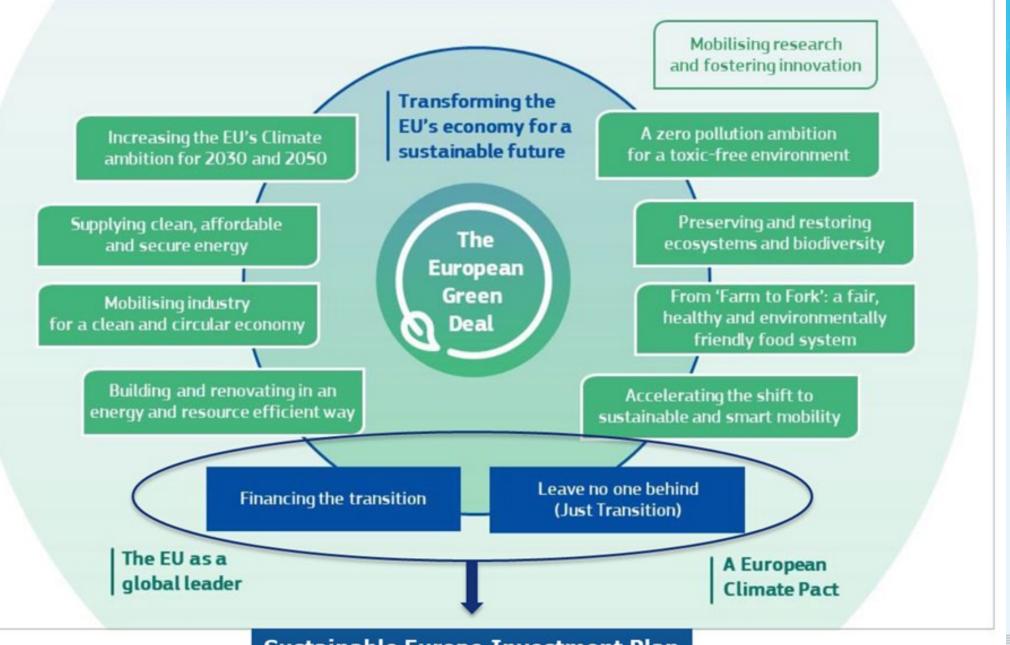


# Opportunities to boost skills in energy renovation through the Multi-Annual Financial Framework and Just Transition Fund (JTF)

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#### Renovation and EU Funds

- Renovation plays a key role in reducing the energy demand of the EU building
- Skilled workforce needed
- Several EU Funds can be harnessed, notably:
  - Cohesion Policy Funds and, in particular, the European Social Fund Plus (for skills development)
  - Just Transition Mechanism, incl. Just Transition Fund
  - Recovery and Resilience Facility





# **Cohesion Policy (ERDF/CF)**

- Policy objective 2: A low-carbon Europe Transition towards a net zero carbon economy
- Cohesion policy contributing to the EU target: "Reaching the energy efficiency target of 32.5% (indicative, EU-level target), with an upwards revision clause by 2023"
- Specific objective for "Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions"
- Possible investments in:
  - energy efficient renovation of public buildings,
  - Energy efficient renovation of residential buildings;
  - Energy efficiency in SMEs;
  - Energy efficiency improvements of district heating networks



# **European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)**

- Budget: €99.3 billion (€98.5 billion shared management / €762 million EaSI)
- Main EU Fund to invest in people, notably via upskilling and reskilling and support to the development of new curricula
- Implemented under shared management
- 2021-2027 programming period currently being negotiated
- ("Blueprints for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills" to tackle such skills challenges and address skills shortages in specific economic sectors)



#### **Just Transition Fund**

- Targeted to the regions most affected by the transition (vs. Cohesion Policy which is available in all EU regions)
- The JTF should primarily support economic diversification, upskilling and reskilling and measures to address negative employment impacts.
- However, other activities are eligible as well, notably as regards investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- To be eligible under this Fund, they would need to be justified by their contribution to mitigating the impacts of the transition and their link to the transition challenges identified in the TJTP.



# State of play of TJTPs and JTF programmes

- Discussions between the Member States and the Commission on the territorial just transition plans (TJTPs) are ongoing
- TJTPs have been formally submitted by some Member States to the Commission for approval.
- Importance of the partnership principle to make it a success.
- Role of the Managing Authorities in the Member States and regions.



## Recovery and Resilience Facility

 The improvement of energy efficiency of public and private buildings is also one of the flagship areas to be considered in the recovery and reform plans of the Member States as part of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) implementation



### To sum up

- EU Funds available to support Member States and regions
- Programmes are currently being negotiated

Thank you for your attention



