



# The Economics behind the Spanish RRP + EU Careers

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*Economics of European Integration*

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# Today

## 1. EU Preliminaries

- Competences of the Union
- Fault lines in the EU's legal framework

## 2. Context

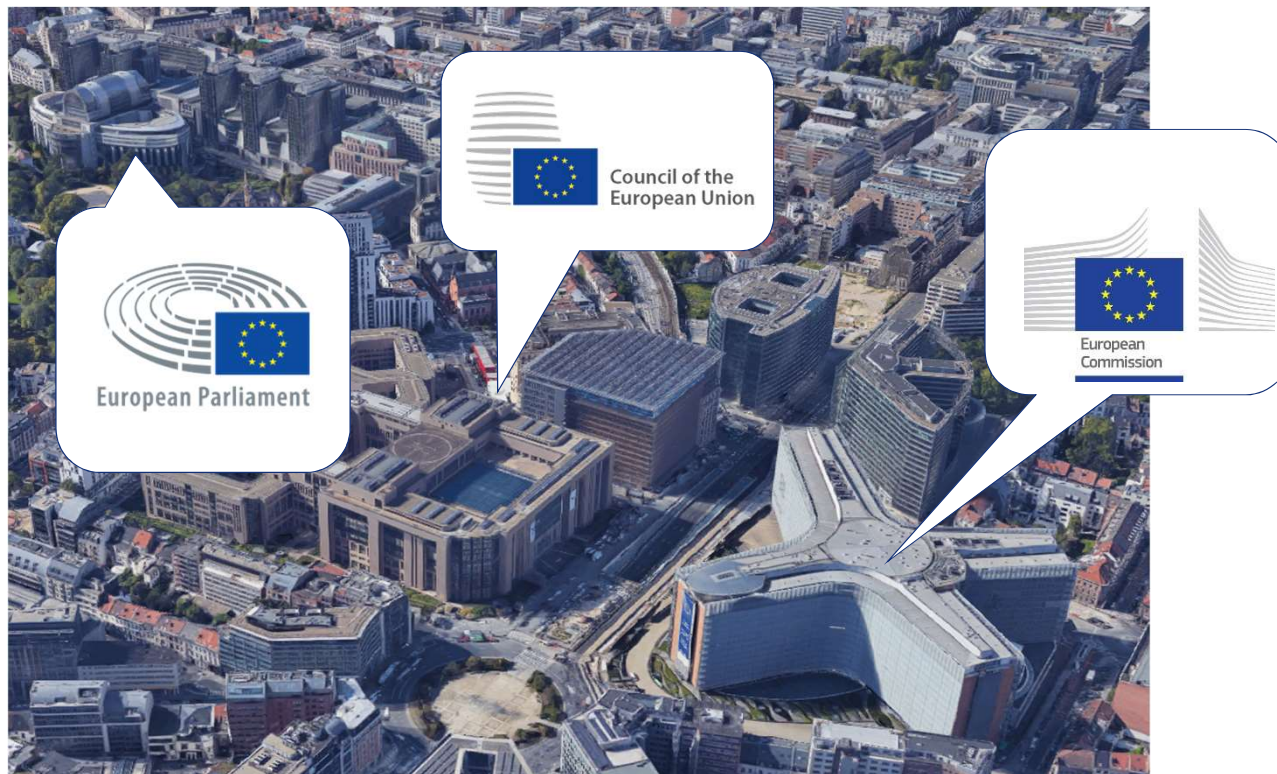
- The RRF setup and RRP's structure
- The European Green Deal and REPowerEU

## 3. The Spanish RRP

- Where was Spain in this context ?
- Relevance

# 1. EU Preliminaries

Main institutions involved in EU legislation / policy-making



Source: Google Maps



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- *Exclusive competences of the Union*

Competition rules necessary for the functioning of the internal market;

Customs Union;

Common commercial policy;

Monetary policy for Member States whose currency is the euro;

Conservation of marine biological resources, under the common fisheries policy.

- *Is there a common element or factor among them ?*

Single / common market

# 1. EU Preliminaries

- **Fault lines in the EU's legal framework.**
  - Process of “creating an ever closer union” (art. 1 TEU) is incomplete
  - Completing it requires taking additional “steps”, with some being qualitatively significant.
- Example : monetary – vs. – fiscal policy.
  - The distinction between them is generally well understood.
  - However, some monetary policy decisions can have fiscal implications.
- In the EU Treaties in force, the Union:
  - Has exclusive competence on monetary policy *for MS whose currency is the euro*.
  - Does not have exclusive competence on fiscal policy.
- There is a reason why :
  - Fiscal policy embodies «sovereignty».

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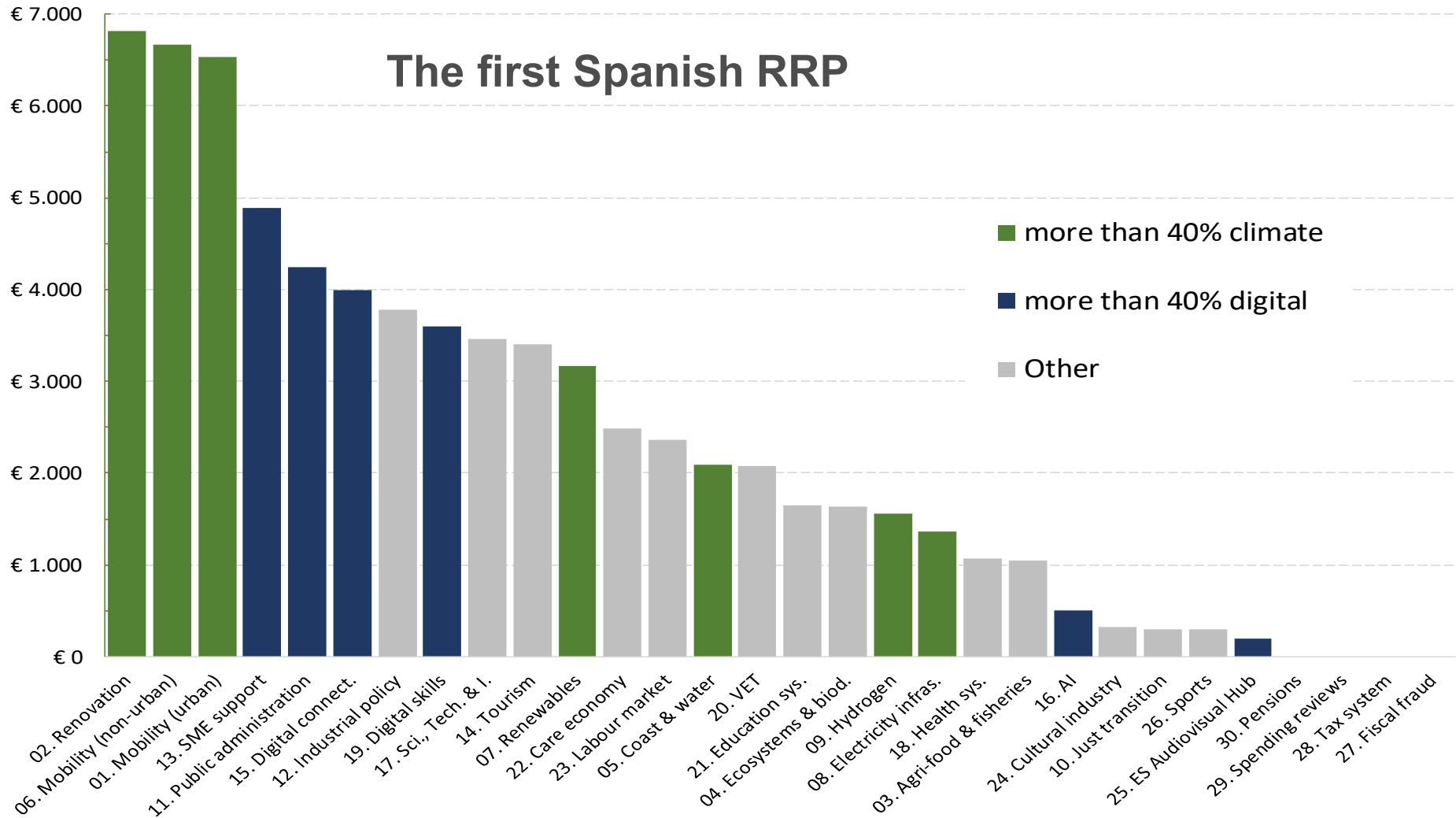
- Fiscal policy embodies «sovereignty»
  - «Right to collect taxes» is i) prerogative of the sovereign, ii) coercive, iii) central element of all liberal revolutions aiming to restrict its power 1688-89 UK, 1775-89 US, 1789-99 FR
- EU Treaties tread (very) carefully when referring to fiscal policy
  - (there are) Limited inroads regarding Member States' adoption of budgets / fiscal policies
  - Union competencies are explicitly house in the Council: arts. 311, 289 & 126 TFEU
- 5 May 2020 German constitutional court (BVerfGE) sentence
  - Article 38 of the (german) Basic Law — Fundamental right to elect representatives.
  - *BVerfGE* considers EU does not offer the same level of protection.
- 17-21 July 2020 special European Council
  - Recovery and Resilience Facility launched.



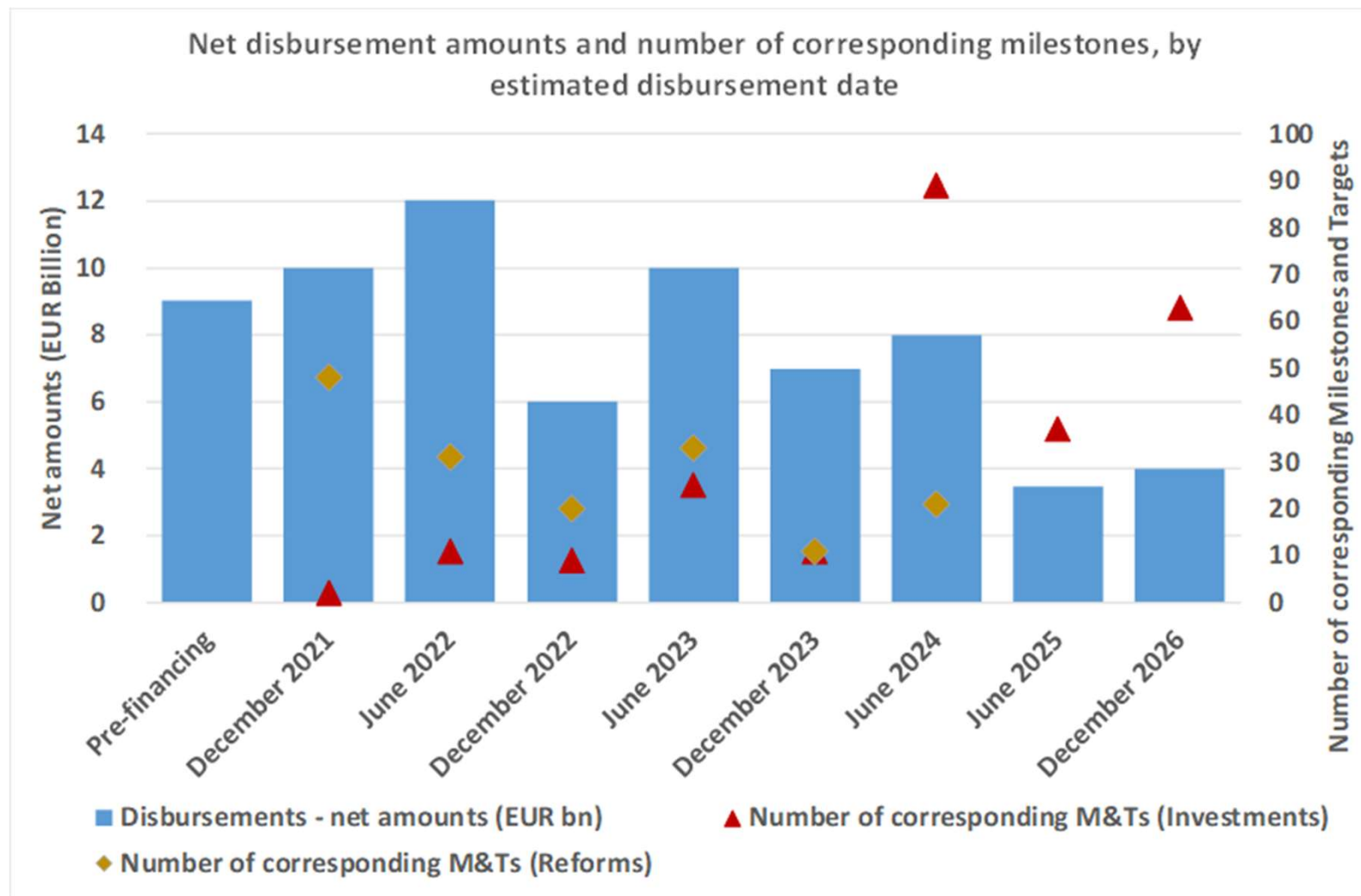
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- **The RRF setup and RRFs structure**
  - Performance-based instrument: Milestones & Targets – vs – invoices.
  - Dedicated to the Green & Digital transitions: 20% & 37% respectively.
- Largest EU programme:
  - In 2021 total EUR 723bn: EUR 338bn in grants, EUR 385bn in loans.
  - In 2023 an additional: EUR 20bn in grants, EUR 2.1bn in BREXIT adjustment reserve.
- Deadlines.
  - Implementation of reforms and investments: by 31 august 2026.
  - Gas infrastructures (within REPowerEU): operational (gas flowing) by 31 December 2026

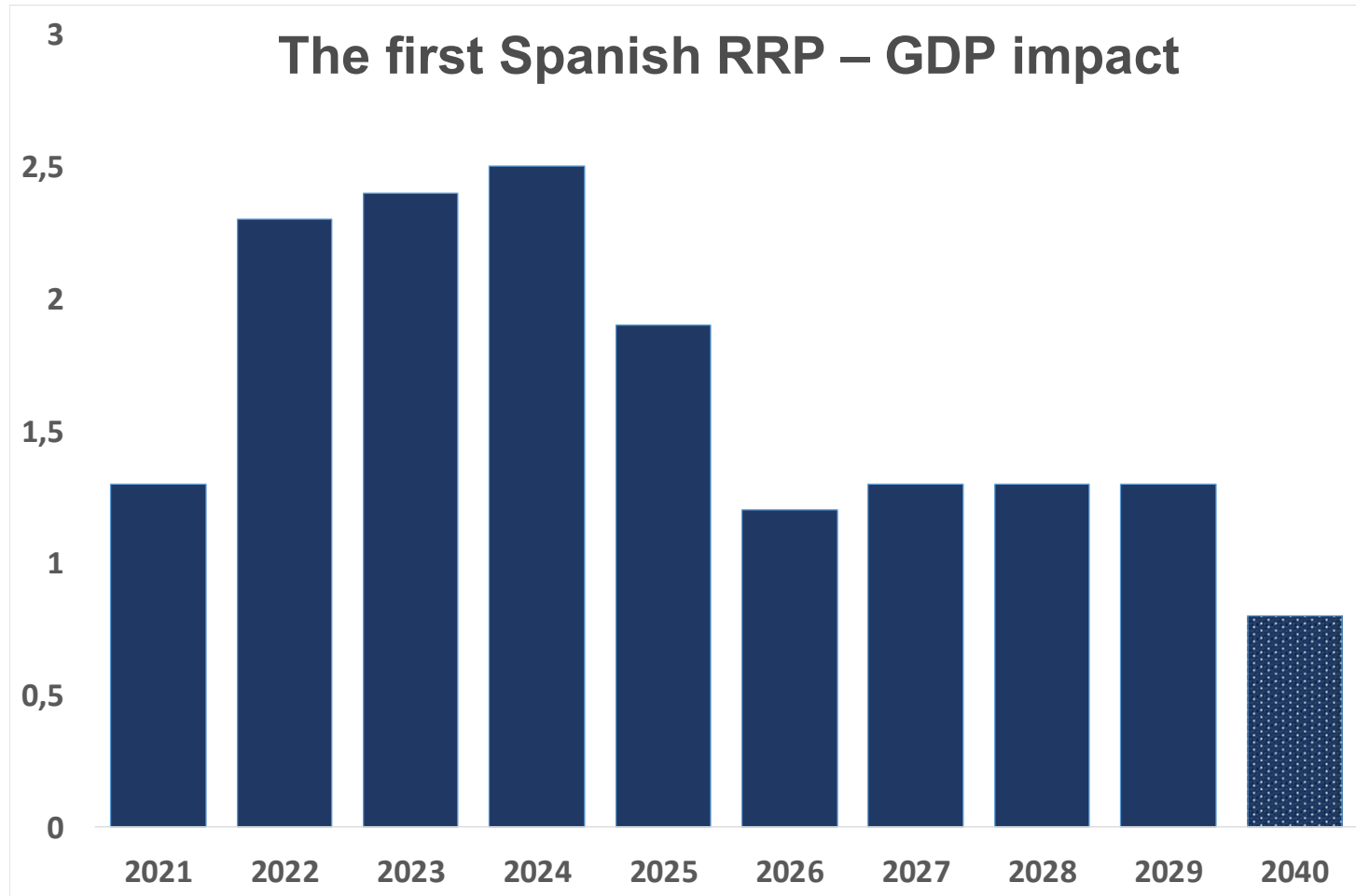
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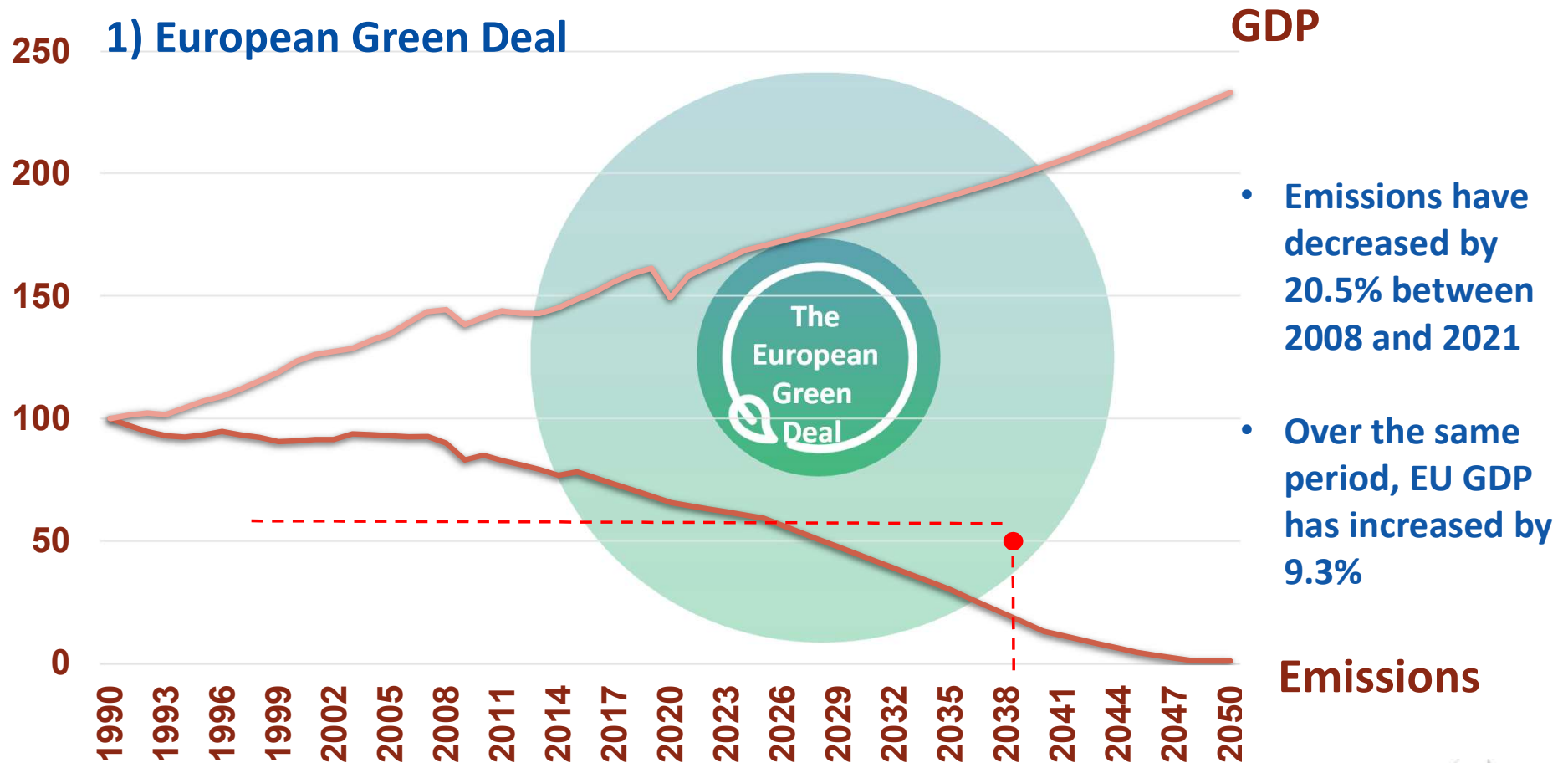
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- **The Green Deal and REPowerEU**

- 1) European Green Deal: Climate Neutrality by 2050**

- 2) EU Crisis Response: Results and Alignment with EGD**

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## REPowerEU

- A plan to reduce EU dependence on Russian fossil fuels and accelerate the energy transition
- Based on **3 pillars**:



Energy saving and energy efficiency



Acceleration of investment in renewables



Diversification of our energy supplies



# 2. Context

## 2) EU Crisis Response

### Natural gas demand reduction (Aug. 2022-23)



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### 2) EU Crisis Response

## Acceleration of investments in RES

New installed capacity in 2022 of renewable energy generation was **58 GW**, equivalent to **11.5 bcm of gas**:



**15 GW** for **wind** power generation (+46% from 2021 pace)



**41 GW** for **solar** power generation (+47% from 2021 pace)



**1 GW** for **other renewables** power generation

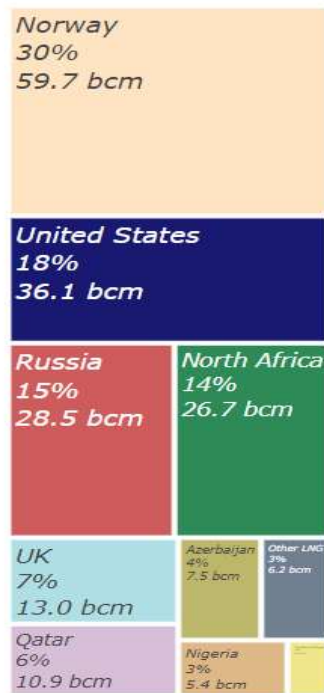
For 2023, industries expect an **additional 69 GW of new renewable energy generation.**

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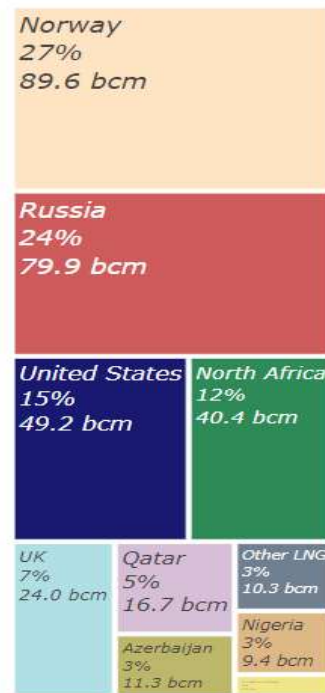
## 2) EU Crisis Response

### Diversification of supply: EU gas imports

2023 (up to Aug.) - 196.1 bcm



2022 - 334.1 bcm



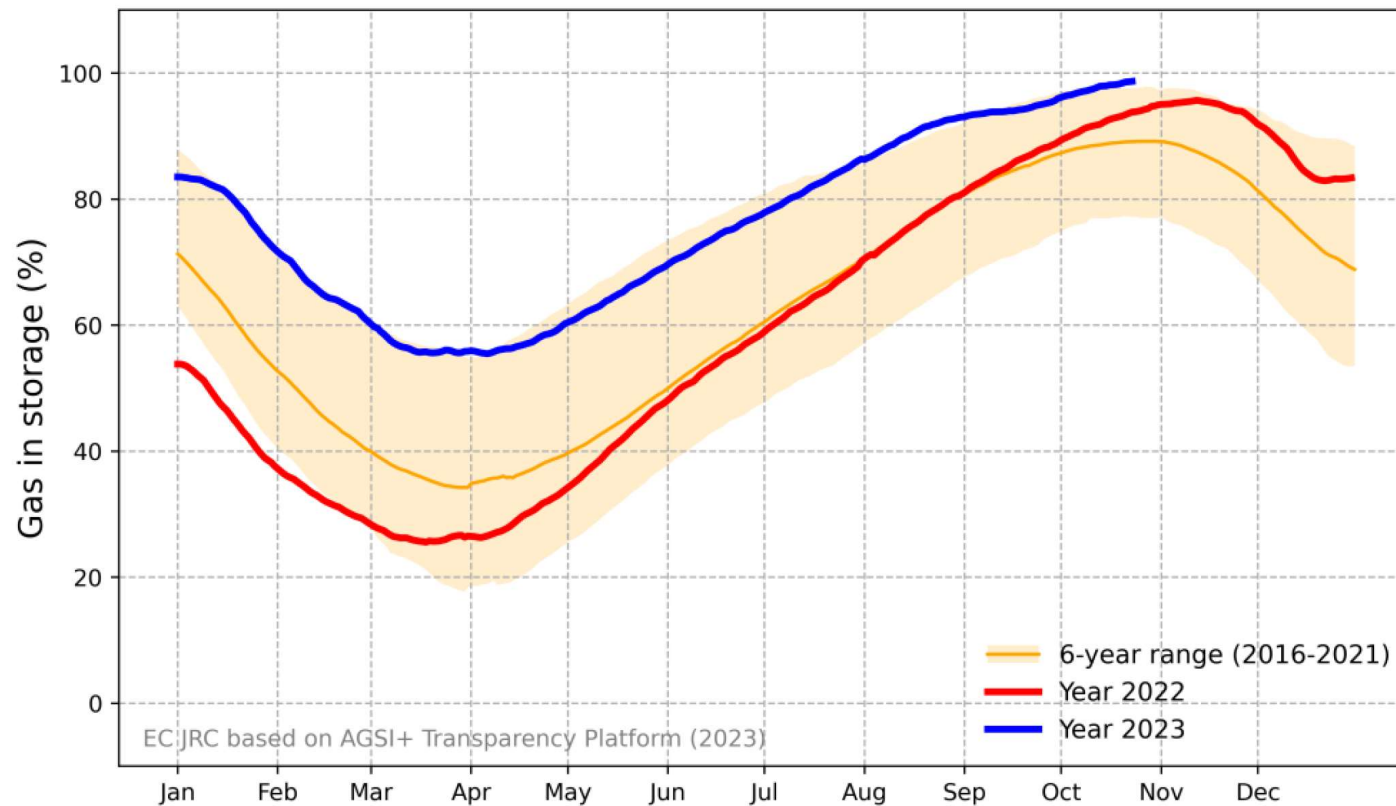
2021 - 334.3 bcm



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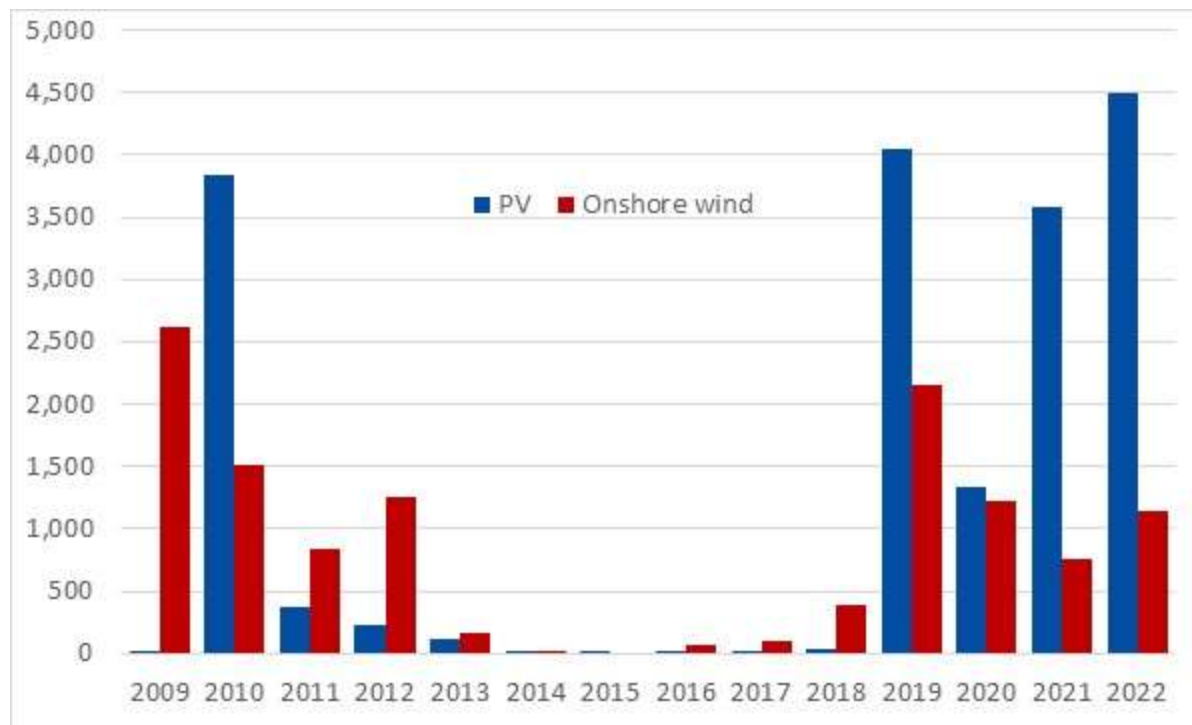
## Filling Level of EU Gas Storage



# 3. The Spanish RRP

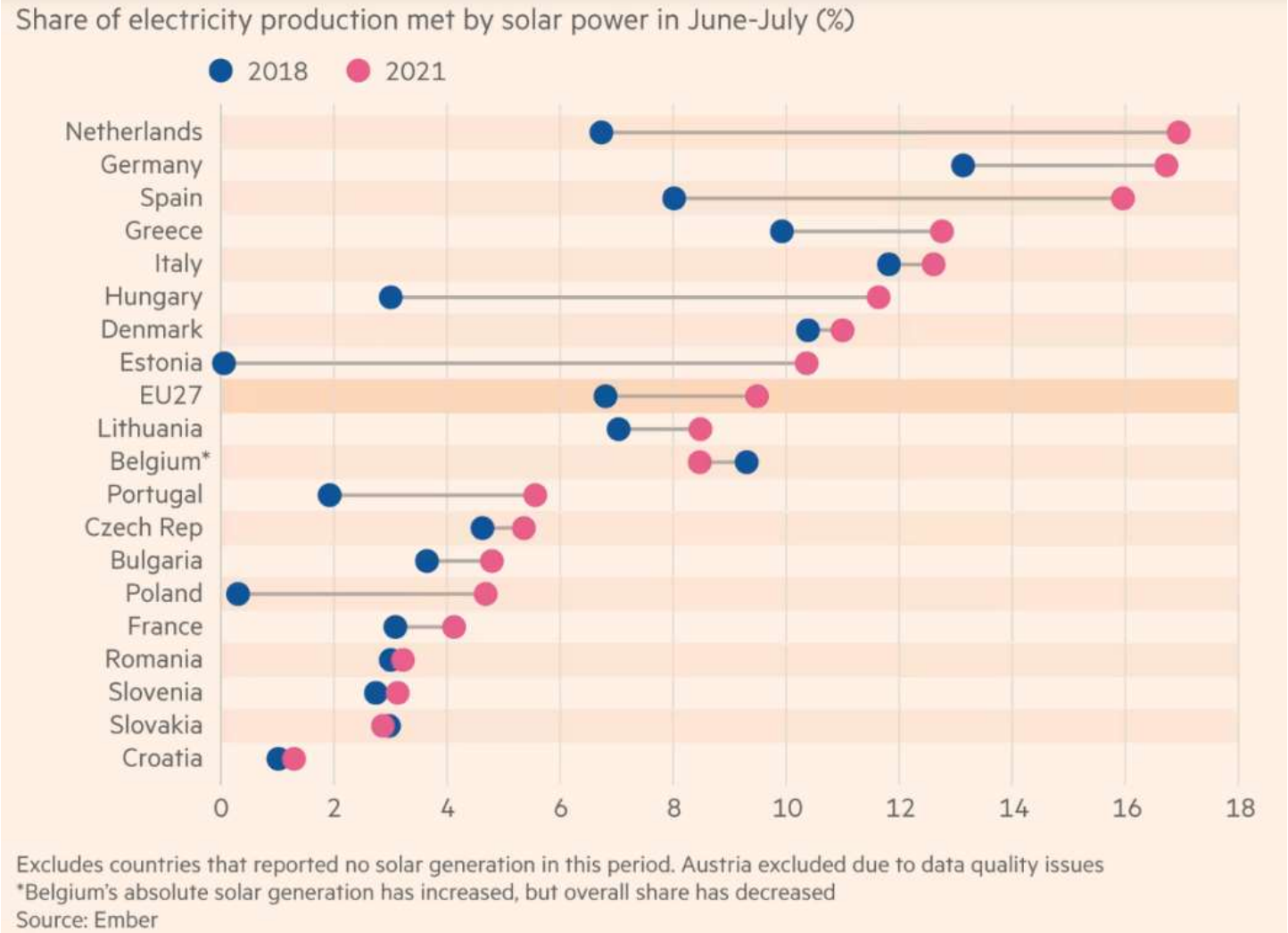
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## MW Capacity installed per year



# 3. The Spanish RRP

- *Where was Spain ?*



# 3. The Spanish RRP



**31 components**  
(including the  
REPowerEU chapter)



**253 measures**

111 reforms

142 investments



**595 milestones and targets** (505 referred to grants y 90 to loans)



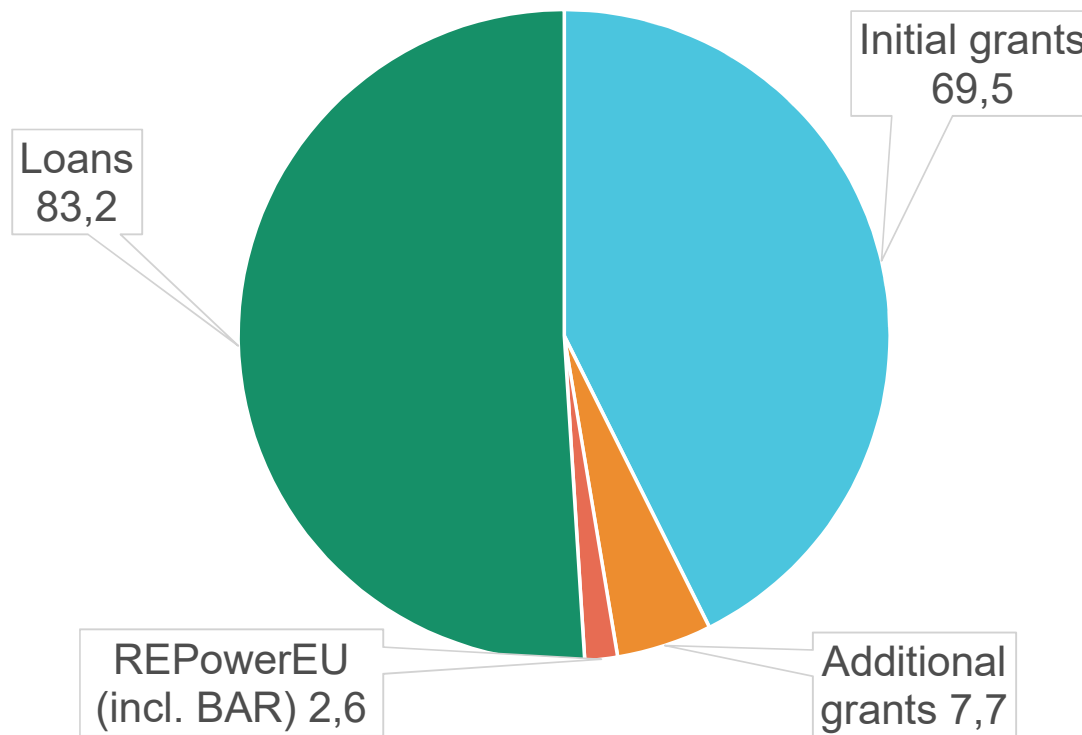
**163.000 million euros**

83.000 mill. loans

80.000 mill. grants

# 3. The Spanish RRP

- How the EUR 163bn come about





# 3. The Spanish RRP

## • Green transition

40% targets climate objectives



## New or improved reforms

- Strategy against desertification
- Waste management reform
- Prevention of food waste and loss

## New investments

- Financial instruments and subsidy schemes to support the green transition (e.g. sustainable mobility, energy efficiency, renewable energy), such as the ICO Green Line (EUR 22bn); Regional Resilience Fund (EUR 20bn); subsidy scheme for the circular economy or electric vehicles.
- Additional investments in circular economy and water management.

«Do No significant Harm Principle» (DNSH): *No measure harms environmental objectives*

## REPowerEU chapter

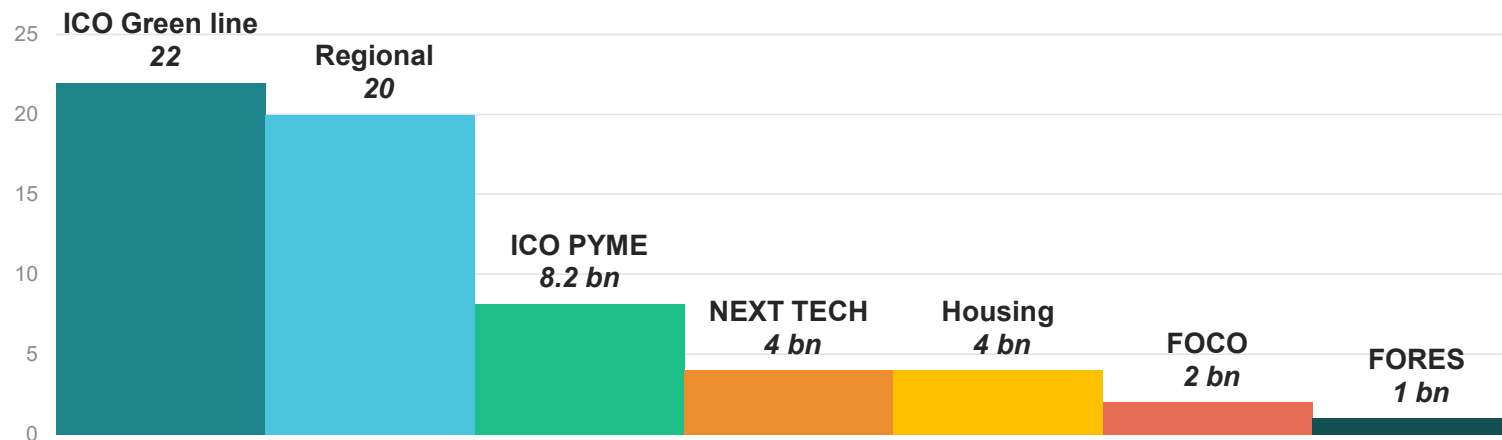
- Reform to improve the framework for granting renewable energy permits.
- Investments in self-consumption, energy storage, energy communities, renewable hydrogen, electricity grid, Renewable energy and industrial decarbonisation value chains (EUR 6.9bn).

# 3. The Spanish RRP

- **Financial instruments**

- Of the **total EUR 83bn** in loans, **EUR 76bn** are, in turn, provided as loans as **14 financial instruments** designed to stimulate green, digital and social investments.

Main Financial Instruments (EUR bn)



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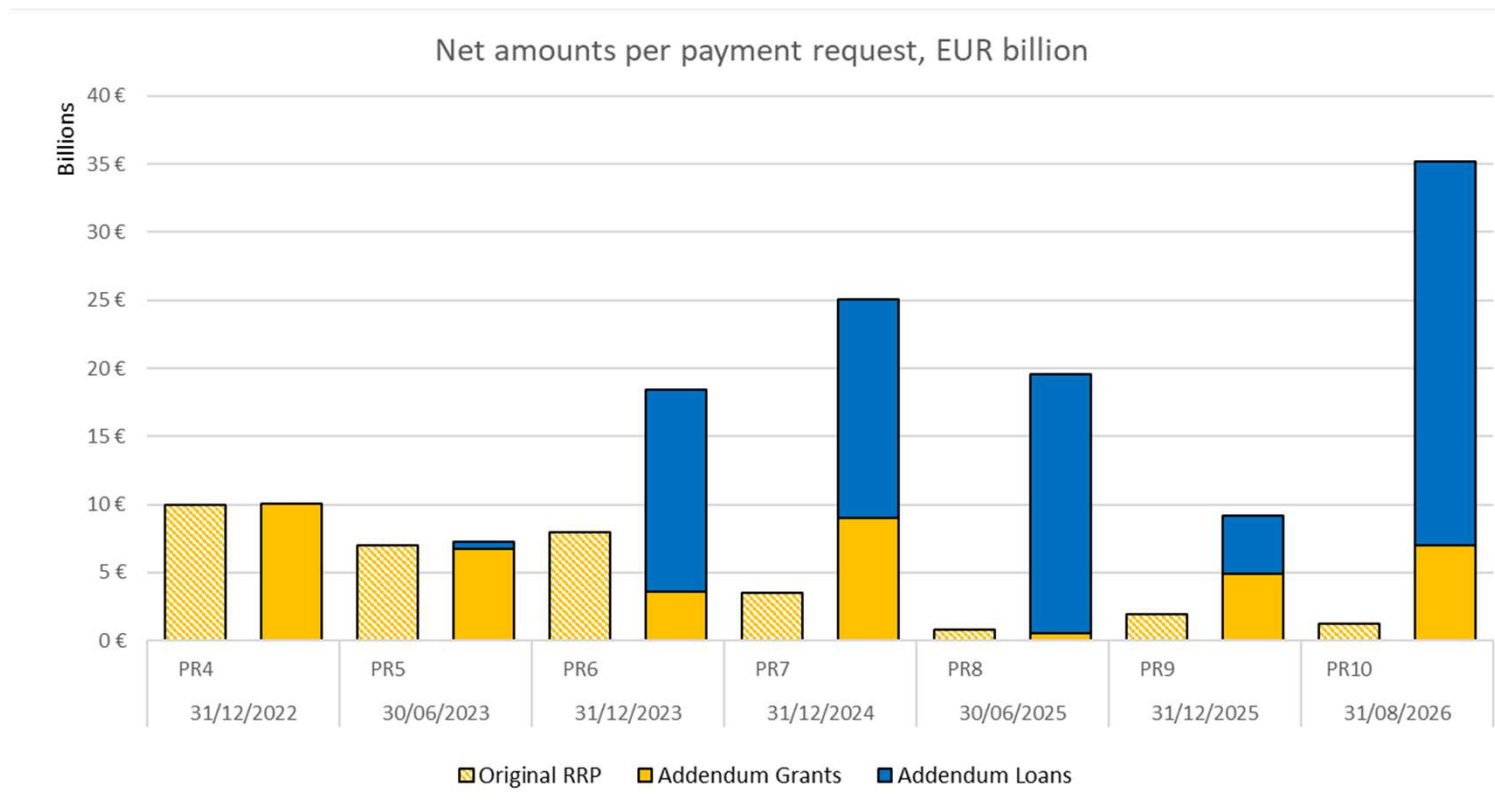
Component	Existing Plan	Addendum			Overall
	Financial contribution	Financial contribution	Loans	Total	Total
01. Sustainable mobility (urban)	6 536	-	-	-	6 536
02. Renovation	6 820	-	4 000	4 000	10 820
03. Agri-food and fisheries	1 051	150	260	410	1 461
04. Ecosystems and biodiversity	1 642	-	-	-	1 642
05. Coast and water resources	2 091	1 250	1 805	3 055	5 146
06. Sustainable mobility (long-distance)	6 667	-	-	-	6 667
07. Renewables	3 165	-	-	-	3 165
08. Electricity infrastructure	1 365	-	-	-	1 365
09. Hydrogen	1 555	-	-	-	1 555
10. Just transition	300	-	-	-	300
11. Public administration	4 239	130	2 157	2 287	6 526
12. Industrial policy	3 782	1 050	1 200	2 250	6 032
13. Support to SMEs	4 894	-	58 103	58 103	62 998
14. Tourism	3 400	-	-	-	3 400
15. Digital connectivity	3 999	621	10 750	11 371	15 370

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	Financial contribution	Financial contribution	Loans	Total	Total
16. Artificial Intelligence	500	40		40	540
17. Science, technology and innovation	3 457	734	570	1 304	4 761
18. Reform of health system	1 069	100	-	100	1 169
19. Digital skills	3 593	-	-	-	3 593
20. Vocational training	2 076	-	-	-	2 076
21. Education	1 648	50	-	50	1 698
22. Care economy, equality and inclusion	2 492	1 000	400	1 400	3 892
23. Labour market	2 363	-			2 363
24. Cultural industry	325	-	-	-	325
25. Audiovisual	200	-	1 712	1 712	1 912
26. Sports	300	-	-	-	300
27. Prevention of tax fraud	-	-	-	-	-
28. Tax system	-	-	483	483	483
29. Effective public spending	-	-	-	-	-
30. Pension system reform	-	-	-	-	-
<b>31. RePowerEU chapter</b>	-	<b>5 217</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>6 917</b>	<b>6 917</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69 528</b>	<b>10 342</b>	<b>83 160</b>	<b>93 502</b>	<b>163 030</b>

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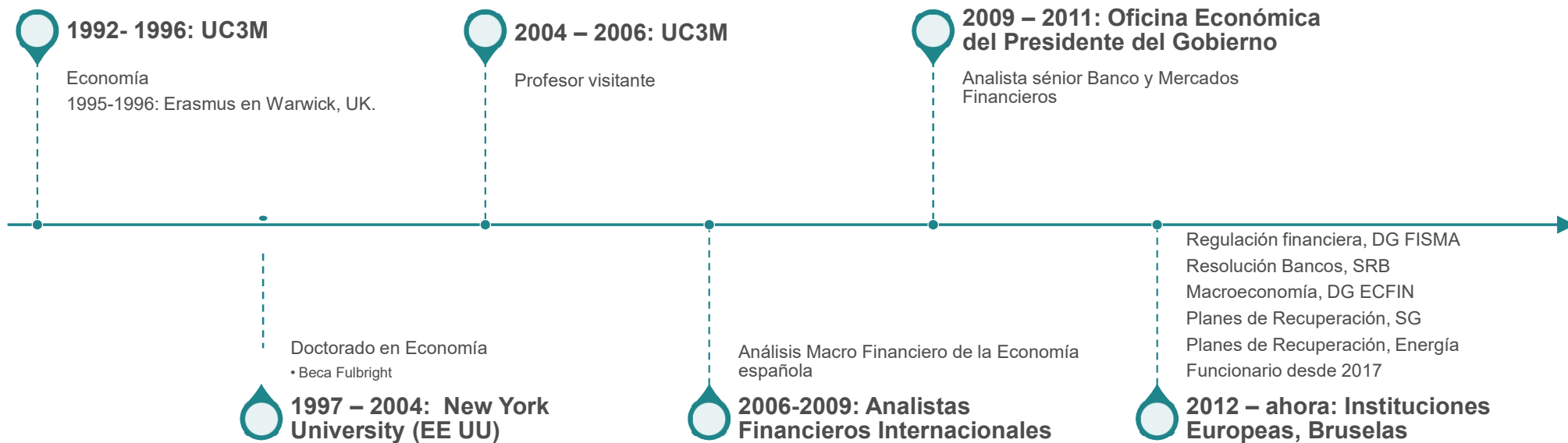
- Payment chronology – remaining payments





# Career opportunities with the European Institutions and EPSO selection procedures

# Professional background



# Profiles

 <b>European Public Administration</b>	 <b>Economists</b>	 <b>Finance Officers</b>	 <b>Auditors</b>
 <b>External Relations</b>	 <b>Communication specialists</b>	 <b>IT</b>	 <b>Scientists</b>
 <b>Lawyers</b>	 <b>Lawyer-linguistics</b>	 <b>Interpreters</b>	 <b>Assistants</b>
 <b>Linguistic assistants</b>	 <b>Secretaries</b>	 <b>Translators</b>	



# Who are we looking for?

**EU  
citizens**

**Minimum of 2  
EU languages**

**Working in  
multicultural  
teams**

**Graduates +  
Non-graduates**

# What do we offer?

Interesting & challenging work

International working environment

Personal development, training courses

Flexible working conditions

Job mobility

Work-life balance

Well-being initiatives

Shaping Europe together

Collaborative way of working

Inclusion, equality and diversity

Compensation & benefits



# Info and jobs on EPSO's website

## What's new?



**Assistants in security and safety**  
Would you like to start an international career within a multicultural and diverse team?



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**Contract Staff (CAST Permanent)**



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**EPSO Tweet**

## Highlights



**European Committee of the Regions Traineeship programme**

## News



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## News

Reserve list - Administrators in the field of Data Protection  
Post date: 09/12/2022

Final results of the competition - Laboratory technicians  
Post date: 06/12/2022

Final results of the competition - Polish-Language (PL) Lawyer-Linguists  
Post date: 01/12/2022

[Read more news](#)



# Traineeships

# Traineeships in the EU institutions

- All EU institutions offer traineeships – not centralised
- Consult EPSO's website for links to each programme:  
Job opportunities > Traineeships



If you would like to get a taster of a career with the EU Institutions, why not apply for a traineeship?

Each year, around 1,900 young people are offered the chance to increase their professional skills, develop their personal qualities, and enhance their EU knowledge through the EU trainee programmes. Most of the EU Institutions organise traineeships for young university graduates, each lasting usually between 3 and 5 months.

Traineeships are available in a wide range of fields and offer a great insight into the work of the EU. The content of the job largely depends on the service you are assigned to. Opportunities are available in the fields of competition law, human resources, environmental policy, communication and many more.

The selection procedures for traineeships are run individually by the EU Institutions and agencies themselves. You can see below some of the opportunities available. Please note that maybe not all available opportunities are displayed on this site.

Institution/Agency

(ACER) Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators	Search
(EUIPO) European Union Intellectual Property Office	
(EUROFOUND) European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	
(EUROJUST) The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit	
(Europol) European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation	
(EUSPA) European Union Agency for the Space Programme	
(F4E) European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy	
(FRA) European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights	
(FRONTEX) European Border and Coast Guard Agency	
(SatCen) European Union Satellite Centre	
Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking	
Council of the European Union	
Court of Auditors	
Court of Justice	
European Commission	
European Committee of the Regions	
European Data Protection Supervisor	
European External Action Service	
European Ombudsman	
European Parliament	
Joint Research Centre	
Panel: YES: 600€ (Monthly grant) and 350€ (Accommodation allowance).	

Starting Dates: 1st September or 1st March.



# Traineeship in the European Commission

**5 months**  
01/03 - 31/07  
01/10 - 28/02

**Paid**  
(± €1.300)



**Brussels**  
**Luxembourg**  
**+ representations**



**1.800**  
**trainees/year**



**Participate in the**  
**work processes**

**High number of**  
**applicants**

# Who can apply?

Application  
within the  
deadline

Bachelor  
degree

Minimum of  
2 EU languages

1 language  
must be:



No EU  
citizenship  
needed

No age limit



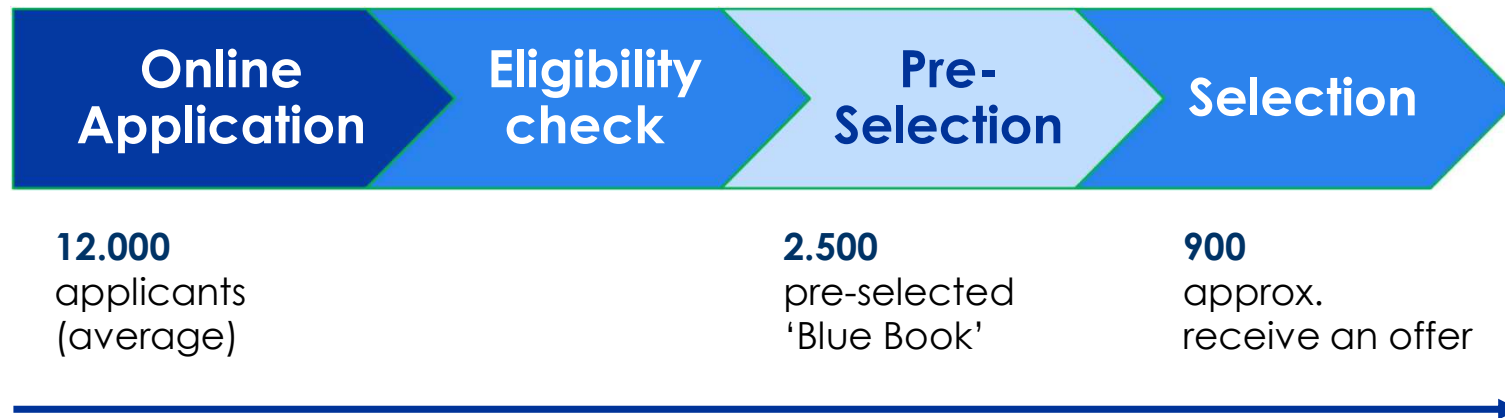
**You?**

No prior EU  
employment  
of more than 6  
weeks

# Blue Book Traineeship – key steps

Apply in January 2024 for the October 2024 traineeship

Apply 18 July-31 August 2024 for the March 2025 traineeship



Online application for EC Traineeship:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index_en.htm)





# Other staff

# Staff categories

**Contract  
agents  
(CAST)**

**Temporary  
agents**

**Interim staff**

**Freelance**

**Seconded  
National  
Experts**

**Trainees**

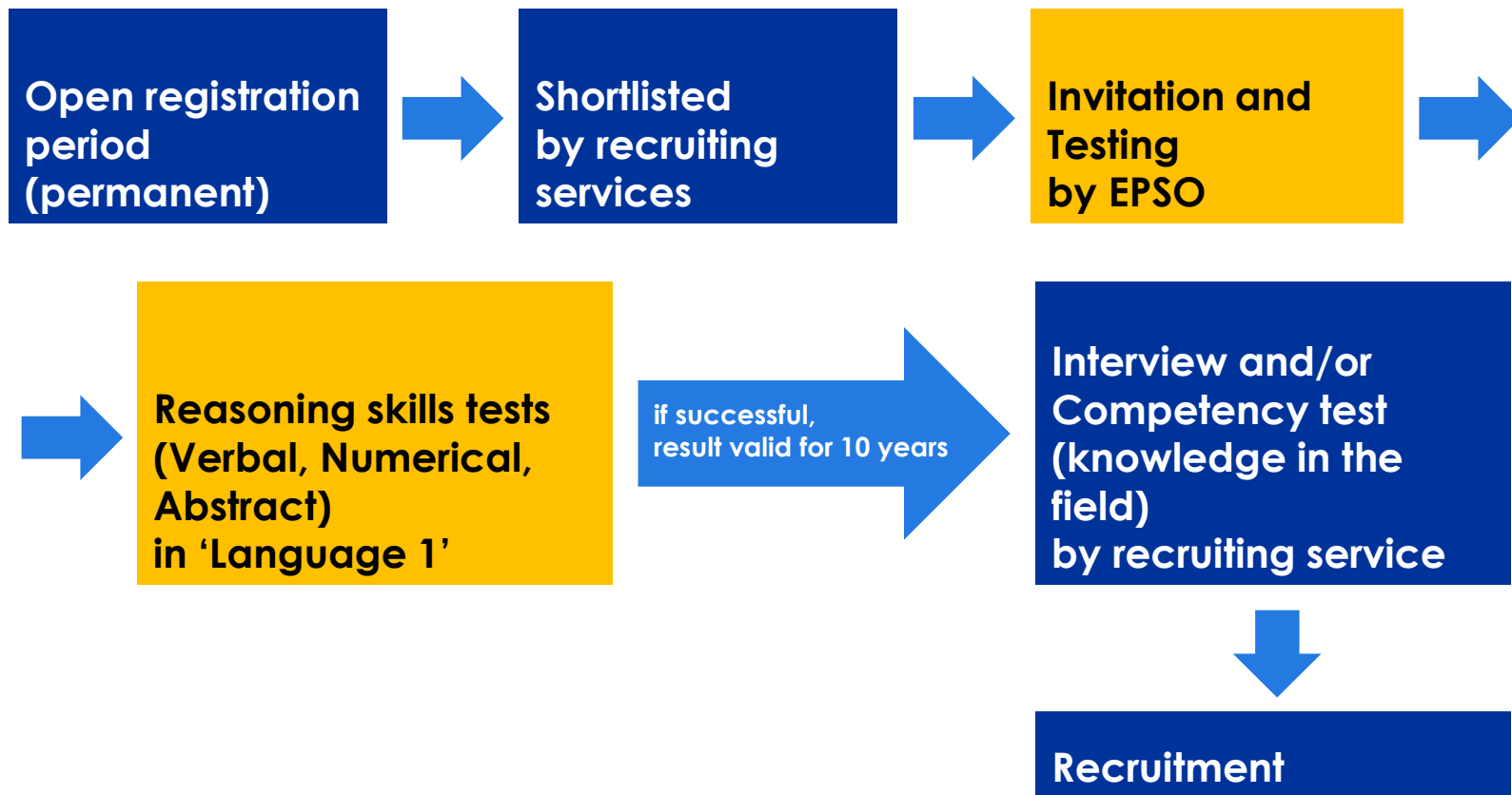


# Contract agents

# Permanently available profiles

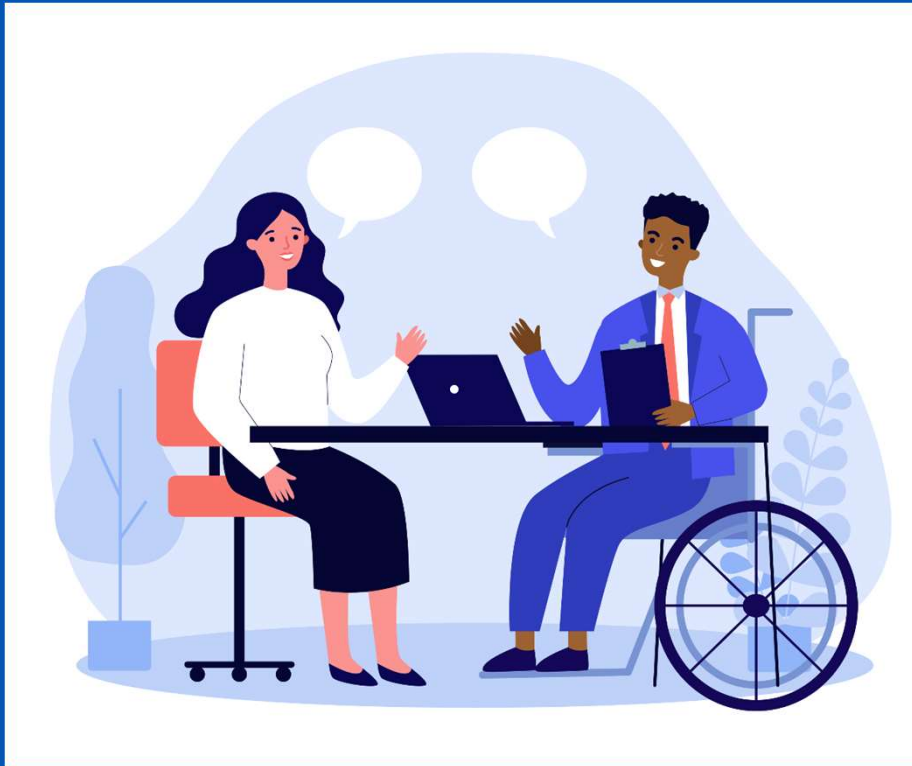
Job title	Domain(s)	Grade	Institution/Agency	Location(s)	Deadline
Security operations (CAST Permanent)	Security	FG II	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Secretaries/Clerks (CAST Permanent)	Support Staff	FG II	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Information and communication technology (CAST Permanent)	Information Technology	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
IT security (CAST Permanent)	Security	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Manual and administrative support workers (CAST Permanent)	Support Staff	FG I	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Communication (CAST Permanent)	Communication	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Proofreaders (CAST Permanent)	Languages	FG III	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Technical security (CAST Permanent)	Security	FG II, FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Project/programme management (CAST Permanent)	European Public Administration	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Law (CAST Permanent)	Law	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Child care staff (CAST Permanent)	Support Staff	FG II	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Building management (CAST Permanent)	European Public Administration	FG II, FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Security operations, including regional security (CAST Permanent)	Security	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Administration / Human resources (CAST Permanent)	Human Resources	FG II, FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Translators (CAST Permanent)	Languages	FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Information and document security (CAST Permanent)	Security	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Finance (CAST Permanent)	Economics, Finance and Statistics	FG II, FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Political affairs / EU policies (CAST Permanent)	European Public Administration	FG III, FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application
Educational Psychologists (CAST Permanent)	Support Staff	FG IV	EU institutions	N/A	no deadline for application

# CAST-Permanent Selection procedure



# Ad-hoc vacancies

Statistician	Economics, Finance and Statistics	FG IV	European Commission	Luxembourg (Luxembourg)	31/07/2023 - 12:00
Expert - Environment and Climate Monitoring	Science and Research	FG IV	(EEA) European Environment Agency	Copenhagen (Denmark)	31/07/2023 - 23:59
Expert - Networking and Stakeholder Communications	Communication	FG IV	(EEA) European Environment Agency	Copenhagen (Denmark)	31/07/2023 - 23:59
Expert - Air quality data	Science and Research	FG IV	(EEA) European Environment Agency	Copenhagen (Denmark)	07/08/2023 - 23:59
Project manager	Information Technology	FG IV	European Commission	Brussels (Belgium)	11/08/2023 - 12:00
Project officer	Science and Research	FG IV	(FRA) European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights	Vienna (Austria)	15/08/2023 - 13:00
HR Officer	Human Resources	FG IV	(EU-RAIL) The Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking	Brussels (Belgium)	21/08/2023 - 23:59
IT Officer – Application Support	Information Technology	FG IV	(EPPO) European Public Prosecutor's Office	Luxembourg (Luxembourg)	21/08/2023 - 23:59
Financial Officer	Economics, Finance and Statistics	FG IV	(HaDEA) European Health and Digital Executive Agency	Brussels (Belgium)	25/08/2023 - 12:00
Records and Archives Manager	European Public Administration	FG IV	(EDA) European Defence Agency	Brussels (Belgium)	31/08/2023 - 23:59
Human Resources Specialist	Human Resources	FG IV	(FRONTEX) European Border and Coast Guard Agency	Warsaw (Poland)	31/01/2024 - 12:00
Researcher	Science and Research	FG IV	Joint Research Centre	Brussels (Belgium), Geel (Belgium), Ispra (Italy), Karlsruhe (Germany), Petten (The Netherlands), Seville (Spain)	no deadline for application
Programme Manager	European Public Administration	FG IV	European Commission	Nicosia (Cyprus)	no deadline for application



# Competitions

Permanent officials (civil servants)

# Types of competitions

## Generalists

- **All** fields
- **No** professional **experience** needed
- For **graduates**
- Grade AD5

## Specialists

- **Specialised** fields
- Professional **experience** needed for most profiles
- For **graduates** and **non-graduates**
- Grade AD6, AD7, AST3

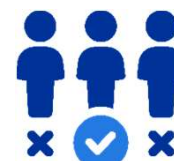


# Elements of a competition

APPLICATION ← 6 months → RESERVE LIST

**APPLY NOW**

SINGLE DAY TESTING  
ALL ONLINE



## REASONING SKILLS

Verbal  
Numerical  
Abstract

MCQ

Pass/Fail

+

(for Generalists)  
EU KNOWLEDGE  
+ DIGITAL SKILLS

MCQ  
Ranked

or

(for Specialists)  
KNOWLEDGE IN  
THE FIELD

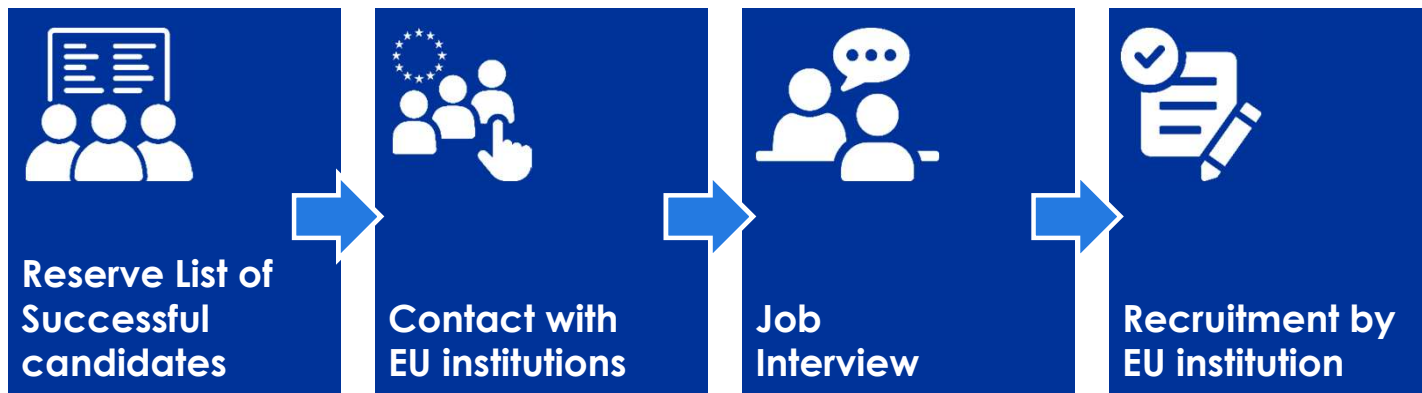
MCQ  
Ranked

+

## CASE STUDY

Testing drafting skills  
Pass/Fail

# Successful Candidate



# Upcoming...

Field	Languages	Grade	Application period
<b>Lawyer-linguists</b> for the Court of Justice	EN, ES, LT, NL, PT, SK	AD7	14 Sep – 17 Oct 2023
Administrators in the field of <b>Transport</b>	EU-27	AD7	5 Oct – 7 Nov 2023
<b>Nuclear Inspectors</b> & Policy Officers	EU-27	AD7	19 Oct – 21 Nov 2023

# Gracias



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