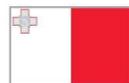


Proposed change to OPI

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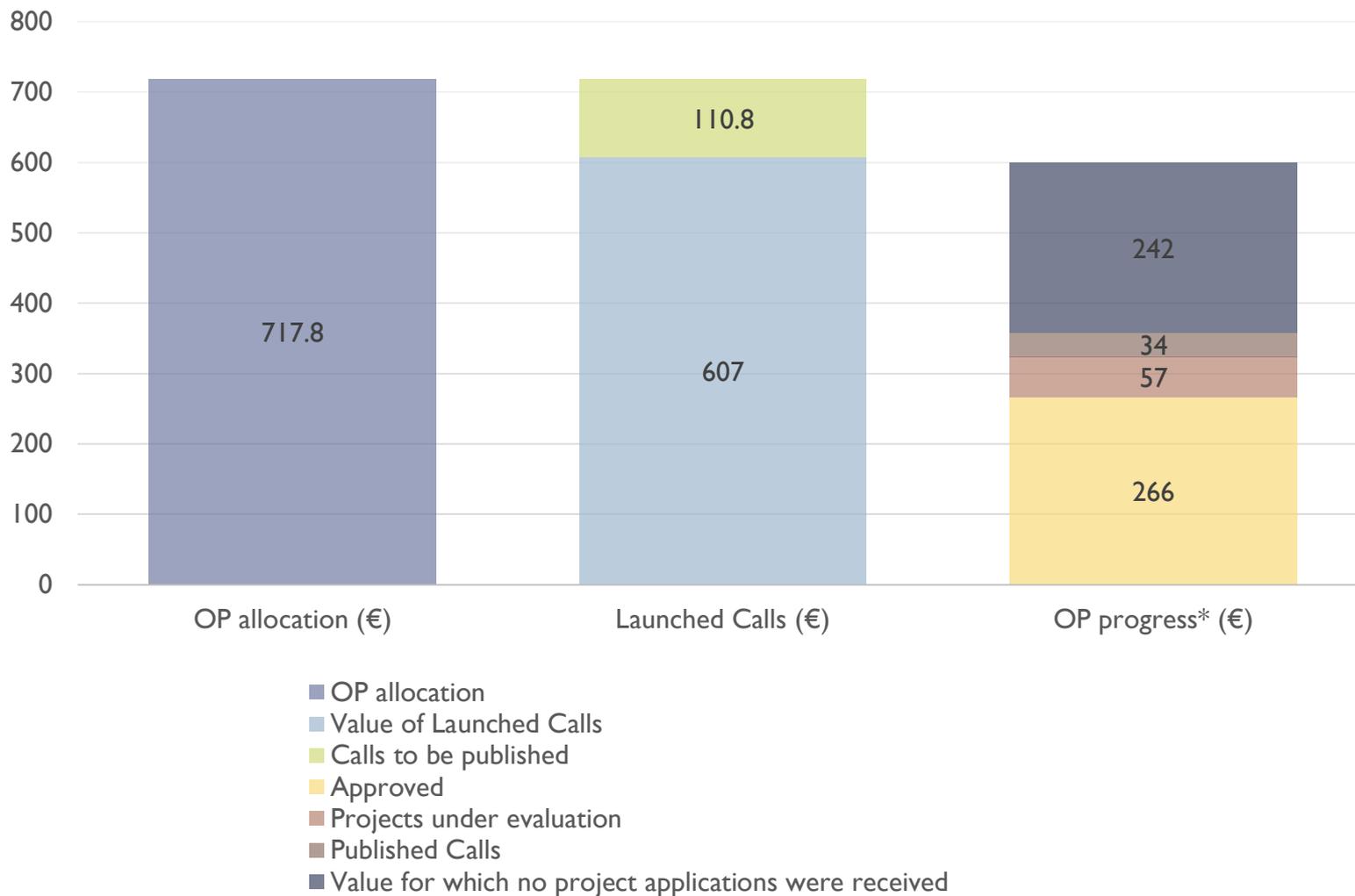
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Update on Implementation 2014-2020: First Steps

- ▶ Designation Procedure (concluded in 2016)
- ▶ Launch of Calls
- ▶ Selection of Projects
- ▶ Implementation of Projects

Update on Implementation 2014-2020



*This amount excludes €8M for FI under PA 3. This amount is being proposed to be transferred under the SMEi

Update on Implementation

2014 – 2020: Projects approved (1)

Mainstream Projects approved under OP I aim to:

E-government services
for G2C, G2G, G2B

Potential growth of
SMEs

Energy derived from
renewable sources

Conserve and protect
natural and cultural
heritage

Integrate vulnerable
people within the
community

Alleviate the pressures
from the main hospital
as well as measures to
promote a healthy life
style

Integrate deprived
families

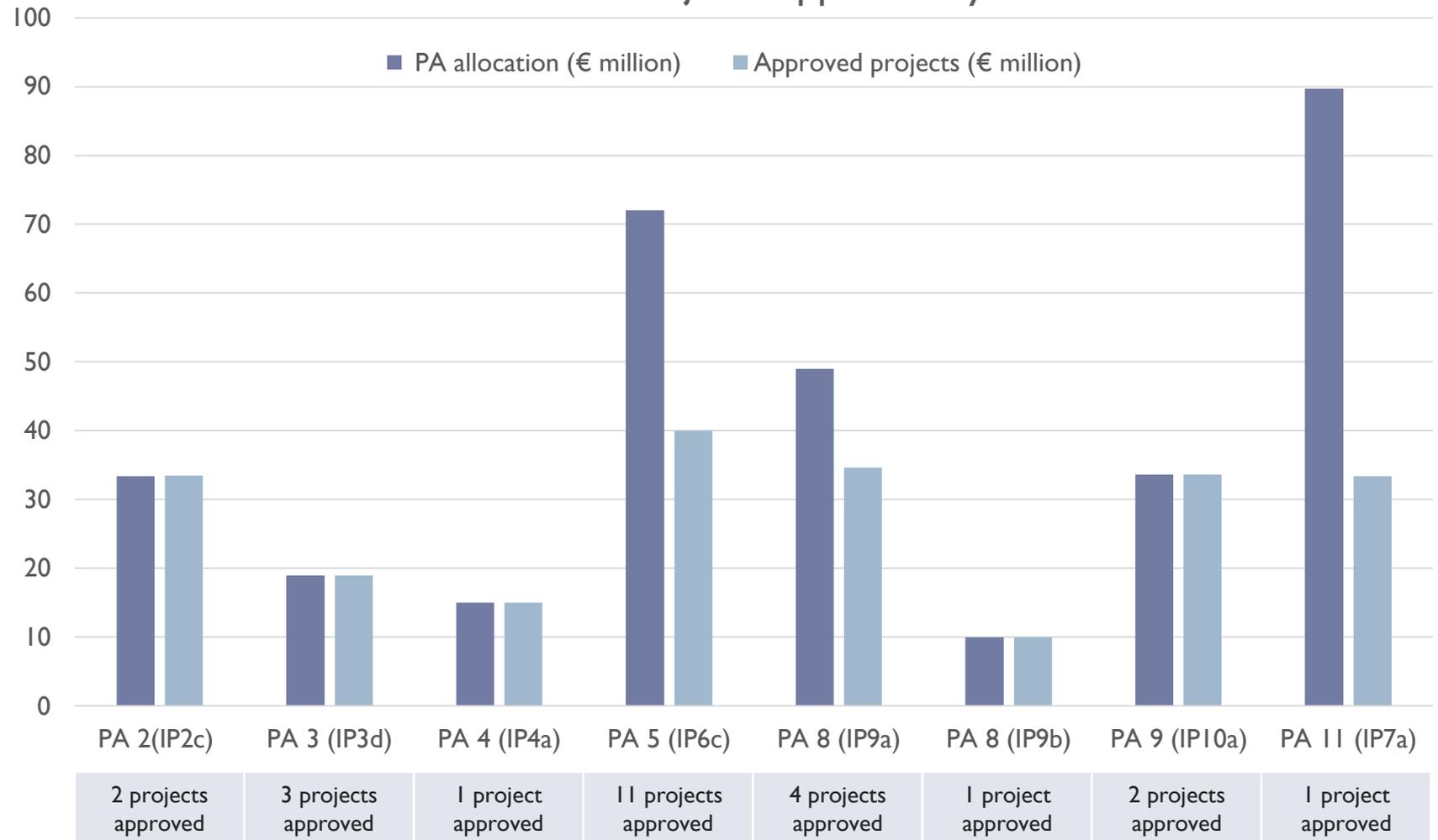
Invest in (TEN-T) land
transport with a view
to reduce journey time

Reduce early school
leavers as well as
improve tertiary
education attainment

Update on Implementation

2014 – 2020: Projects approved (2)

Mainstream Projects Approved by PA



Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020: Calls Under Evaluation

The following projects were submitted under Call III, presently under evaluation:

PA	No. of Projects	Value
PA4 (IP4c)	5	€6,3M
PA7 (IP7c)	3	€29.3M
PA10 (IP6ii)	1	€21.2M

It is envisaged that evaluation process will be concluded by end of June 2017.

Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020: Launched Calls

Open Calls			
Call IV - Announcement	PA 4 and PA 5	NGOs, LCs and Cultural Org having Public Interest	Call will close on Friday 5 th May 2017
Call V – Pre-announcement	PA I	Government Departments, Public Sector and Public Institutions	Call will be issued in the coming weeks

Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020: PA 6

Although no public call will be issued for PA 6, improvements have been made to establish the procedure to be undertaken under this PA.

The strategy is currently in draft format and the process will start in the coming weeks.

Update on Implementation 2014 - 2020:Aid Schemes

- ▶ One support scheme, the **e-Commerce Grant Scheme**, is being implemented under PA 2, IP2b.

- ▶ Five other support schemes are being implemented under PA 3, IP3a.

- ▶ These are:
 - ▶ **SME Growth Grant Scheme**
 - ▶ **Start-up Investment Grant Scheme**
 - ▶ **SME Diversification and Innovation Grant Scheme**
 - ▶ **SME Internationalisation Grant Scheme**
 - ▶ **SME Consultancy Services Grant Scheme**

- ▶ Calls have been launched for all five schemes and are currently under evaluation.

Proposed OP Changes



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Legal basis for proposed OP change

The proposed change is being done in line with Article 30(1) of the CPR, taking into consideration:

- ▶ the expected impact of the changes to the programme on achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; as well as
- ▶ remaining consistent with the intervention logic of the programme as set out in the Partnership Agreement.

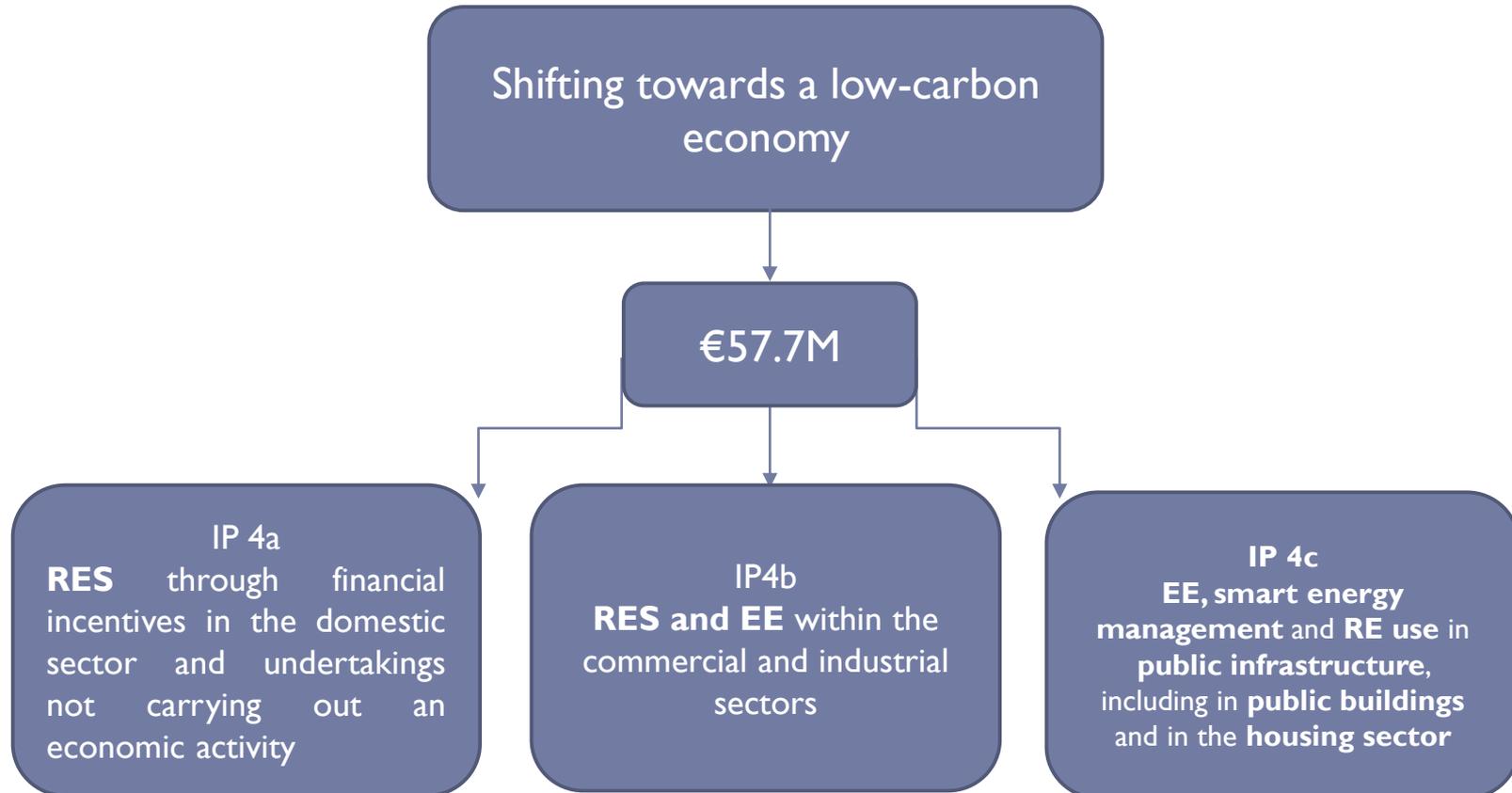
Overview of the Proposed Changes

- ▶ Consolidation of support through a dedicated Operational Programme under the ‘Investment for Growth and Jobs’ goal in stimulating private sector investment for economic growth;
- ▶ Strengthening the Energy Efficiency actions under Thematic Objective 4;
- ▶ The Introduction of Thematic Objective 3 IP under PA 6 in order to strengthen the objective foreseen under the same PA;
- ▶ Revision of the Performance Framework as necessary in line with Article 30(1) and Annex II of CPR.

Proposed Changes: Consolidation of SME Support

Following a preliminary ex-ante assessment for the foreseen financial instrument under PA 3 of OPI and taking into consideration the uptake of the SMEi, it is considered appropriate to consolidate the implementation of the guarantee instrument through the SMEi dedicated programme.

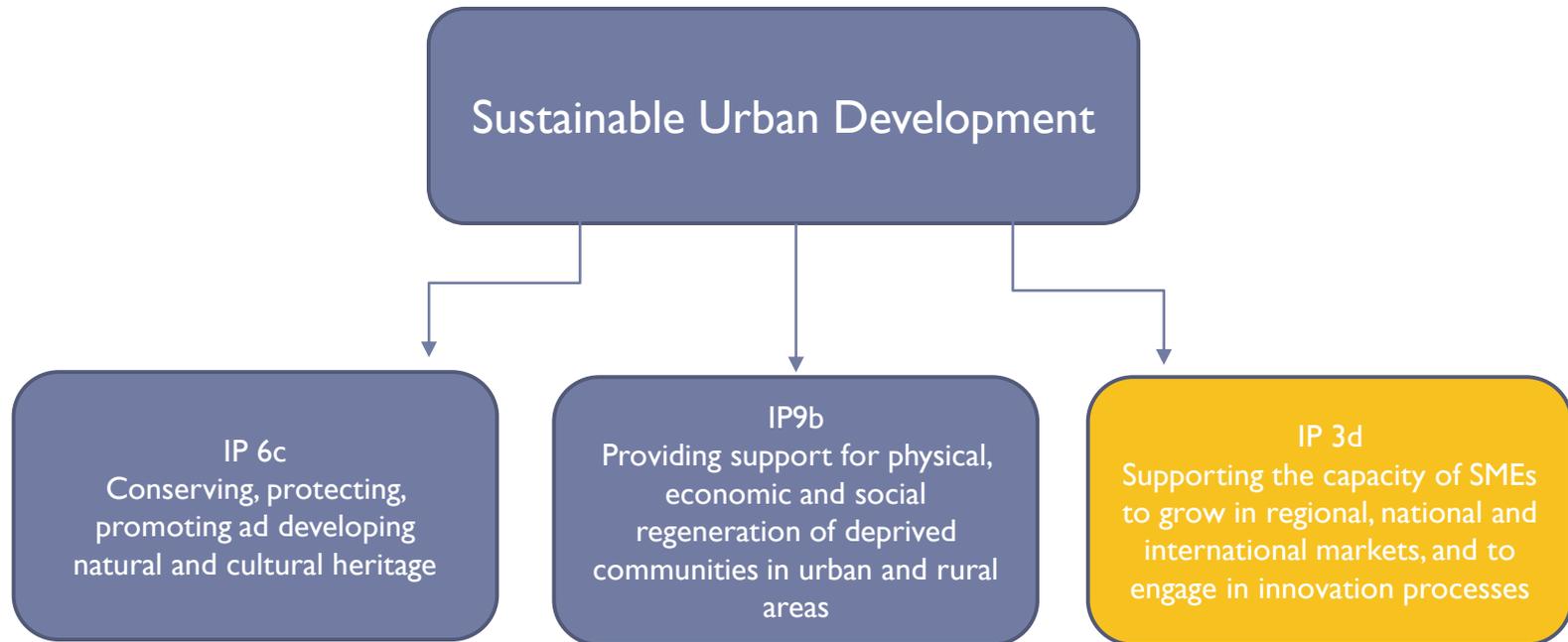
Proposed Change: Priority Axis 4



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A stronger element of EE is being proposed under this PA especially under IP 4c in order to address the need of the government to take an exemplary role in installing EE measures.

Proposed Change: Priority Axis 6

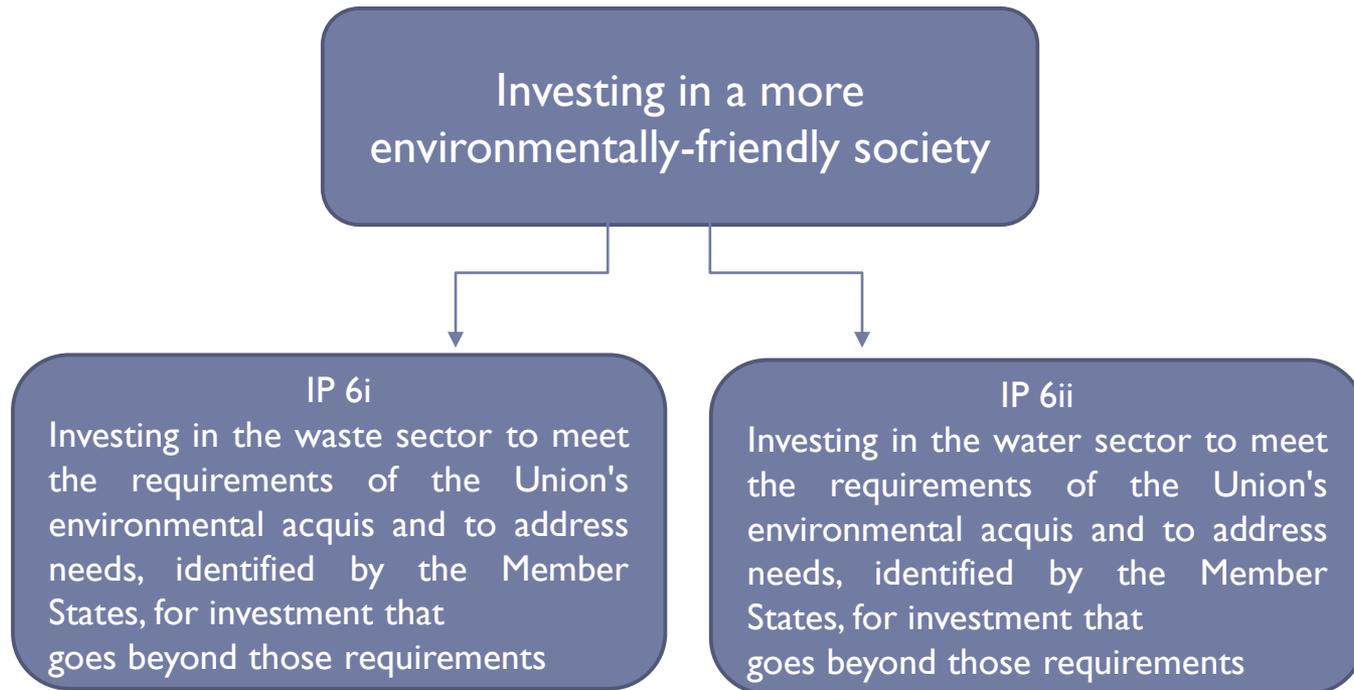


In view of the ongoing work on the Strategy for Sustainable Urban Development foreseen under PA6, it is recommended to include the IP related to SMEs.

Proposed Change: Priority Axis 6

Whilst remaining faithful to the operational objectives as defined under PA 6, it is being recommended that the inclusion of SME support, which would also be contributing towards the conservation, protection and promotion of cultural assets (IP6c), is also included under PA 6.

Proposed Change: Priority Axis 10



It is being proposed that the quantification and the measurement for the Result Indicator '*Basic chloride and nitrate parameters in municipal water supplied to the population*' under IP 6ii is revised to take into consideration the unit of measurements applicable in the case of chlorides and nitrates.

Changes to OPI: Performance Framework (1)

- ▶ Analysis of Performance Framework in view of the update on PA 3, PA 4 and PA 6 will need to be undertaken;
- ▶ Recommended update will be made in line with the Guidance Fiche Performance Framework Review and Annex II of the CPR;
- ▶ Other updates to the performance reserve, driven by amendments resulting from the changes in the allocation for a given priority will also be put forward to the MC members together with the proposed changes to the OP.

Changes to OPI: Performance Framework (2)

Priority Axis 8 (IP9a)

The allocation to Code “053. Health Infrastructure” is foreseen to increase from €19M to €26.5M, following the approval of a project by the Project Selection Committee as a result of which the MA is proposing to change the applicable Output Indicator within the Performance Framework:

From:

PS8b Population covered by improved social services

To:

CO36 Health: Population covered by improved health services

Changes to OPI: Performance Framework (3)

Priority Axis 10 (IP9ii)

In view of initial discussions carried out with JASPERS, a potential inclusion of a major project in the area of water within this PA is being considered.

Therefore, an analysis of how the Performance Framework for PA 10 was set will be carried out. As a result, the MA will revise the Performance Framework in line with the methodology provided in CPR. This may require a proposed change to the Performance Framework which will focus on water rather than waste.

Concluding remarks

The consolidation of the proposed amendments will be carried out by the MA. The necessary adjustments with all the relevant details will be circulated to this committee for decision by way of a written procedure.

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