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Annex 3:

Funding overview



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As part of Task 4.4, IEECP has researched and analysed the costs and financial resources for project pipelines in each of the JUSTEM regions. The following Table summarises the main funding opportunities found for all the regions, including some funds that might not have been necessarily mentioned in the Territorial Just Transition Plans of the regions.

Funding Source	Link to Further Info	Funding Level	Type of Project that Can Receive Funding	Who is Applicable	Funding Volumes	Application Deadlines/ Periods	Best Practices
Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS)	RFCS	EU level	Research and innovation in coal and steel sectors	Universities, research centres, and private companies	Up to €2.5 million per project	2021-2027	"Green Steel for Europe" and "Recovery" projects
Cohesion Fund	Cohesion Fund	EU level	Sustainable infrastructure, environmental protection, energy efficiency	Regional/local governments, public authorities	Varies by region	Calls open 2021-2027	Successful urban transport development (e.g., metro systems in Budapest and Warsaw), wastewater treatment systems in Malta
Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	DIGITAL	EU level	Artificial intelligence, high-performance computing, cybersecurity, advanced digital skills development	Companies, public administrations, and societies at large	Total budget of €7.5 billion	2021-2027	
Education and employment programme	Education and employment	National level	Professional training programs, job facilitation and labour market integration	Regions	€200,000 to €1,000,000 per project	2021-2027	Vocational training programmes
Modernisation Fund	Modernisation Fund	EU level	Renewable energy, energy efficiency, modernization of power grids	Public/private sector, energy companies	€1M to €50M	Ongoing calls, until 2030	Photovoltaics for water utilities in Croatia, renewable hydrogen production in Slovakia
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)	EAFRD	EU level	Rural development, agricultural innovation, sustainable farming practices	Farmers, rural SMEs, local authorities	Varies by region	Periodic calls (2021-2027)	LEADER initiative, sustainable farming in Finland

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European Funds for Silesia 2021–2027	(FE SL 2021–2027)	Regional level	Early- and late-stage projects, emphasising research and development, entrepreneurship,	local governments, SMEs, and regional development organisations	Total funding of €4.86 billion	2021-2027	
European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	EMFAF	EU level	Sustainable fisheries, coastal community support, blue economy	Coastal communities, local authorities, SMEs	Total budget of €6.108 billion	2021-2027	
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	ERDF	EU level	Infrastructure projects, green energy, economic development	Regional/local governments, SMEs, public bodies	Varies by region	Ongoing calls 2021-2027, by region	Urban regeneration in Barcelona, heating system upgrades in Silesia
European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)	ESF+	EU level	Social inclusion, workforce development, skills, education	Individuals, SMEs, local governments	Varies by country	Calls open in each member state (2021-2027)	Vocational training in Portugal, integration projects in Italy
Financial Support for Transformation (FST funds)	FST funds	National level	Economic transformation, energy transition, green and blue investments, transport infrastructure, and social inclusion	Regional and local authorities	Varies by call	Call open from 2021-2027	
The Green Fund (GRFU)	GRFU	National level	Environmental protection	SMEs, local/regional governments, private sector	Varies by call	Annual calls published on the website	I2UCO project in the Region of Western Macedonia, which focused on the cooking oil collection in order to convert it to biofuel
Industrial Area Development Fund	IADE	National level	New industrial park/area development	Individuals, Industrial owners	Varies per project	Call open till December 2025	

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Horizon Europe	Horizon Europe	EU level	Research & Innovation, digital transformation, green economy, health	Public/private sector (academia, industry, SMEs)	Varies by call (min. €1M)	Annual calls published on the Horizon Europe portal	European Health Data Space, clean hydrogen partnerships
Innovation Fund	Innovation Fund	EU level	Innovative low-carbon technologies, industrial decarbonisation	Industry, SMEs, public-private consortia	Varies by project	Regular calls between 2020 and 2030	ELYAS hydrogen technology, PRIMUS sustainable glass production
InvestEU	InvestEU	EU level	Green economy, renewable energy, clean transport, innovation	SMEs, local/regional governments, private sector	Varies by call	Ongoing calls, managed by financial intermediaries	Green tech innovations, smart city infrastructure
Just Transition Fund (JTF)	Just Transition Fund	EU level	Green energy, reskilling, economic diversification	Regional/local authorities, SMEs, research bodies	€10M to €500M	Calls open 2021-2027	Renewable energy projects in Silesia, green tech in Asturias
LIFE Programme	LIFE Programme	EU level	Environmental sustainability, biodiversity, climate change mitigation	NGOs, public authorities, research bodies, SMEs	€200K - €10M	Annual calls, typically April	Carbon farming, nature conservation projects
National Fund for Decarbonisation	National Fund for Decarbonisation	National level	Energy efficiency and renewable energy projects	Governmental authorities			
National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)	NRRP	National level	Infrastructure, clean energy, social services, education	National governments, regional authorities	Varies by country	Ongoing calls, based on national recovery plans	Energy efficiency in Romania, digitalisation in Italy
Partnership Agreement for the Development	NSRF	National level	Infrastructure development, environmental protection,	National governments, regional authorities	Varies by country	2021-2027	

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Just Transition Operational Program (POTJ)	POTJ	National level	Small-scale renewable energy production and storage capacities, developing related transport networks	National governments, regional authorities	Total budget of €2.13 billion	2021-2027	
Public Investment Program (PIP)	PIP	National level	Circular economy, renewable energy, energy efficiency	National governments, regional authorities	Varies depending on the nature and scope of project		
Public Sector Loan Facility	Public Sector Loan Facility	EU level	Circular economy, renewable energy, energy efficiency	National governments, regional authorities	Total budget of €13.3-15.3 billion	Call open until September 2025	
Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)	RRF	EU level	Implementing the REPowerEU plan	Member States	Varies by call	Call open till December 2026	
Research Innovation and Digitisation for Smart Transformation Programme (PRIDST)	PRIDST	National level	Projects related to digital transformation, research, innovation, and environmental sustainability	SMEs, public institutions, academia, and innovation hubs	Varies by project type	Ongoing calls	
Smart Growth, Digitisation and Financial Instruments Program (POCIDIF)	POCIDIF	Regional level	Digital transformation projects, R&D capacity building	SMEs, large enterprises, research institutions, public administration, cultural organizations	Varies by sector	Periodically announced calls until 2027	Development of centralized IT systems for public services

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Inclusion and Social Dignity Program (POIDS)	POIDS	Regional level	Projects supporting social inclusion of vulnerable groups, reducing rural-urban gap	Businesses, NGOs, associations, regional authorities	Total budget € 4.15 billion, covers up to 95% of projects	Calls are published on national and EU platforms; runs 2021-2027	
Structural Reforms Support Programme (SRSP)	SRSP	EU	Green and digital transitions, social inclusion, resilience in public administration	Regional authorities	It does not allocate funding but instead provides tailored expertise	Annual cycles	