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BALKAN FORUM 2021
“SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALKANS IN THE POST COVID
ERA”**

**1ST SESSION, “CROSS-BORDER
GREEN DEAL; GREEN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT, CIRCULAR
ECONOMY”**

*** EU GREEN DEAL - GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

- * 0 net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050, and**
- * -55% of 1990 levels by 2030**
- * Economic Growth decoupled from use of resources**
- * Nobody and no place in the EU left behind**

*** MORE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES-1**

- * BETTER QUALITY OF AIR, WATERS, SOIL, BIODIVERSITY**
- * MORE HEALTHY AND AFFORDABLE FOOD**
- * RENOVATED, SMART AND ENERGY EFFICIENT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS**
- * SMART AND RESILIENT TRANSPORT, ENERGY, ICT, WATER, INFRASTRUCTURES AND NETWORKS**
- * CLEAN TRANSPORTS AND MUCH BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORTS , INCLUDING IN CITIES**
- * TRANSITION TO CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**

*** MORE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES-2**

*** SHIFT TO LONG LASTING PRODUCTS, TO BE REPAIRED, RECYCLED AND REUSED**

*** EU INDUSTRY GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE, LEADING IN INNOVATION AND NEW SOLUTIONS , INCLUDING HEALTH, ICT, CLEAN TRANSPORT, ETC**

*** FULL DIGITAL TRANSITION OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE, AS WELL OF PUBLIC SECTOR**

*** HUMAN SKILLS NEEDED FOR ALL THESE TRANSITIONS AND FOR FUTURE-PROOF JOBS!**

- * EU RESOURCES TO FINANCE THE GREEN DEAL - INCLUDING CROSS BORDER ACTION**
- * Adequate financing is a condition of success, plus:**
- * Adequate Administrative and managerial capacity, good public-private sector cooperation, and cooperation between all EU MS and Regions**
- * 1/3 of EUR 1,8 trillion-at constant prices- allocated to the NGEU plan and the EU MFF 2021-2027 must finance the EU green deal**
- * This gives about EUR 600 billion for the EU Green Deal by the end of 2027**
- * Digital Transition must benefit from at least EUR 150 billion of the NGEU fund**

- * EU COHESION POLICY AND INTERREG 2021-27**
- * (ERDF/SF, Cohesion Fund , Just Transition Fund, Technical Assistance) allocation of EUR 369 billion at constant prices - INCLUDED IN THE 1.8 TRILLION**
- * INTERREG APPROACH COUNTS ONLY FOR EUR 9 BN OUT OF 369:**
- * INTERREG APPROACH COVERS Cross-border, transnational, interregional cooperation within the EU and with its external borders, and coop. with outermost regions**
- * INTERREG is a key driver bringing people from all EU MS closer and working together**

- * THE INTERREG APPROACH AND METHOD**
- * A WIN-WIN APPROACH FOR ALL PARTNERS INVOLVED**
- * Important added value of INTERREG APPROACH FOR ALL STATES AND REGIONS INVOLVED- MULTIPLICATOR OF INVESTEMENTS CARRIED OUT - PLUS NEW CROSS BORDER BUSINESS ACTIVITY**
- * ALL TRANSITIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE EU GREEN DEAL AND NGEU FUND, INCLUDE IMPORTANT CROSS BORDER ASPECTS AND CHALLENGES**
- * INTERREG APPROACH MUST BE EXTENDED TO NGEU FUND, AND ALL THE EU GREEN DEAL INSTRUMENTS**
- * BUSINESS AND FINANCE SECTORS NEED TO BE STRONGLY INVOLVED- NATIONAL AND LOCAL SILOS ARE STILL VERY STRONG AND PREVENT TAPPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE NEW EUROPEAN GREEN SINGLE MARKET !**

*** WESTERN BALKANS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM IMPORTANT PRE-ACCESSION SUPPORT FROM THE EU: A CROSS BORDER PILLAR MUST BE INCLUDED**

*** EU COMMISSION, MS, REGIONS AND CITIES, MUST SUPPORT AND WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE ENHANCED USE OF THE INTERREG APPROACH BETWEEN MS IN THE BALKANS, AND IN WESTERN BALKANS UNDER THE PRE-ACCESSION PROCESSES**