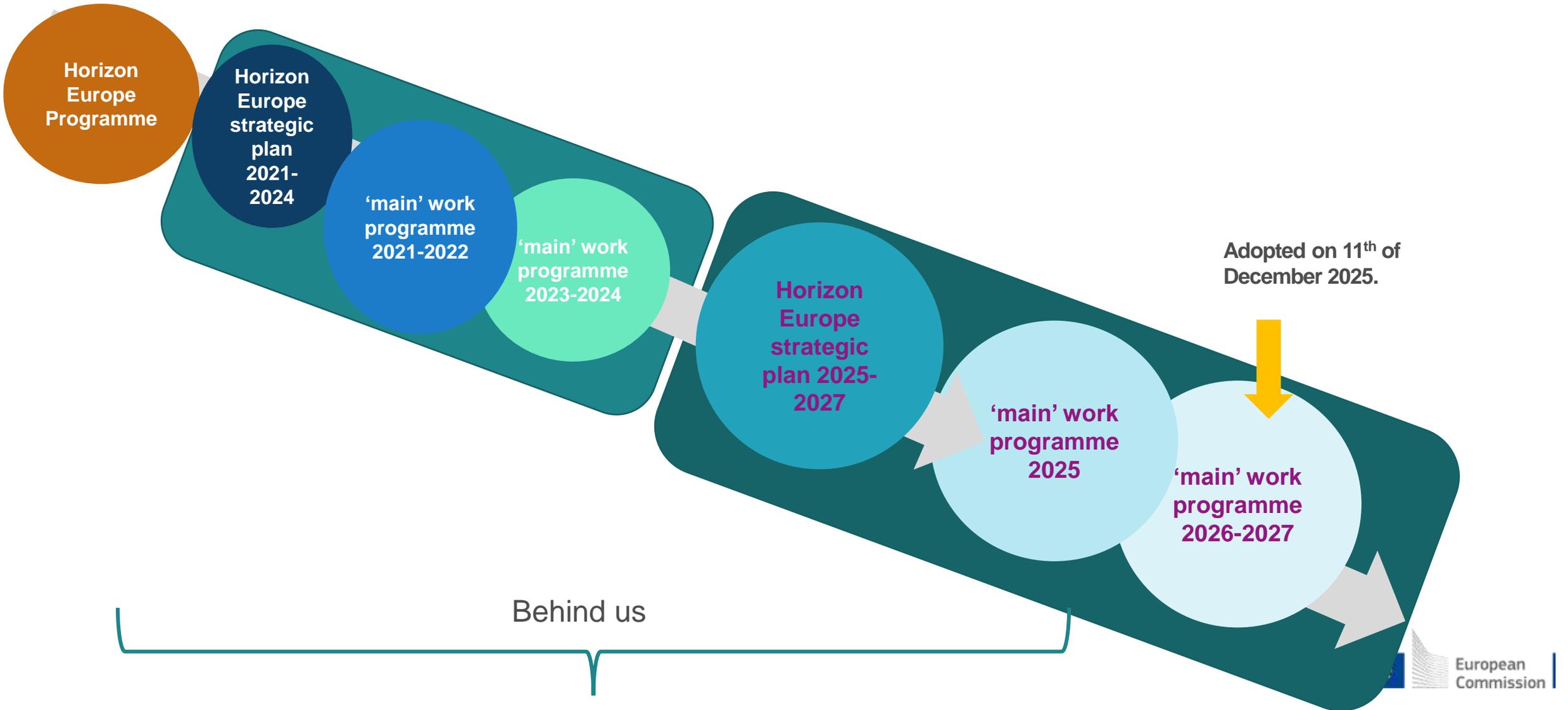




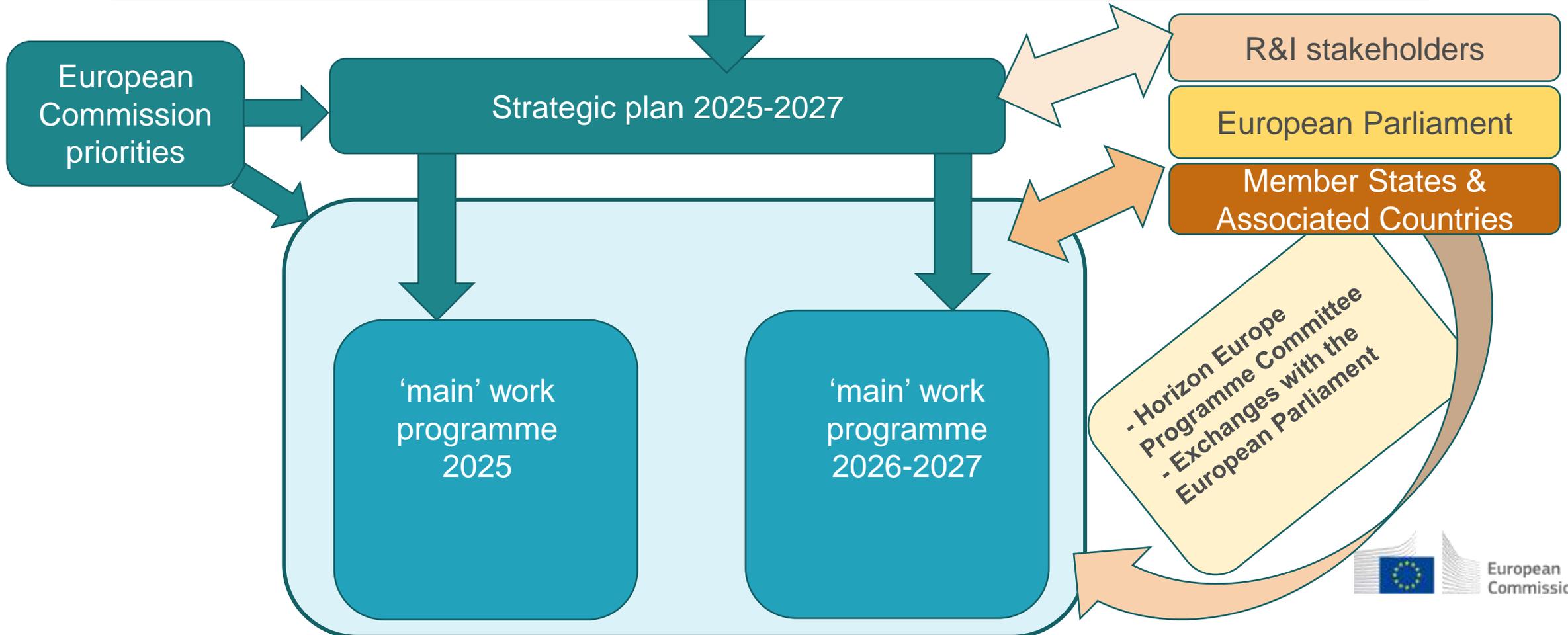
# Work Programme 26-27

# Horizon Europe programme cycle



# Work programme preparation process

Horizon Europe legal basis (2021-2027):  
Framework Programme & Rules for Participation and Dissemination  
+ Specific Programme



# 'Main' work programme 2026-2027: Context

- Last work programme under Horizon Europe 2021-2027
- In line with the [Strategic Plan 2025-2027](#) key strategic orientations:
  - Green transition
  - Digital transition
  - A more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe
- In line with the [European Commission priorities](#) (2024-2029):
  - Sustainable prosperity and competitiveness
  - Security and defence
  - Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model
  - Sustaining our quality of life
  - Protecting our democracy, upholding our values
  - A global Europe

# A continued effort towards simplification

- **Increased transparency** through pre-publication of draft texts in comitology register
- **Less prescriptive topic descriptions and fewer topics** resulting in a significant reduction of the overall length of the work programme text (>30%)
- **Increased use of lump sum funding (~ 50%)** with the aim to simplify financial management and reduce administrative burden for participants
- **Use of topics with two stage evaluations** allowing applicants to submit first a shorter proposal and a full proposal only in the second stage (15 two-stage calls)
- **Reduced complexity of the proposal template** → impact and implementation sections simplified + overall page limit reduced

# Novelties

- **Introduction of ‘horizontal calls’** for tackling key policy priorities in a more consistent, cross-cluster and multidisciplinary way:
  - ‘The Clean Industrial Deal’
  - ‘AI in Science’
- **Increased emphasis on knowledge valorisation** to increase the societal and policy uptake of project results (e.g. proof-of-market topic)
- **Choose Europe for Science initiative** aiming to promote research careers in Europe and building on the MSCA Choose Europe for Science 2025 pilot

# Opportunities in WP 2026-2027 for EaP countries

Work Programme Part	Number of topics targeting EaP countries
Cluster 1: Health	22 topics
Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society	13 topics
Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society	7 topics
Cluster 4: Climate and Energy	6 topics
Cluster 5: Food Security and Biodiversity	36 topics
Cluster 6: Agri-Food and Sustainable Value Chains	37 topics
Research Infrastructures	3 topics
Missions: Soil	2 topics
New European Bauhaus	3 topics
WIDERA	1 topics

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**Thank you!**