



# **Cohesion Policy and LTVRA**

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# "Diversities"



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## Three types of rural regions

Rural inside  
the functional  
urban area (FUA)<sup>1</sup>

Rural outside but  
in close proximity  
to the FUA<sup>2</sup>

Rural is remote  
from the FUA<sup>3</sup>

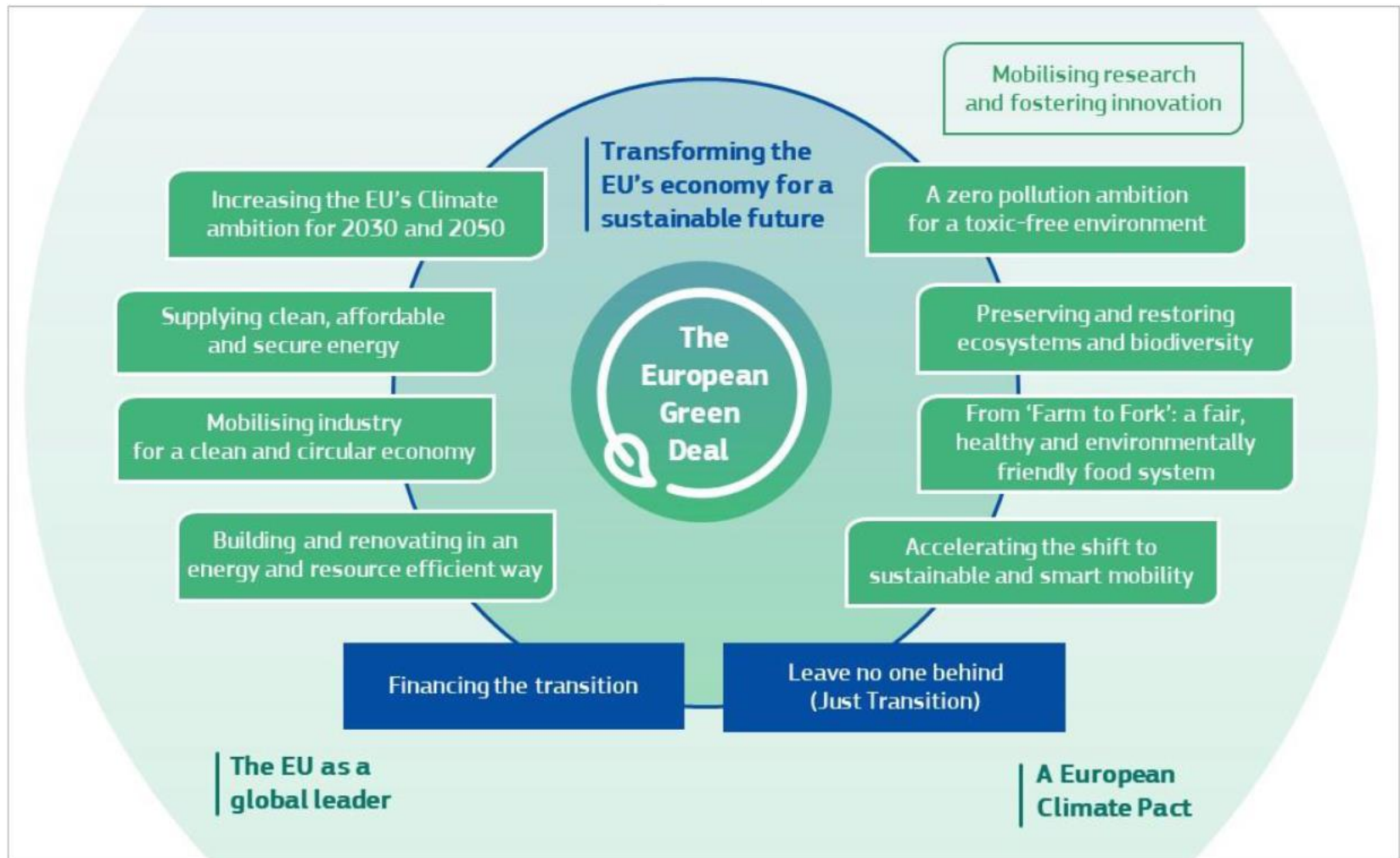


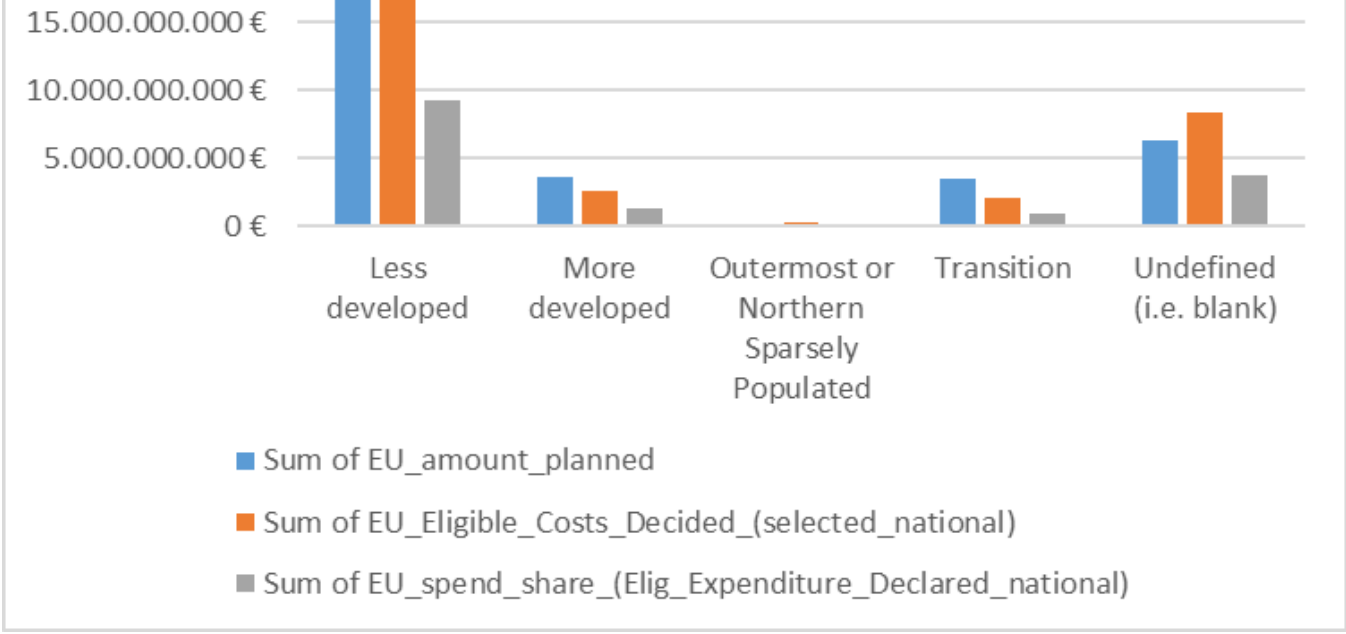
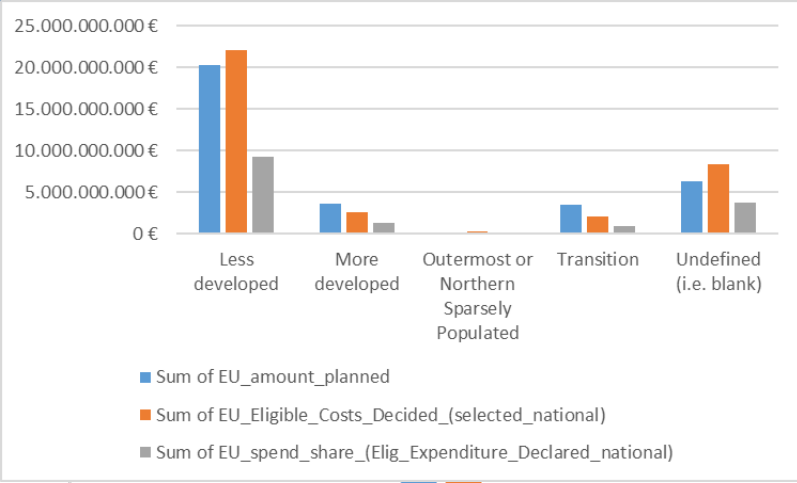
## Challenges by type of rural region

Type	Challenges	Opportunities
Rural inside a functional urban area (FUA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>loss of control over the future</li> <li>activities concentrate in the urban core</li> <li>loss of rural identity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>more stable future</li> <li>potential to capture benefits of urban areas while avoiding the negatives</li> </ul>
Rural outside, but in close proximity to a FUA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conflicts between new residents and locals</li> <li>may be too far away for some firms, but too close for others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential to attract high-income households seeking a high quality of life</li> <li>relatively easy access to advanced services and urban culture</li> <li>good access to transport</li> </ul>
Rural remote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>highly specialised economies subject to booms and busts</li> <li>limited connectivity and large distances between settlements</li> <li>high per capita costs of services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>absolute advantage in production of natural resource-based outputs</li> <li>attractive for firms that need access to an urban area, but not on a daily basis</li> <li>can offer unique environments that can be attractive to firms and individuals</li> </ul>

**Source: OECD**

# "Economic diversification"





**Less developed regions are by far the ones investing more in rural areas (60% of the planned allocation), followed by transition (10%) and more developed ones (9%). It is however important to note that more than 20% of the planned funds allocated to rural areas are not categorized by type of region.**

By end 2019, less developed regions were also the most advanced in terms of selection

*Progress in implementation of CP funds (EU amount) allocated to rural areas, by category of region*

**Source: DG REGIO Open Data Platform Dec 2019**



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