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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
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1. Cohesion policy operates under shared management. Thus, Member States and the respective managing authorities are responsible for the implementation of the programmes and providing funding to beneficiaries. The managing authorities are in charge of launching calls for proposals and selecting operations, in line with each programme's investment strategy. Municipal and regional authorities can apply for financing from cohesion policy programmes¹.

2. Apart from the new specific objective '*supporting investments aimed at reconstruction in response to a natural disaster that occurs between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2025*', Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction (RESTORE) did not change the scope of support under Regulation 2021/1058². The managing authority ensures that the planned reconstruction investments in response to a natural disaster align with the new specific objective and the programme. Recital 5 of RESTORE Regulation 2024/3236³ clarifies that reconstruction investments in response to natural disasters may cover the '*restoration of damaged or destroyed infrastructure, such as public infrastructure (...)*'.

The total amount of EU funding mobilised under RESTORE is EUR 1.9 billion⁴. By way of more concrete examples, Member States allocated EUR 337 million to climate change adaptation, prevention, and management of climate-related risks, and EUR 265 million to the reconstruction and modernisation of roads.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/in-your-country/programmes_en.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02021R1058-20250920>.

³: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/3236/oj/eng>.

⁴ As of 9 February 2026.