

Measures

Each National and Regional Partnership Plan (NRP Plan) and the Interreg Plan should include a comprehensive set of measures. This Chapter of the Guidance aims to provide further details on NRP Plans and the Interreg Plan, where applicable, measure types i.e. reforms, investments and output-based interventions, the design of measures, and the use of technical support.

Measures are the key building blocks of NRP Plans and Interreg Plan chapters. Their correct design will enable the design of milestones, targets, outputs and setting up the costing of the Plan. Furthermore, a clear measure design will facilitate the choice of the intervention fields from Annex I to the Performance Regulation and establish each NRP Plan contribution to the EU social, climate and environmental objectives, and the related spending targets.

1. Integrated planning

1.1. *Synergies and integrated planning*

One of the core objectives of the Commission's Proposal for a National and Regional Partnership Plans Regulation¹ is to provide an integrated programming process, allowing a more coordinated and qualitative approach to deliver on EU priorities, tailored to each Member State's national and regional challenges. Integrated programming will also enable stronger synergies between policies, for instance to empower Member States to address the challenges faced by remote, rural and coastal areas in a more comprehensive manner and spanning across policy areas, as well as with other EU programmes (e.g. the European Competitiveness Fund, Horizon Europe or the Connecting Europe Facility).² Synergies can contribute to strengthening the Single Market, notably by providing for measures with a cross-border, transnational or multi-country dimension, including by supporting in particular Important Projects of Common European Interests (IPCEIs), and other tools, such as completion of the Trans-European Transport network and aligning and/or contributing through NRPPs investment activities to large-scale projects such as Grand Challenges.

In this context, the NRP Plans should set out coherent approaches to addressing challenges, notably those identified in the reference framework, at the appropriate (national and/or regional)

¹ COM(2025) 565. Please note that references to the 'NRP Regulation' should be understood as referring to the Commission's Proposal

² An important tool in identifying synergies is the Competitiveness Seal. Projects that have been awarded the Competitiveness Seal can take advantage of the assessment conducted prior to the attribution of the Competitiveness Seal and receive support under the NRP Plan (subject to State aid rules)