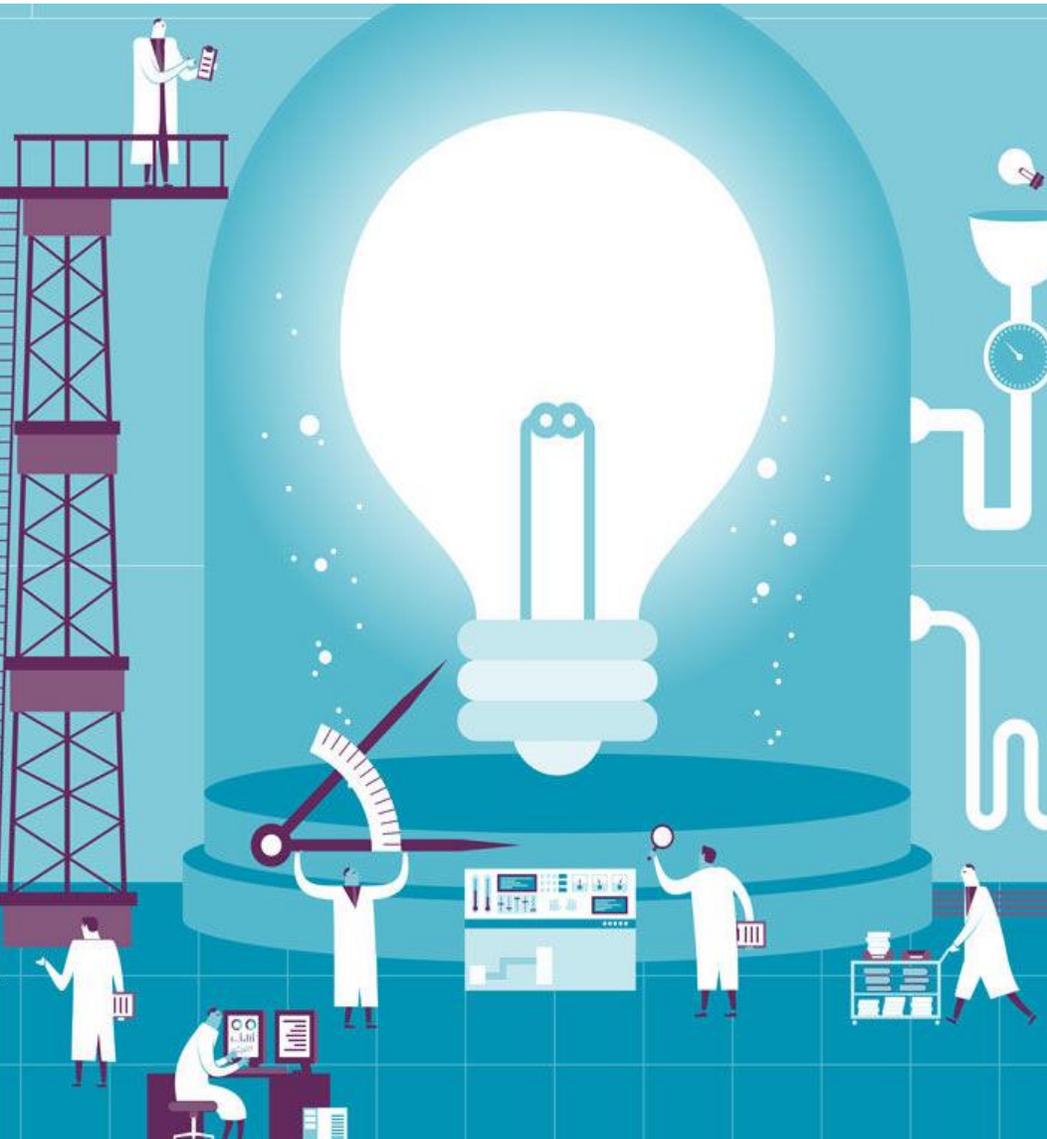
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I Priority: Advanced Lithuania (3)

Task 1.4. To develop the skills required for advanced specialization, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

- Develop the skills needed by SMEs to adapt to technological economic change and industrial transformation
- To develop the skills of employees of SMEs and other entities involved in the search for entrepreneurial opportunities

CLUSTERS – TOOL FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF LITHUANIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN



Clusters are expected to operate in the following areas:

- R&D projects (encouraged partnerships)
- Investment in product manufacturing (promotion of short value chains)
- Participation in international value chains
- Development of competencies required for industrial digitization



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