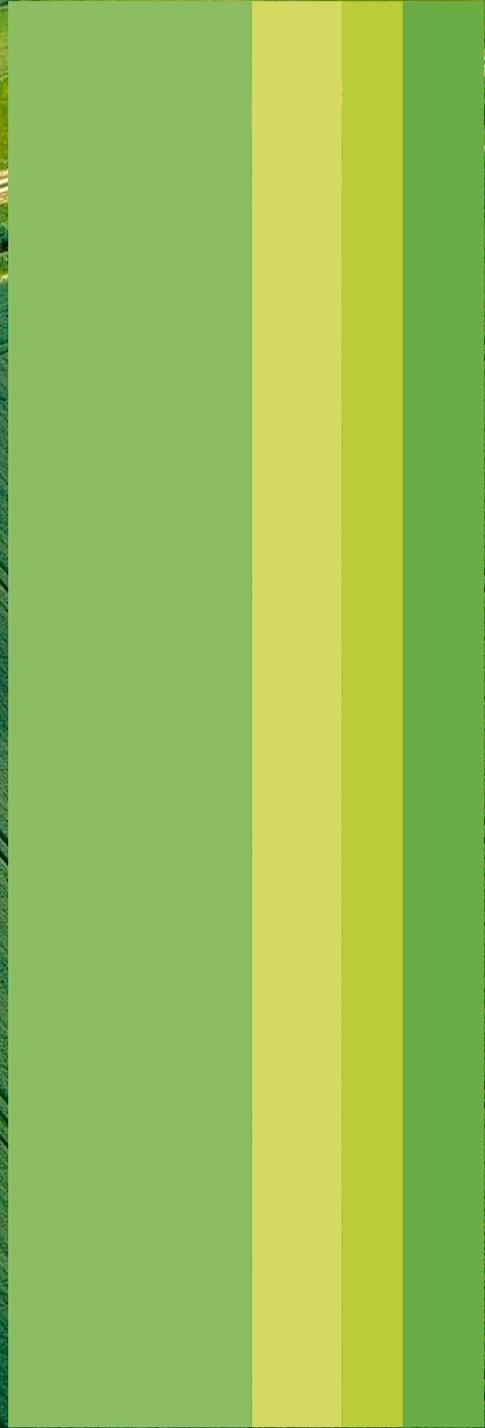




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# Research Council of Finland's RRF Programme

Advancing the Green and Digital Transition



# The largest recovery package ever financed in Europe

The EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility forms part of the broader NextGenerationEU recovery plan designed to address the immediate economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

€ 724 billion

*Together with the EU's long-term budget, it constitutes the largest recovery package ever financed in Europe.  
Finland's allocated share of the Facility's funding amounts to €1.82 billion.*

# The RRF funding is intended for the implementation of reforms and investments

The reforms and investments support both EU objectives and the goals outlined in country-specific recommendations for member states.

***In the country-specific recommendations for Finland in the spring of 2020, the Commission highlighted the need for investments required for the dual transition. According to the recommendations, Finland should target investments to:***



***Green and digital transition***



***Clean and efficient energy production and distribution***



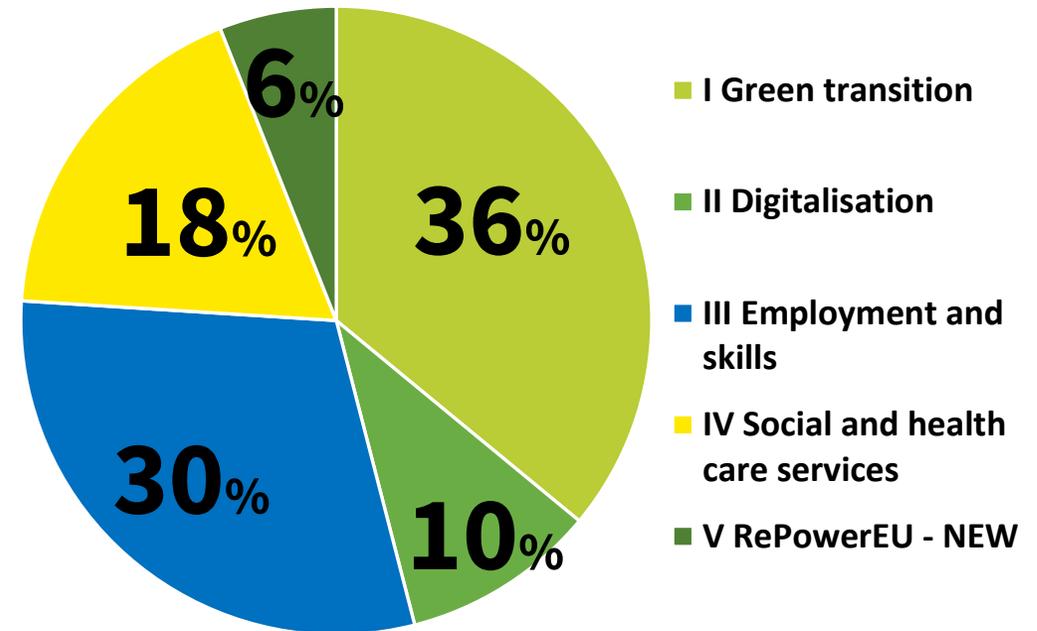
***Research and innovation***

# Finland's Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)

is part of the Sustainable  
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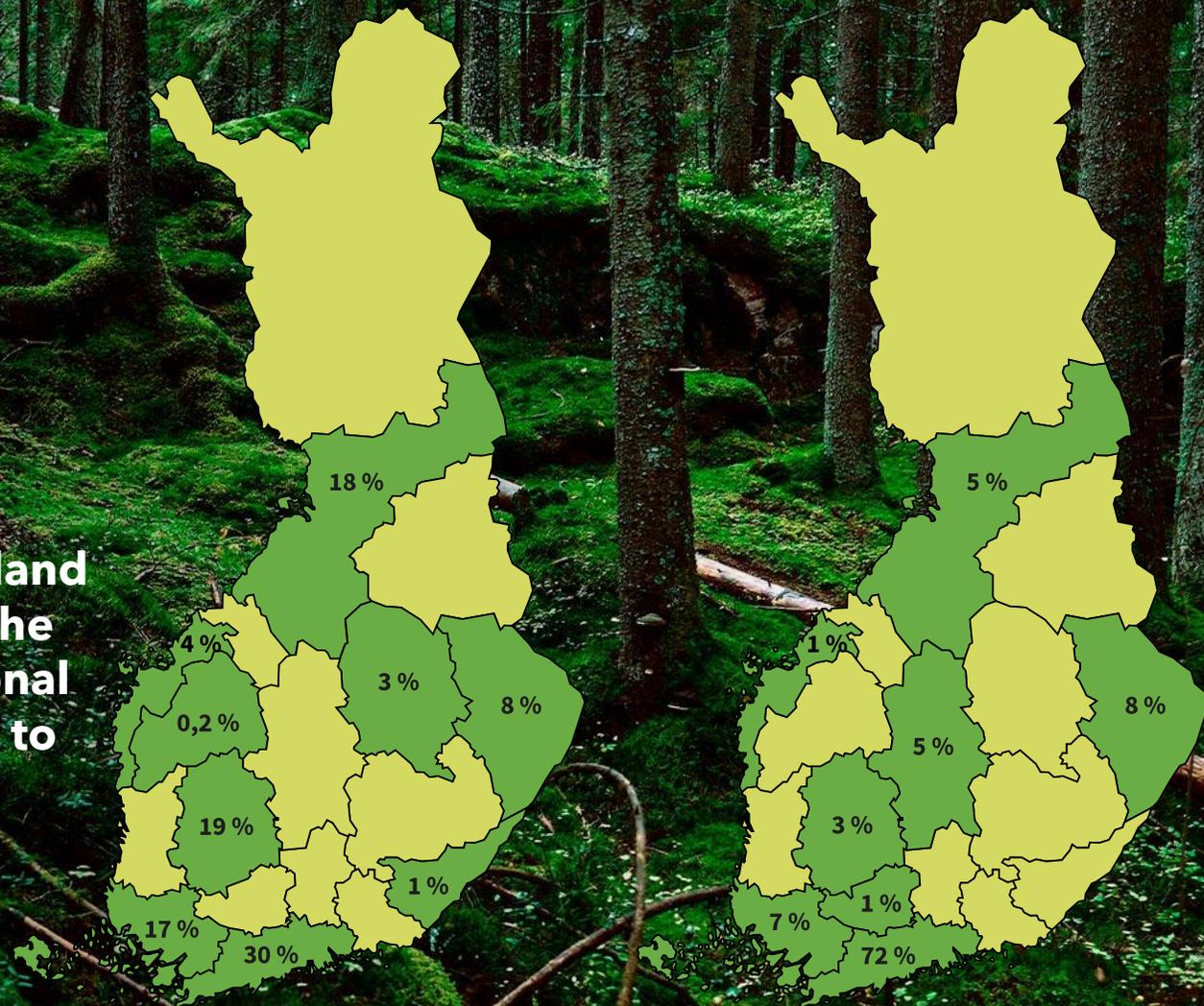
The Council of the European  
Union approved the plan in  
May 2021.

## Distribution of funding by five pillars



The Research Council of Finland implements the Sustainable Growth Programme for Finland as part of the **employment and skills** pillar.

**A total of €89 million in competitive RRF funding has been allocated through the Research Council of Finland to research projects in key areas of the green and digital transition, to national research infrastructure projects, and to local infrastructure projects.**



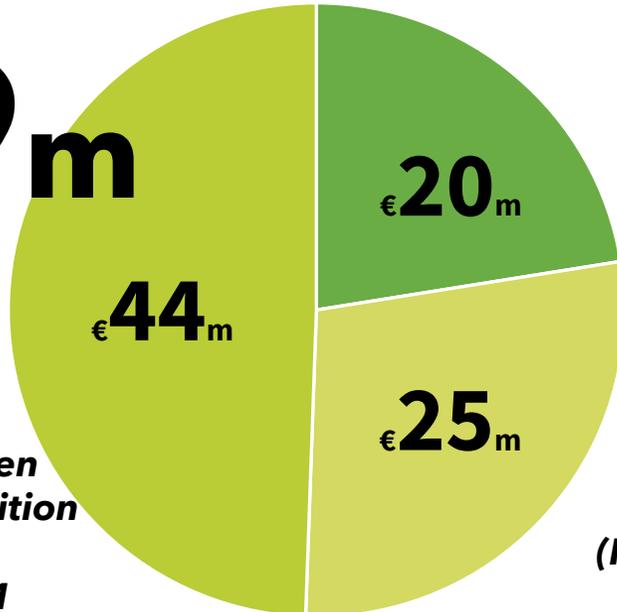
**Regional distribution of RRF funding for local research infrastructure projects**

**Regional distribution of funding for key areas of the green and digital transition**

# Distribution of RRF funding granted by Research Council of Finland

Total RRF funding

**€89m**



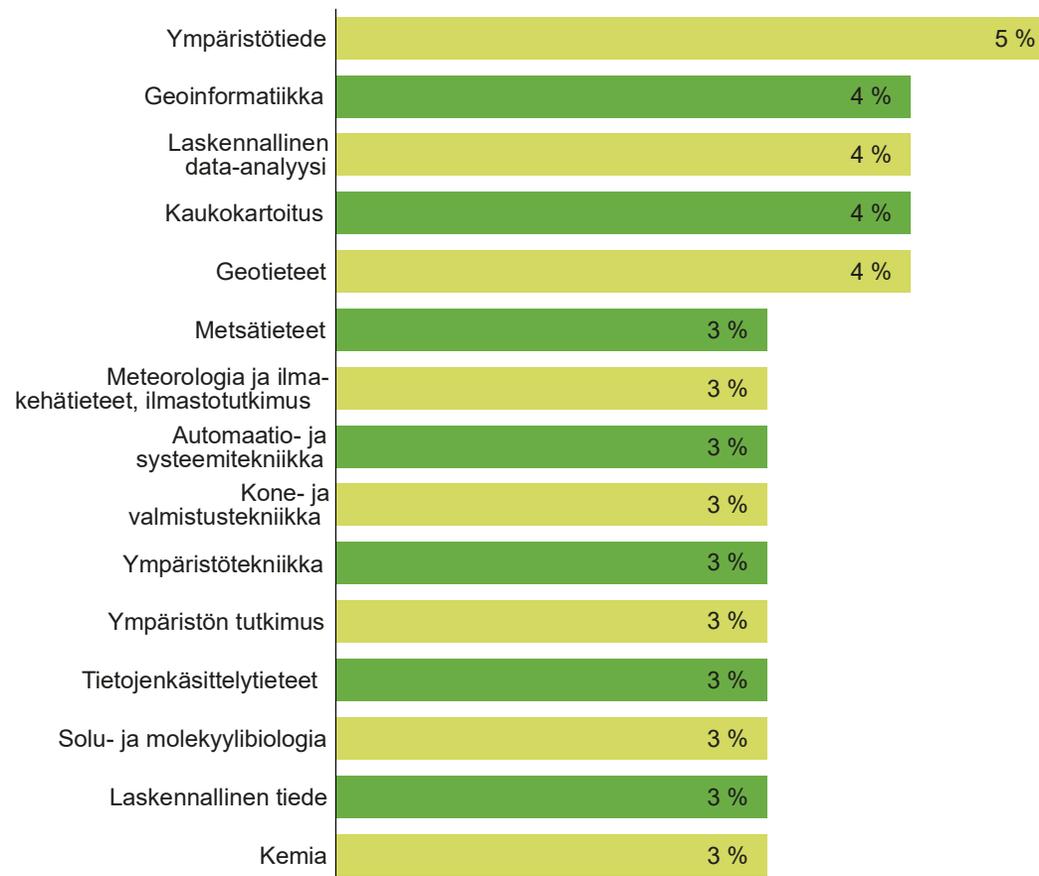
**Key Areas of Green and Digital Transition (P3C3I2): €44m, 29 consortia, 101 beneficiaries**

**National Research Infrastructures (P3C3I6): €20m, 8 consortia, 44 beneficiaries**

**Local Research Infrastructures (P3C3I5): €25m, 19 consortia, 36 beneficiaries**

# Interdisciplinary research projects and research infrastructures promote the green and digital transition and related skills and expertise.

The Research Council of Finland's RRF program brings together 56 high-quality research and research infrastructure projects with high societal relevance, encompassing over 80 research fields relevant to the green and digital dual transition.



*The most typical research areas within the RRF program*

# The research themes within the key areas of the green and digital transition relate, among other things, to

**The health impacts of climate change**

**Sustainable energy technologies**

**Forest management and environmental law**

**Research on circular economy materials**

**Artificial intelligence**

**Environmental sciences**

**Together, the projects create new centres of expertise, advance broad strategic objectives, and represent the highest-quality Finnish research in relation to these goals**

# The projects of the RRF programme comply with **Do No Significant Harm** principle

*Funded projects must not cause significant harm to the six environmental objectives:*

1. Climate change mitigation
2. Climate change adaptation
3. Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
4. Transition to a circular economy
5. Pollution prevention and control
6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems



# A greener, more sustainable and more digital Europe

**The aim of NextGenerationEU is to renew the economy, create more jobs across Europe, and make Europe greener, more digital and more sustainable.**

**The recovery plan is linked to the European Green Deal, which includes the objective of achieving climate neutrality by 2050 and the target of reducing greenhouse-gas emissions by 55% from 1990 levels by 2030.**

*We are on a successful path: at present, around 40% of Member States' total funding is directed towards climate action.*

# Green and digital initiatives for a sustainable and prosperous society

**The Research Council of Finland implements Finland's Sustainable Growth Programme as part of the Employment and Competence package and its sub-area Research, Development and Innovation, Research Infrastructure and Piloting.**

***Business Finland implements Finland's Sustainable Growth Programme in cooperation with the Research Council of Finland.***



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# Thank you!

Read more about the research projects and research infrastructures  
funded through the RRF programme: [www.aka.fi/rrf](http://www.aka.fi/rrf)