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The National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPP) and the European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) proposed by the Commission could support sustainable timber construction projects under the 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework.

The NRPP would be implemented in shared management, under which Member State authorities are able to programme resources in line with their specific needs and priorities. The NRPP include relevant specific objectives, such as making territories more attractive, strengthening sustainable manufacturing, promoting the bioeconomy, and boosting the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises. Within these objectives, Member States and regions may choose to support projects related to sustainable timber construction. The NRPP can also support sustainable forest management to provide the quality wood required for construction.

The ECF includes a policy window on ‘Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy’, which aims to foster competitiveness, sustainability, resilience and fairness of agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture, forestry sectors and rural and coastal areas. The concrete scope and activities that this window will support will be defined in the context of the dedicated work programme(s).

The Commission will not promote specific construction materials, including timber. It follows a technology- and material-neutral approach, setting sustainability goals while leaving material choices to market operators and Member States. The revised Construction Products Regulation (EU) 2024/3110¹ supports this by improving harmonised environmental information for transparent, informed choices without favouring any material.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/3110/oj/eng>.