



# Greening EU Cooperation

Session 2: Putting greening at centre stage

# EU policy and regulatory basis for greening



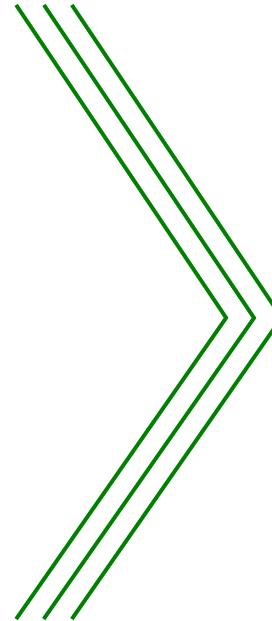
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# Mainstreaming → Greening

- A long-term, iterative process to:
  - transform ideas
  - transform policies, resource allocations and practices
- In order to:
  - promote desired developmental outcomes
  - and support integrated solutions to human problems



**Become more active  
about protecting  
our planet**



# Greening – part of the basics



**EU founding Treaties and policies**



**Regulations and guidelines that govern EU international partnerships and cooperation**



**Multilateral agreements and development agenda**



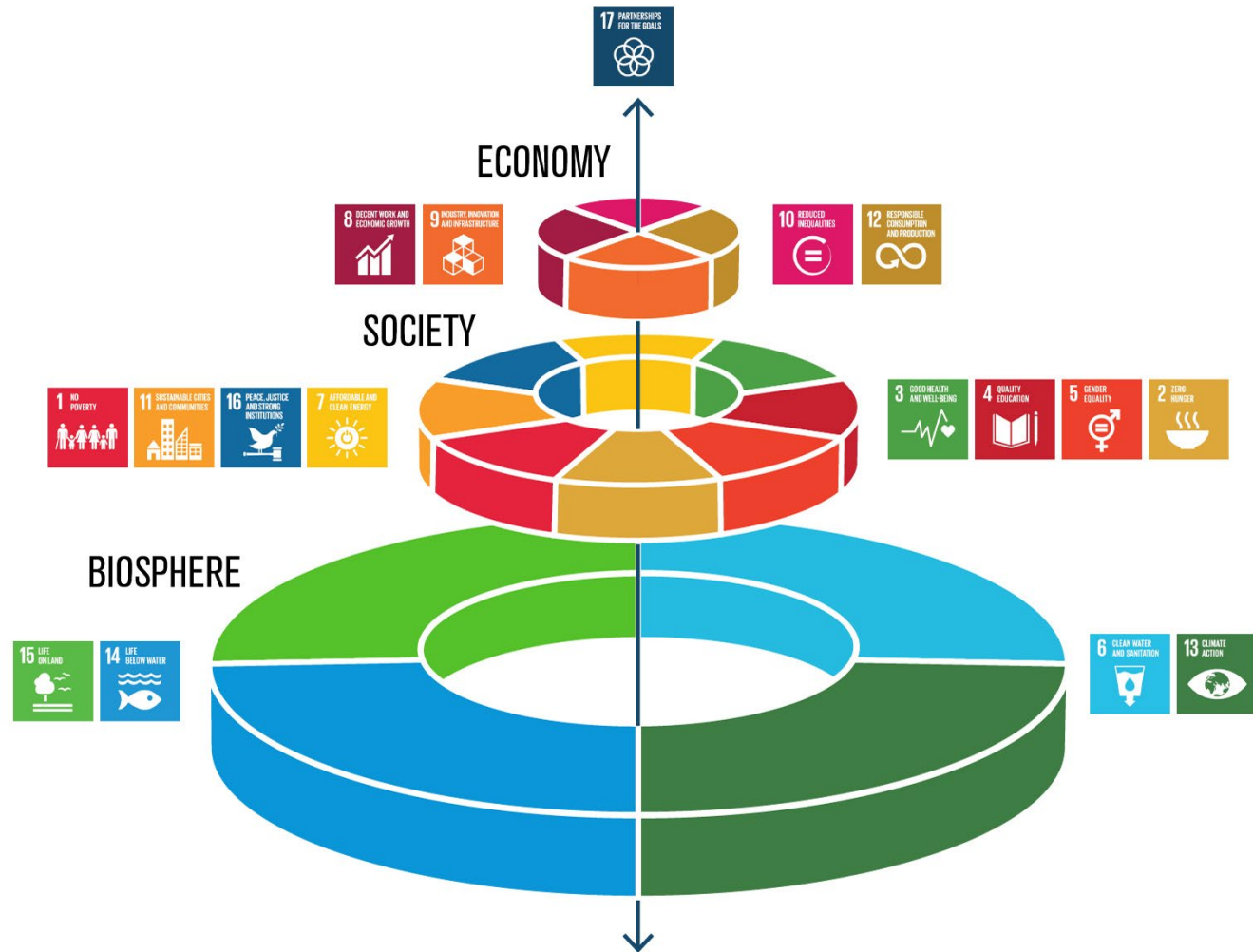
# Main EU legal and policy commitments



- EU Treaty
- Paris Agreement
- Global Biodiversity Framework
- Other MEAs
- Green Deal (mainstreaming as cross-cutting dimension)
- DNH/DNSH Principle
- Global Gateway Green & Clean principle
- Cooperation instrument regulations (NDICI-GE, IPA III, Ukraine, Western Balkans)



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# The European Green Deal

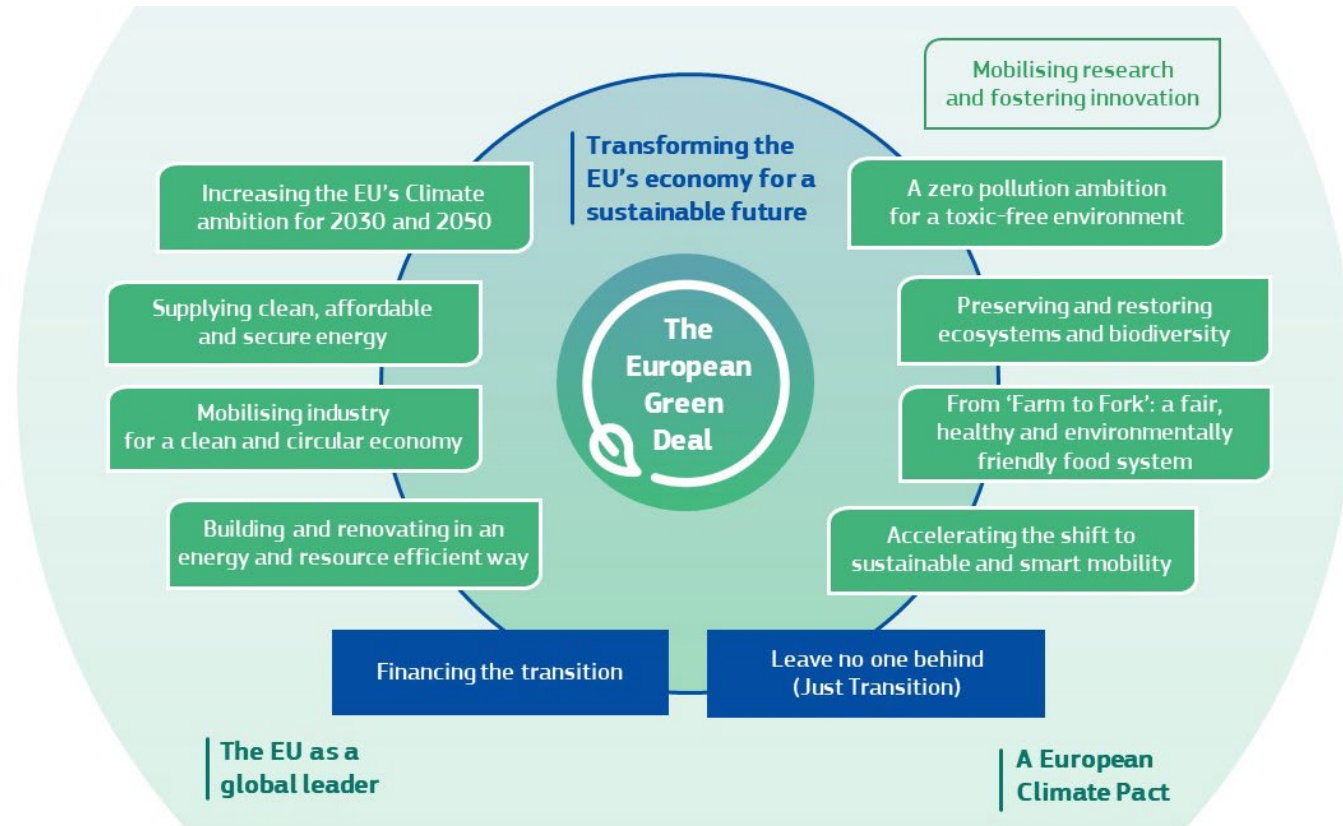
...strive for more by being the first climate-neutral continent

...we will be a world leader in circular economy and clean technologies

...strategy for green financing and a Sustainable Europe Investment Plan

...Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

...Europe needs to move towards a zero-pollution ambition





- ✓ Digitalisation
- ✓ Climate and energy
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Education and Research

“A **climate-neutral strategy** to speed up sustainable development, create inclusive growth and jobs, and transition to a cleaner and more circular global economy”.

“It will invest in developing **clean, climate-resilient infrastructure aligned with net zero emissions targets**. Projects will respect the 'do no significant harm' principle and use environmental impact assessments.”

**Green & Clean** is one of the fundamental principles of the Global Gateway

# Global Gateway's 360-degree approach



# NDICI-GE regulation – green highlights

**Art. 8.6** – programmes and actions under the Instrument **shall mainstream** the fight against climate change, the promotion of environmental protection and, where relevant, disaster risk reduction

**Art. 8.8** – programmes and actions shall be guided by the **principle of ‘do no harm’**

**Art. 25.5** – establishes an obligation to undertake **environmental screening**, including for climate change and biodiversity impacts, comprising, where applicable EIA, other appropriate ex ante assessments and SEA

**Art. 29** – cannot support actions/measures which:

- Are incompatible with the recipient country’s NDC; or
- Promote investments in fossil fuels; or that
- According to the environmental screening and impact assessment, cause significant adverse effects on the environment or the climate.



# IPA III regulation – Green highlights

- **Art. 6.2** – Programmes and actions...shall mainstream the horizontal priorities of climate change, environmental protection...
- **NDICI-GE** horizontal provisions are applicable to IPA III, including in relation to environment & climate screening and excluded activities



# Key obligations



- ✓ Comply with **national environmental legislation**
- ✓ Ensure **Do No Harm**
- ✓ Avoid **excluded activities** (as per Art. 29 of the NDICI-GE regulation)
- ✓ Ensure **compatibility with NDC**
- ✓ Undertake environment & climate risk **screening**
- ✓ Prepare **SEA, EIA and/or CRA** as determined by the screening results
- ✓ Ensure implementation of (adverse) impact **mitigation measures**



# Protecting our foundations and boundaries



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# The approach to greening



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# The Green Lens Approach

- Always see things from a green perspective



## Positive Agenda

- Seek opportunities to contribute to environment and climate objectives and targets

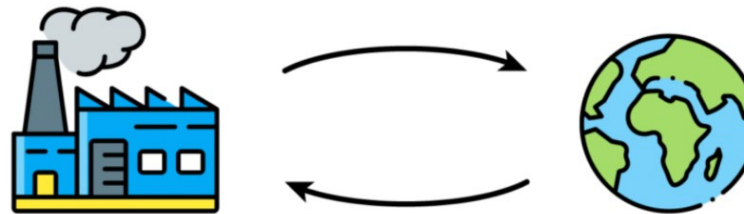


## Do No Harm

- Avoid and minimise impacts on the environment and climate

## Environment & climate risk management

- Address risks from environmental degradation and climate change on the project



**Double Materiality**



Wear your 'green glasses'!



# Climate and biodiversity spending targets

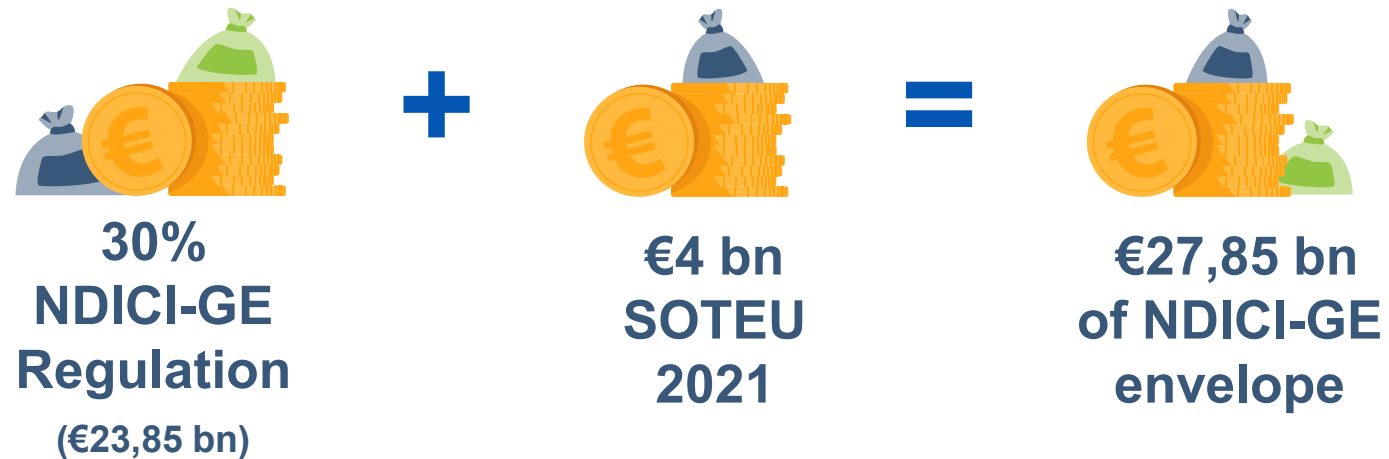


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# Climate target (NDICI – Global Europe)

Total NDICI-GE budget: € 79,5 bn



For geographic budget line:  
42%



# Climate target (IPA III)



**18% increasing to  
20% by 2027**

**IPA III Regulation  
(€2,55 – €2.83 bn)**



# Biodiversity target (NDICI – Global Europe and IPA III)



**7.5% (in 2024)**  
**10% (in 2026 and 2027)**  
**(MFF)**



**Doubling Biodiversity Funding**  
**(vs 2014 – 2020 baseline)**  
**(SOTEU pledge)**  
**€ 7 billion over 2021-27**

\* Some 11% for INTPA-NDICI actions



# Biodiversity target – expected contributions (unofficial)



Complemented by the contribution from the thematic and rapid response pillars of NDICI-GE



# Targets – Ukraine Facility and Reform & Growth Facility for the Western Balkans

## Ukraine Facility

No specific climate and biodiversity targets

20% to climate change mitigation + climate change adaptation + environmental protection (incl. biodiversity) + green transition

## Reform & Growth Facility for the WB

Contribute to 30% climate objectives

37% to climate objectives through the WBIF

Contribute to 7.5% (by 2024) and 10% (in 2026-27) biodiversity objectives



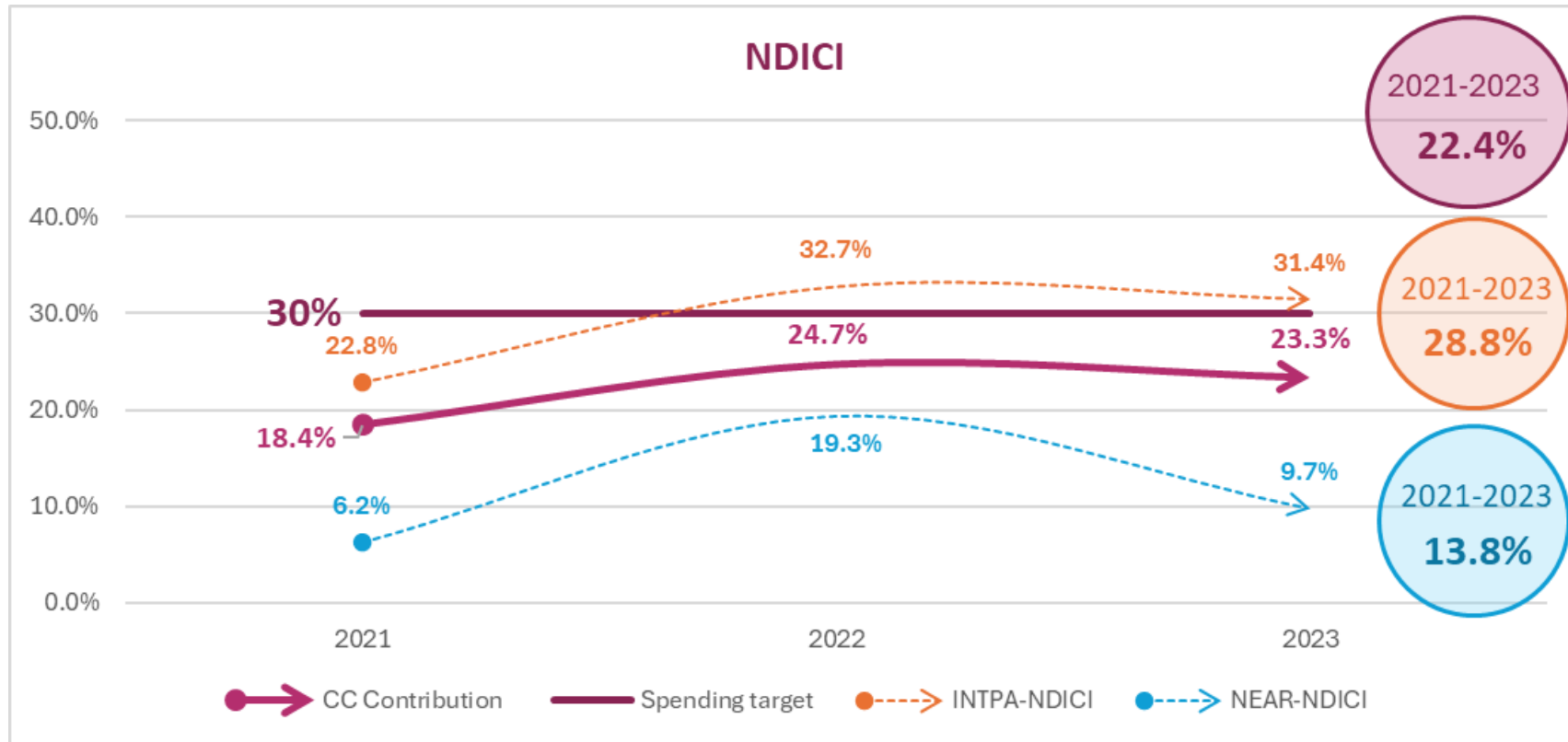
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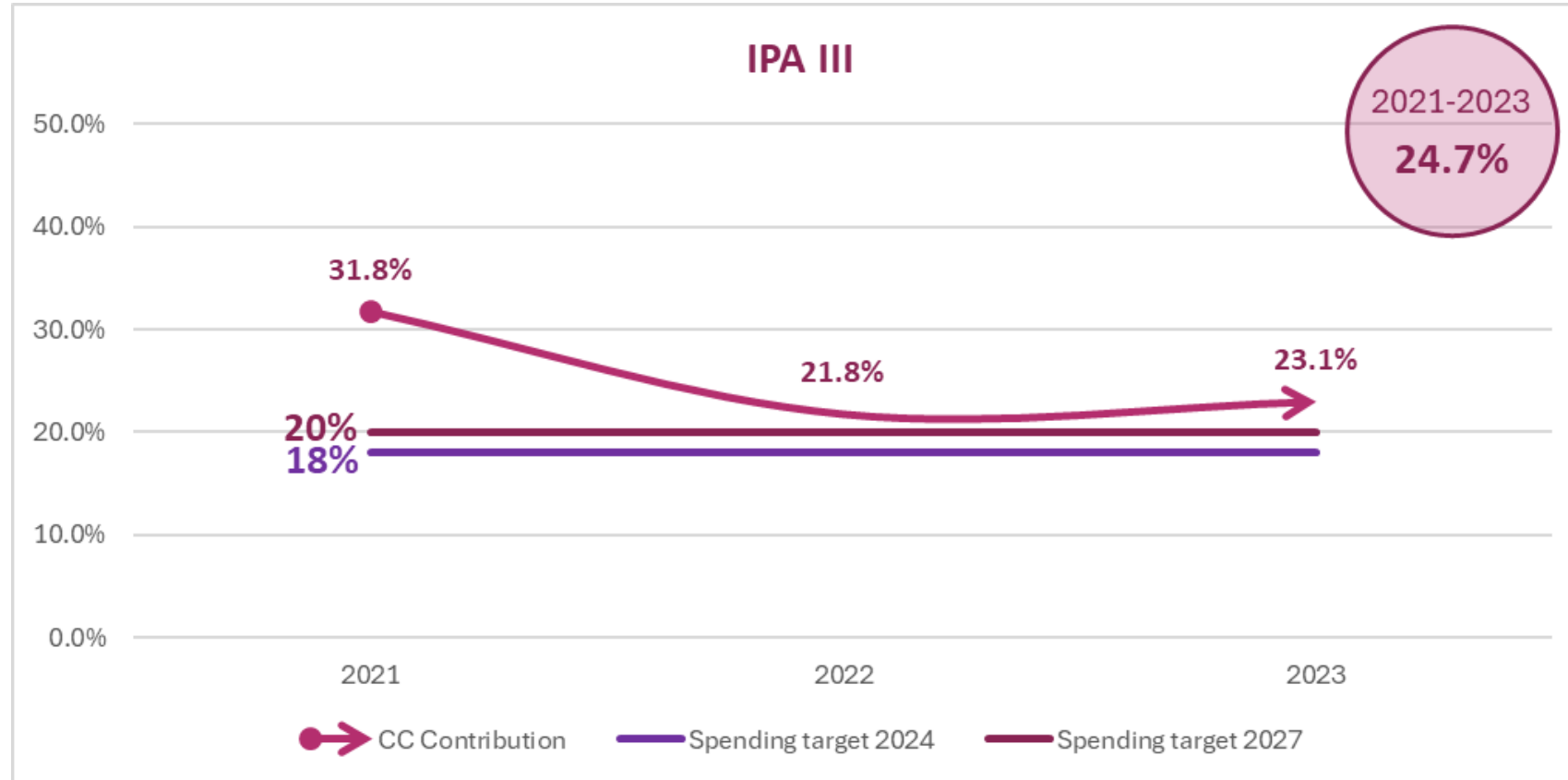
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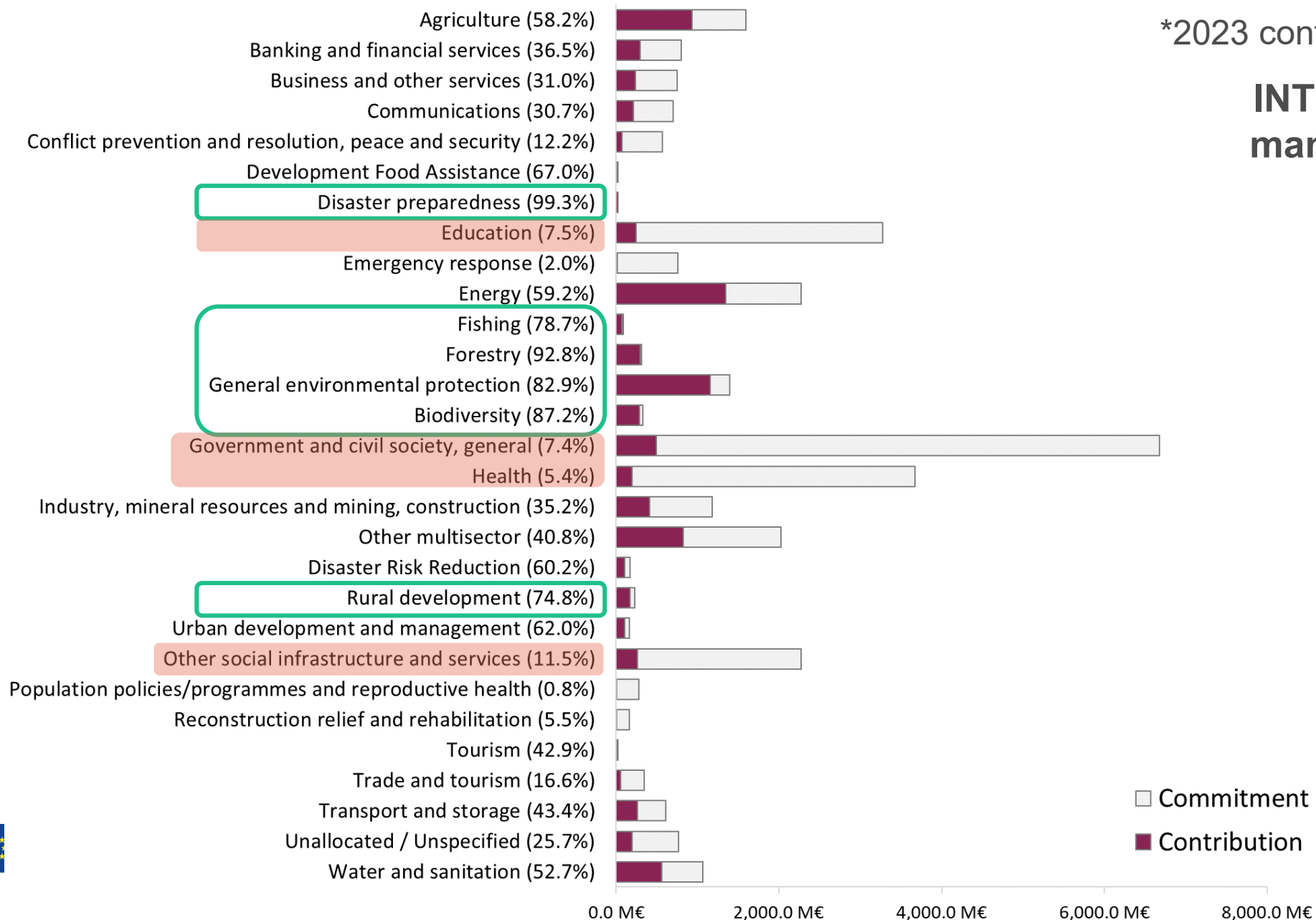
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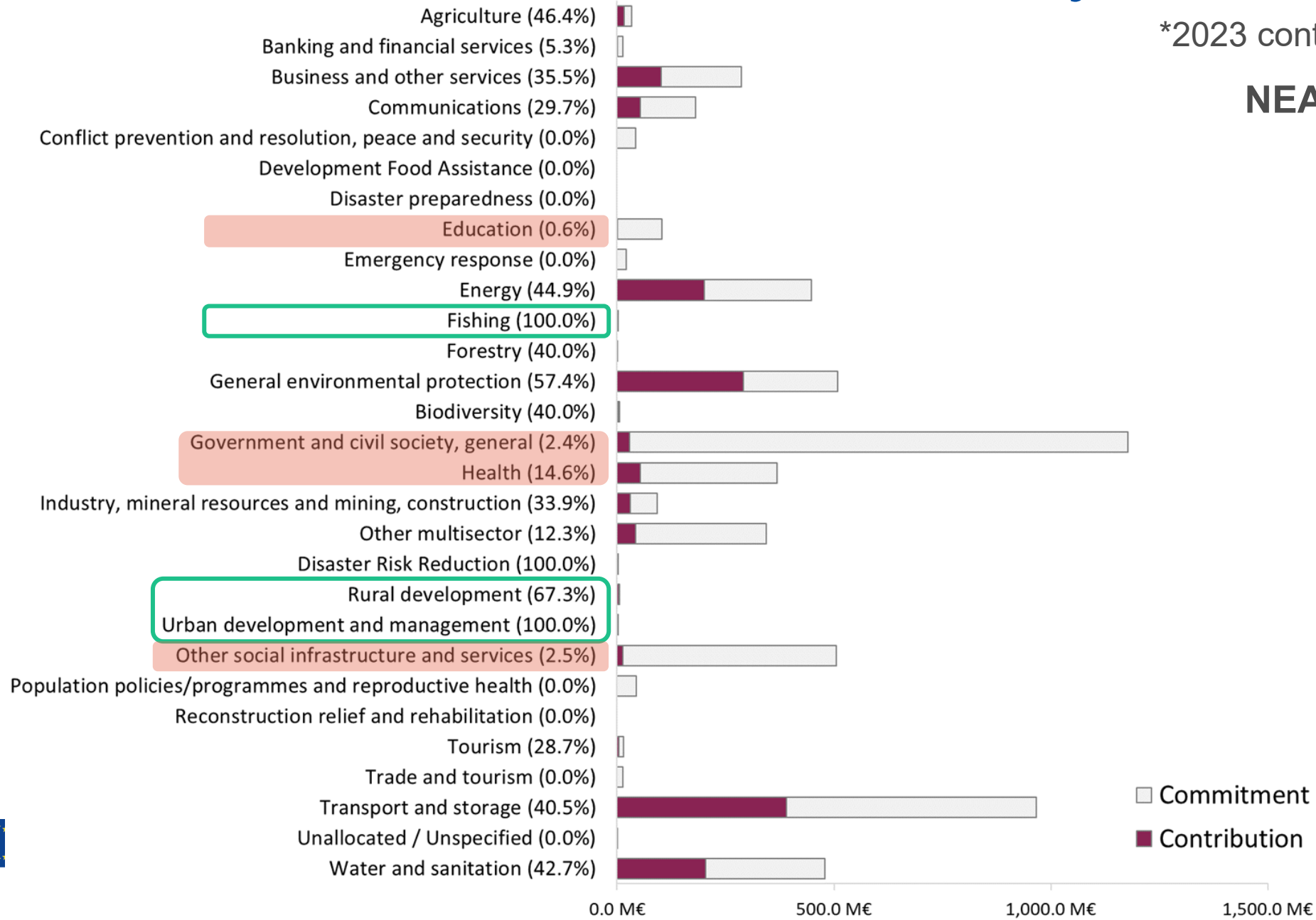
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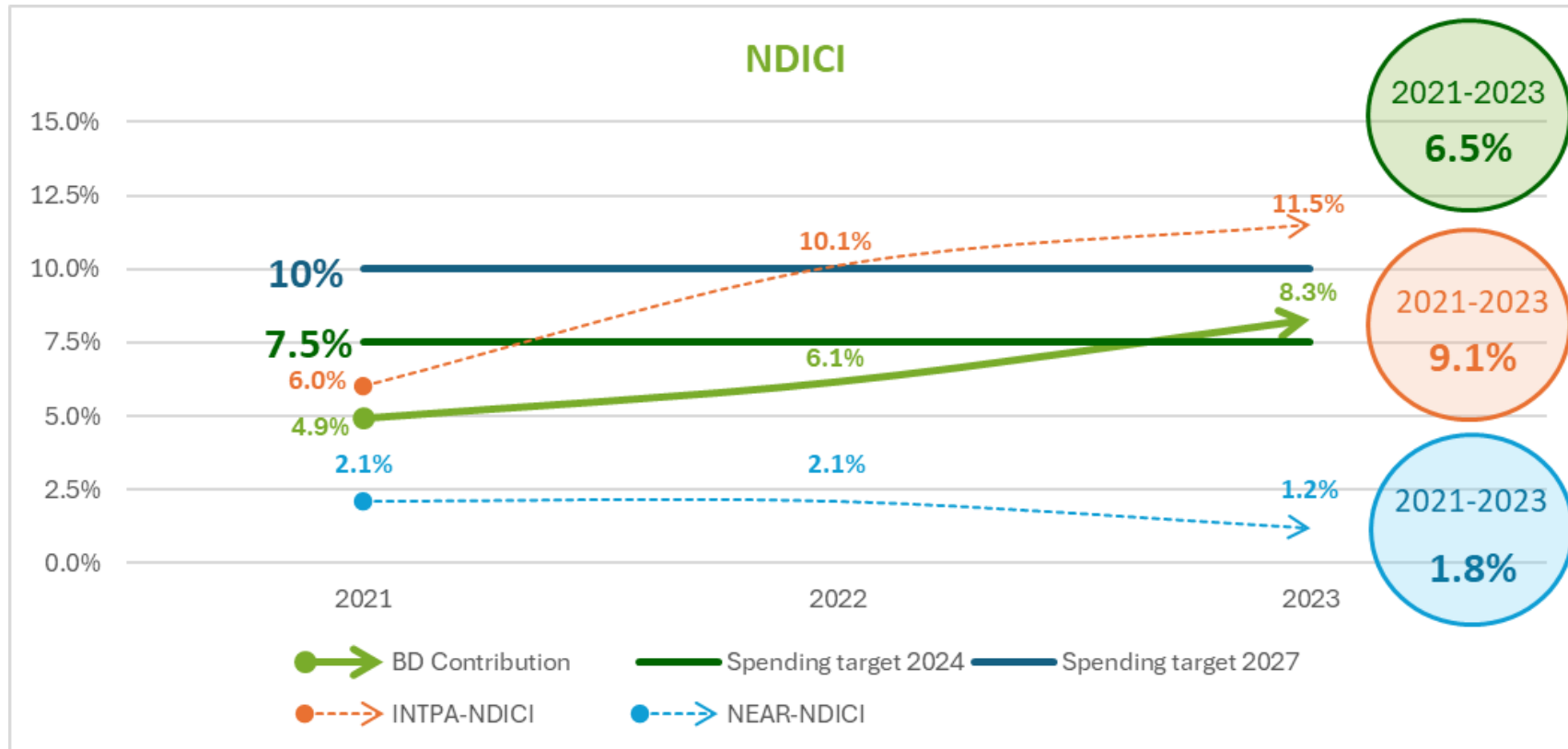


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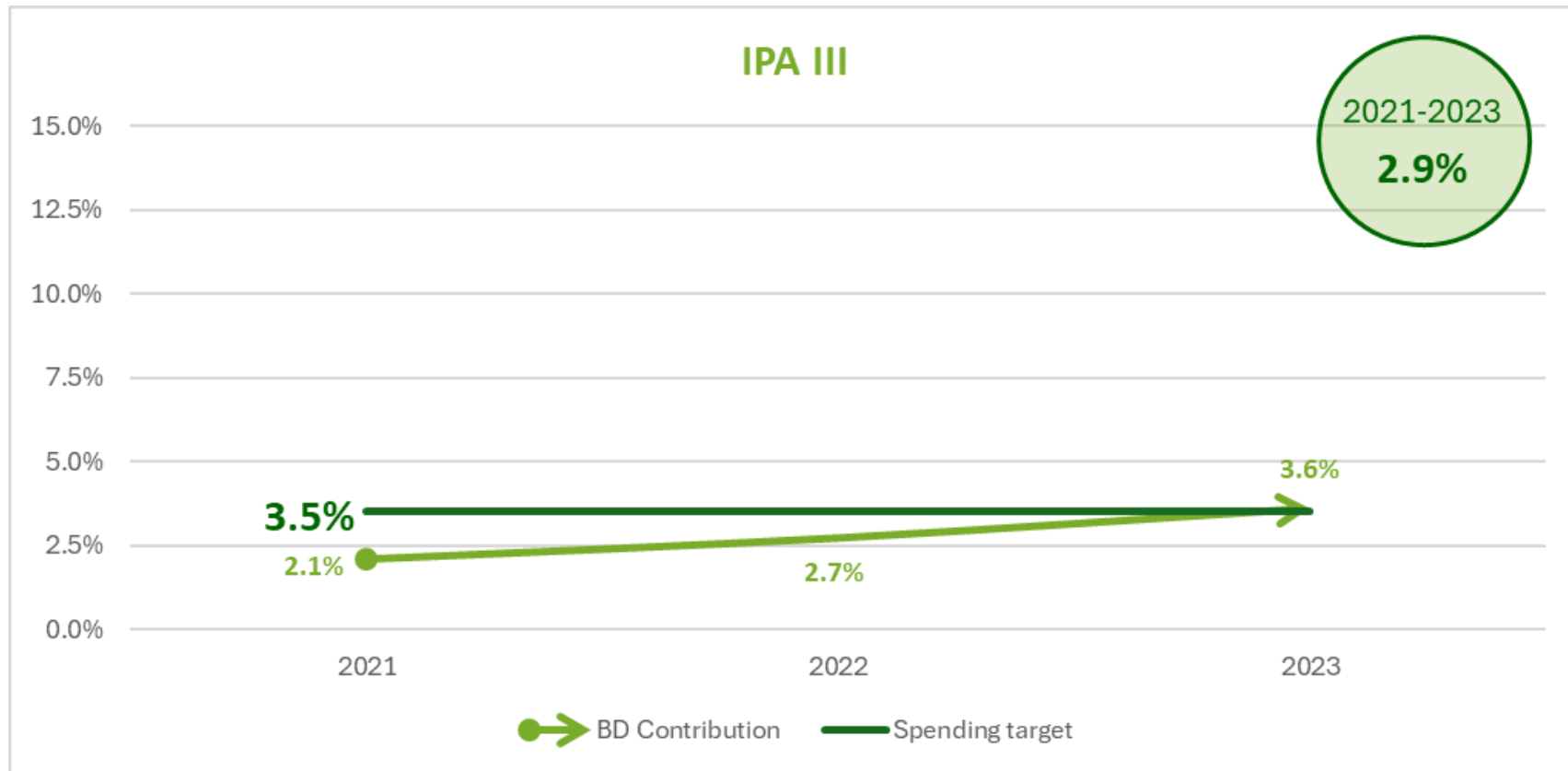
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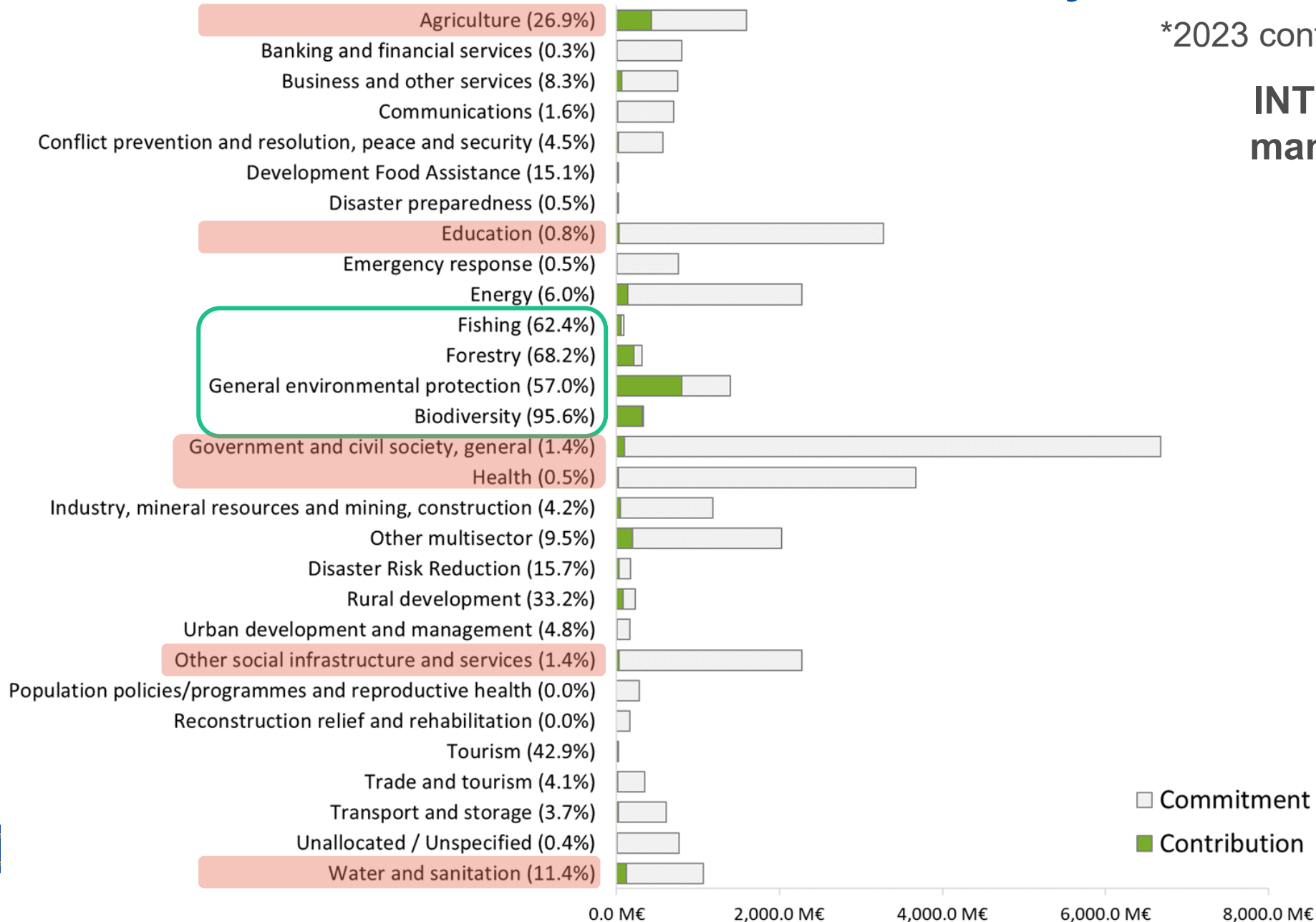
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□ Commitment  
■ Contribution



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# What is needed to achieve the targets



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- More needs to be done to compensate under-performance
- Always seek for the opportunities to contribute to the climate and biodiversity targets in all sectors
- Take climate change and biodiversity as a starting point for identification and design of the action
- Check the NDC/NBSAP and see if the action can contribute to their implementation
- Find synergies between climate and biodiversity

All  
opportunities  
must be  
grasped!!



# Great Green Wall



# Great Green Wall

- Aims to restore **100 million ha** of degraded land and transform the livelihoods of millions of people
- From a « green barrier » ... to an integrated initiative promoting a mosaic of green, productive and resilient landscapes for sustainable development, resilience and stability
- **One Planet Summit in 2021 → EUR 700 million/year pledge**
- **Great Green Wall Accelerator Strategy**

