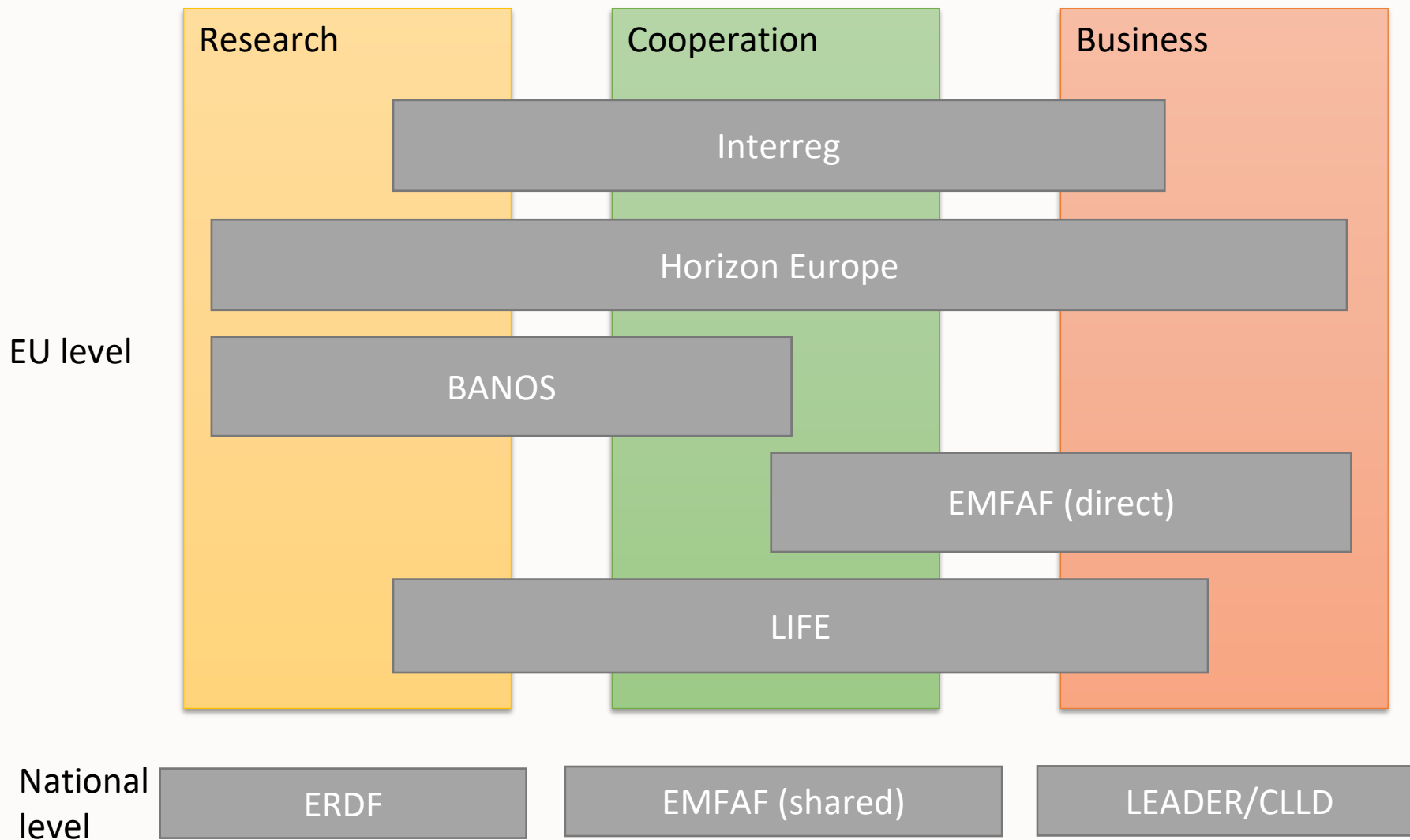


EU Funding opportunities for beach wrack ideas



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Focus:

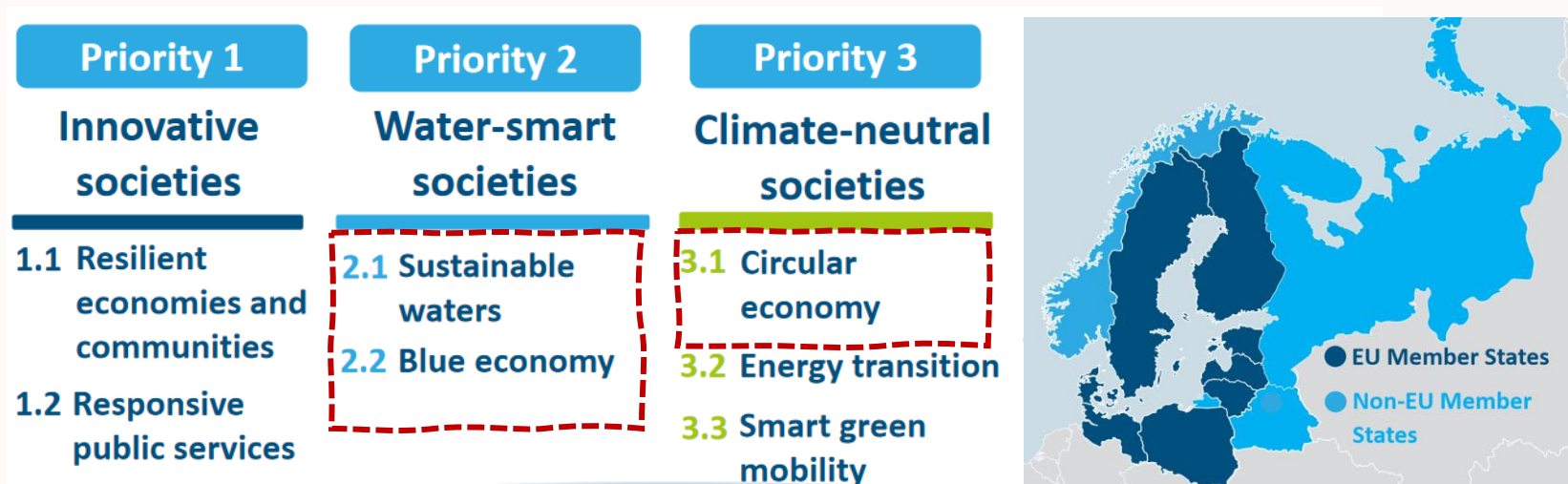
- Cooperation of public authorities with science and businesses
- Addressing challenges that cannot be solved at the local level, but need a cross-border or transnational approach

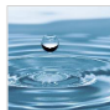
Partnership:

- Usually 5-15 partners: local and regional authorities, agencies, NGOs, universities, private businesses (State aid as a challenge)

Funding:




- 2 – 4m EUR (Interreg Baltic Sea Region)
- 0.5 -2m EUR (Cross-border programmes)
- Funding rate: 75-85% in the past – 80% in the future?





Programme objective 2.1 Sustainable waters

The Programme supports actions that **improve the state of water** in the region and make its **management more sustainable**. These waters include the Baltic Sea, coastal waters and inland waters like rivers, lakes and groundwater.

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-  adapt existing solutions, develop and implement new solutions in order to prevent and reduce water pollution
 -  adapt water management practices to the changing climate
 -  implement cross-sectoral actions



Programme objective 2.2 Blue economy

The Programme supports actions on **sustainable use of fresh and sea waters** as well as **marine resources in innovative business development** in the whole region in emerging and established sectors. These include aquaculture, blue biotechnology, shipping, fishery, and coastal and maritime tourism.

- 👁️ facilitate joint use of sea space and help mitigate potential conflicts
- 👁️ strengthen resilience of blue businesses
- 👁️ encourages actions for blue businesses
- 👁️ mitigate impact of blue businesses on climate

Cross-border Programmes

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Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak
European Regional Development Fund



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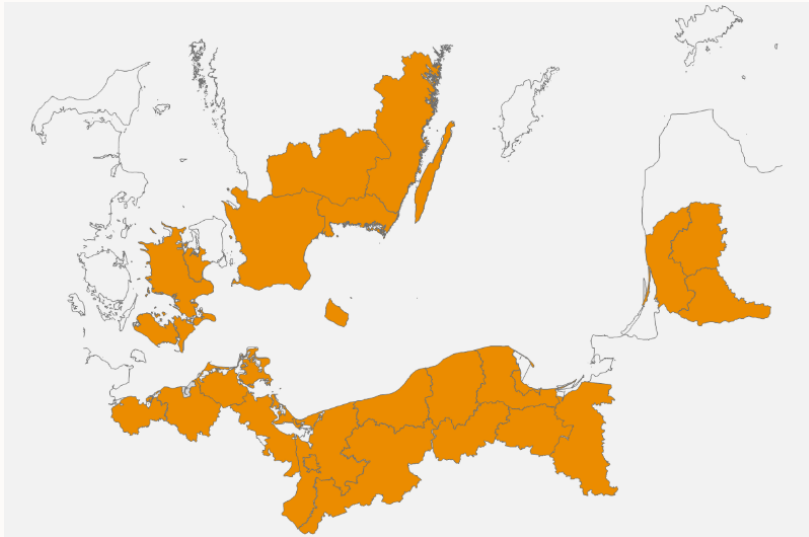






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South Baltic



Interreg South Baltic



Specific Objective		Priority Axis
Digitizing the region	➔	 Innovative South Baltic – enhancing the level of innovation and internationalization of local actors
Building connectivity of the region through internationalization		
Supporting transition towards green energy solutions	➔	 Sustainable South Baltic – promoting sustainable development and blue and green economy
Promoting sustainable use of water		
Developing circular economy	➔	 Attractive South Baltic – activate the tourist potential of South Baltic Area
Develop sustainable and innovative tourism products and services		
Strengthen the trust and cooperation capacity of actors within the South Baltic Area (incl. civil society)	➔	 Active South Baltic – increasing trust and improving cooperation governance



7 PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

INNOVATIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

1. More exports by SMEs

2. More new scaled-up growth companies

IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE USE

3. Joint circular economy solutions

4. Improved coastal and marine environment

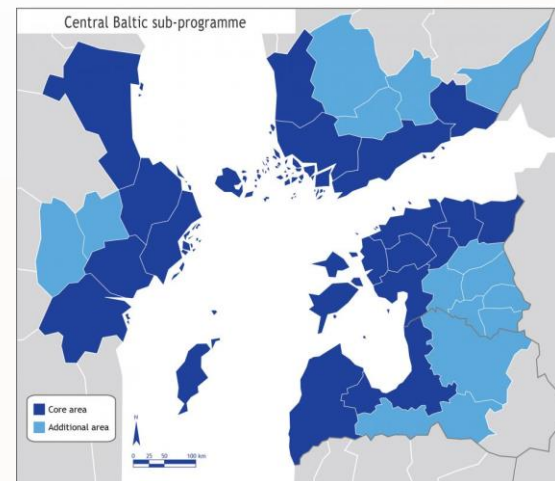
5. Decreased CO2 emissions

MORE ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE LABOUR MARKET

6. Improved employment opportunities on labour market

INTERREG SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

7. Improved public services and solutions for the citizens



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Application procedure:

- Applications submitted to the respective Joint Secretariat
- Funding decision made by Member State representatives (Monitoring Committees)

Timeline

- Each programme has its own timeline for publishing calls and its own application procedure (one- or two-step)
- 1st calls in Baltic Sea Region and South Baltic should still be opened this year
- First projects could probably start next summer

Check out Interreg if...

... you address a challenge that cannot be solved at the local level

... you have a rather broad focus or holistic approach

... you plan to work in a transsectoral consortium (that includes public authorities) in a specific geographic area

... you want to not only research, but pilot and transfer solutions

Horizon Europe

Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Destinations: *(Final work programme not yet published)*

- Biodiversity and ecosystem services (35 topics in 2021/22)
- Circular and bioeconomy sectors (22 topics in 2021/22)
- Land, water and ocean for climate action (15 topics in 2021/22)
- Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities (13 topics in 2021/22)

Funding:

- Typically 2-6m EUR budget
- Funding rate: 70% - 100% (depending on type of action)

Application procedure

- EU funding & tenders opportunity portal
- Varying deadlines starting in the fall of 2021

Check out Horizon Europe if...

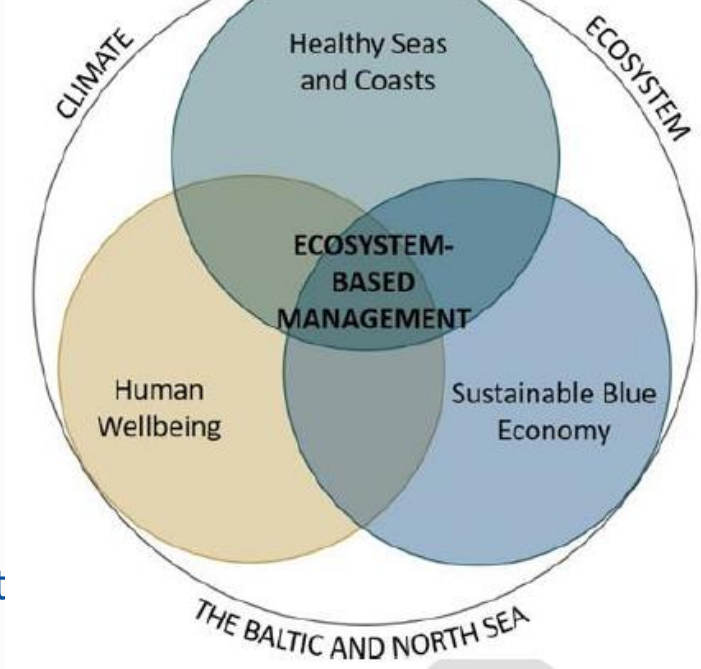
... you have a research idea or innovation that promises great impact

... you have excellent universities and companies to work with

... you are looking for the largest budgets and best co-financing rates

... you are very confident in your own abilities, resources and track record and can live with disappointments

BANOS SRIA (strategic research & innovation agenda)

- Successor of the BONUS programme
 - „Sister seas“ North Sea and Baltic Sea integrated into one programme
 - Probably plenty of opportunities for beach wrack related projects
 - Launch in June 2021, little information about calls, co-financing rates etc.
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- Complicated administration in the past because of mix of EU and national funds

Check out BANOS if...

- ... Horizon Europe seems to big of a challenge to you
- ... you are interested in eco-system services and/or blue economy
- ... your focus is on the Baltic and/or North Sea
- ... you have a rather narrow and specific topic to work on
- ... you don't mind administration and financial management

European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

87% of the funds are managed by the EU Member States
13% are managed directly by the EU (CINEA)

Priorities:

- Fostering sustainable fisheries and the **conservation of marine biological resources**;
 - Contributing to food security in the Union through competitive and sustainable aquaculture and markets;
 - **Enabling the growth of a sustainable blue economy and fostering prosperous coastal communities**;
 - Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed seas and oceans
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- Blue economy and blue investment grants in 2014-2020
 - Funding rates and budgets depend on specific calls
 - No calls for 2021 published yet

Check out the EMFAF if...

... you are a small or medium-sized company

... you have a product, a service or an innovative approach in the blue economy that you want to bring (closer to) the market

... it's not necessary to work in a larger consortium or even across borders

The LIFE Programme

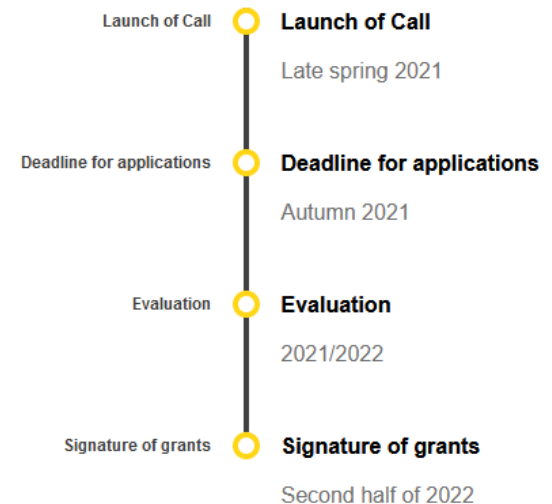
Priorities

- Nature and Biodiversity
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Clean Energy Transition

Application Procedure

- Via the EU funding & tender opportunities portal
- Different types of projects with different requirements regarding size of partnership, different budgets and co-financing rates

Provisional timeline for project proposals



Check out the LIFE if...

... you are a small or medium-sized company or an NGO

... your idea promises to have a strong impact on to
biodiversity, circular economy or climate change
adaptation/mitigation

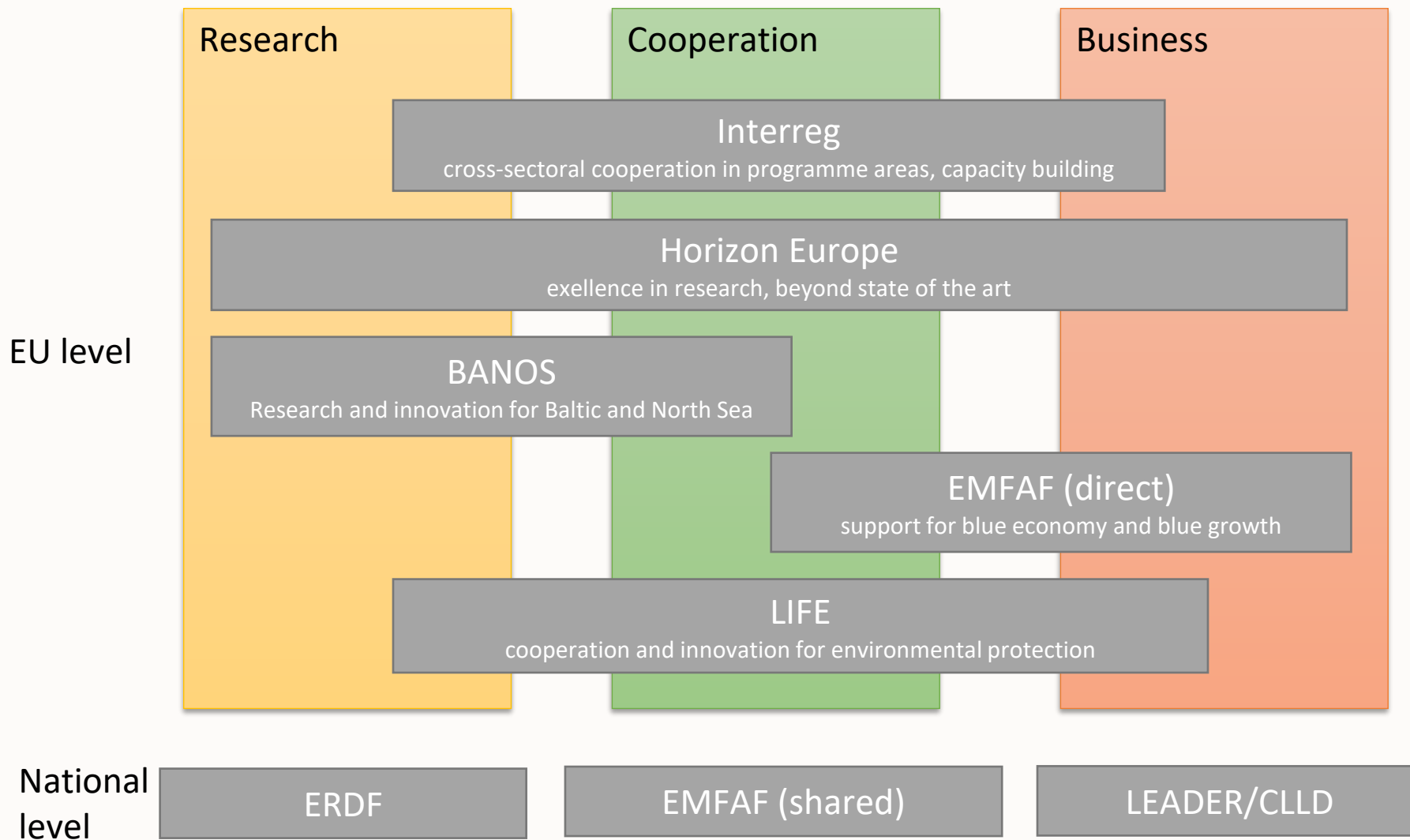
... you can live with a lower funding rate

... you have tried one of the above programmes without
success

KEY ADVICE

Competition is high and applications are a lot of work.

Before you invest any resources, read all the documents **very** carefully to see if your idea really fits.



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