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Proposals from the islands for the new MFF
Work in groups

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Work in Groups – *the structure*

- Break into groups
- Look into specific MFF programmes where islands should be reflected
- Share ideas, discuss, come out with proposals as to **“where or why or how”** islands should be reflected
- Main outcome: a report to be shared with key advocacy players at national (e.g. Ministries) and EU (CPMR; national permanent representatives in the EU) to push for islands to be explicitly referenced in final programmes
- Input from Smart Islands Initiative

MFF 2021-2027 – *Europe's long-term budget*

EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE

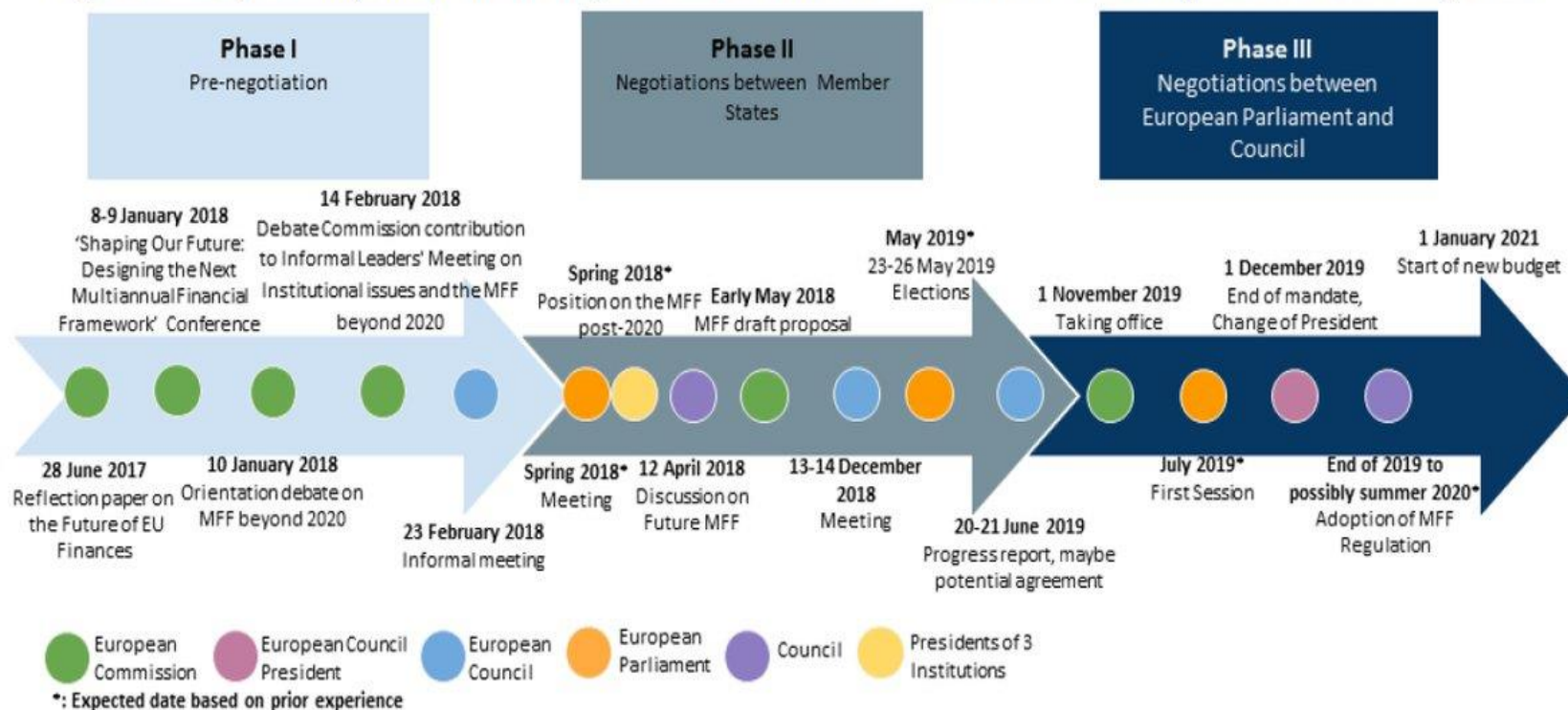
#EUBudget



- *allocates funds to different policy areas ('headings')*
- *sets out maximum spending levels ('ceilings') for the EU.*
- *since annual budgets are constrained by these ceilings, the priorities set in the MFF decisively influence EU policy during a seven-year period. Thus...*
- *the Commission proposal is keenly watched and commented on by EU member states and interest groups.*

MFF 2021-2027 – *the timeline*

Figure 3 – Key developments in the negotiations on the 2021-2027 MFF according to the Leaders' Agenda



Source: EPRS.



Proposals from the islands – *a selection*



Horizon Europe
InvestEU
Digital Europe Programme



LIFE

Horizon Europe – *more R&I, less market uptake*

Background

- ✓ 94,1 billion; 5 thematic clusters: health, inclusive and secure society, digital and industry, **climate, energy and mobility**, food and natural resources
- ✓ Reference on islands : Integrated approaches to match renewable energy production and consumption at local level **including on islands**, based on new services and community initiatives

Main question

HOW should islands feature more explicitly in Horizon Europe?

Food for thought!

Decarbonisation on islands equals exploiting synergies between all sectors, including energy, water, waste and transport

InvestEU – *single multi-policy guarantee instrument*

EFSI experience

- ✓ Large projects, economically and technically sound, mature enough to be bankable
- ✓ Beneficiaries mainly large private entities
- ✓ Projects funded > € 8 million

Background

- ✓ €15.2 billion to trigger €650 billion in loans, guarantees, equity etc. for strategic investments in the support of EU internal policies
- ✓ InvestEU fund | InvestEU Advisory Hub | InvestEU Portal
- ✓ “The Hub shall facilitate the **bundling of small-scale projects**; will have **local presence** to assist in knowledge-transfer and **build capacity at local/regional level**”

Main question

HOW would you make the InvestEU more relevant for Islands?

Food for thought!

- ✓ smaller leverage factor

Digital Europe Programme – *a new one*

Background

- ✓ 9,2 billion;
- ✓ Digital Innovation Hubs as one-stop-shops providing customers with:
 - Access to digital technologies and competences,
 - Infrastructure to experiment with digital innovations,
 - Training to develop digital skills,
 - Financing advice,
 - Market intelligence
 - Networking opportunities

Main question

WHY is digital transformation important to islands?

Food for thought!

- ✓ In the regulation, rural and remote areas are explicitly referenced, so should islands.
- ✓ Link with decarbonisation, bio-economy, new economic opportunities, depopulation.
- ✓ Complementarity with other programmes to compensate for network deployments remaining commercially non-viable in remote areas

LIFE – *largely reinforced*

Background

- ✓ 60% of budget increase: total budget of €5.45 billion
- ✓ 4 main programmes
 - ✓ **Nature and Biodiversity (€ 2.150 billion)**: strategic standard action projects & new strategic nature projects
 - ✓ **Clean energy transition sub-programme (€ 1 billion)**: Build capacity, stimulate investments and support policy implementation on energy efficiency and small-scale renewables that contribute to climate mitigation and/or environmental objectives.
 - ✓ **Climate change mitigation and adaptation Sub-Programme (€ 950 million)**: implement the 2030 energy and climate policy framework and commitments under the Paris Agreement.
 - ✓ **Circular economy and quality of life (€ 1.350 billion)**: Help reach major EU policy objectives such as the transition to a circular economy, and protecting and improving the quality of EU's air and water.

Main question

HOW should islands be specifically referenced in the different sub-programmes?

Food for thought!

Islands first to suffer climate change impacts, resilience and adaptation is a priority, resource scarcity leads to circular economy

Thank you

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