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InterFIN 2026

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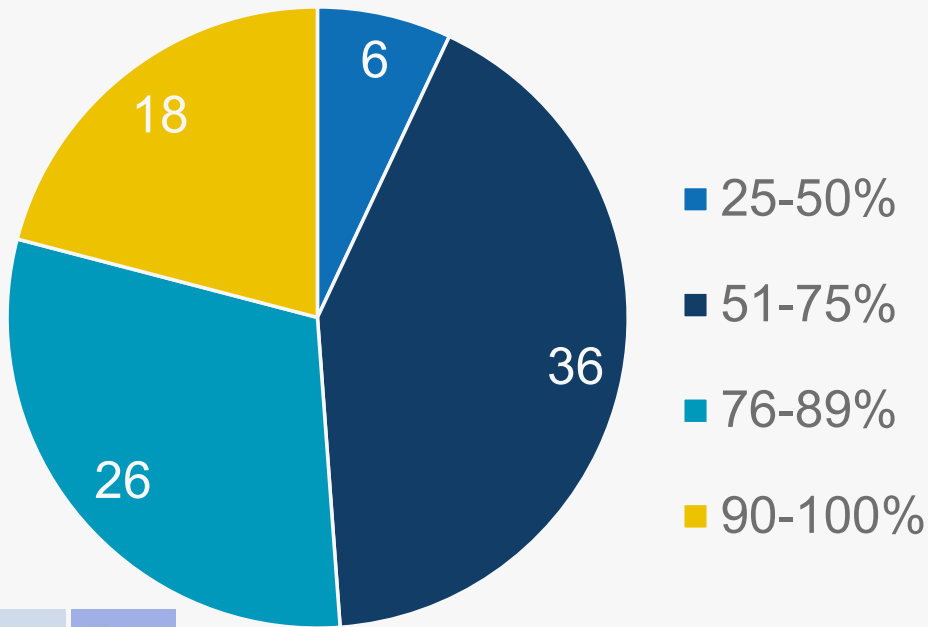


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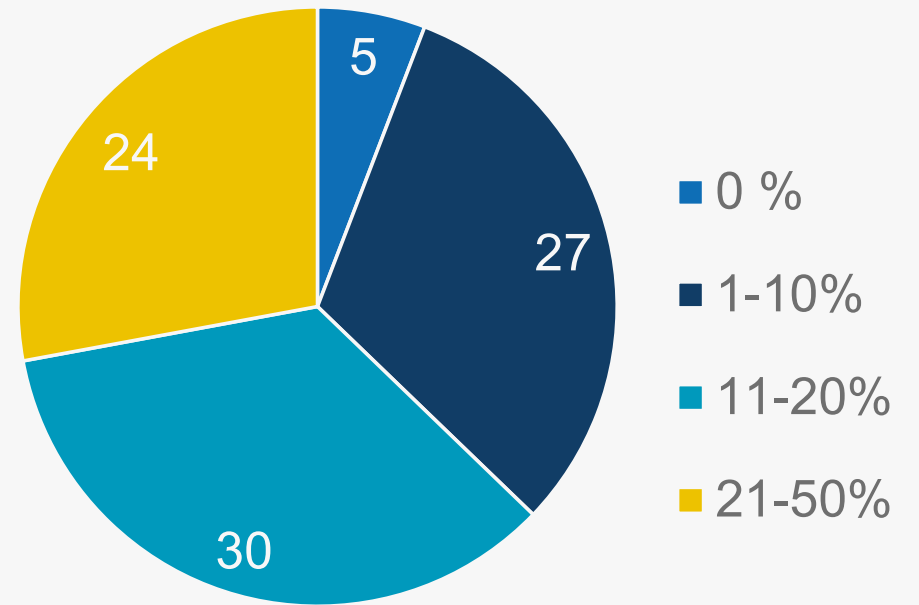
Commitment and spending

(as of 31.3.2026)

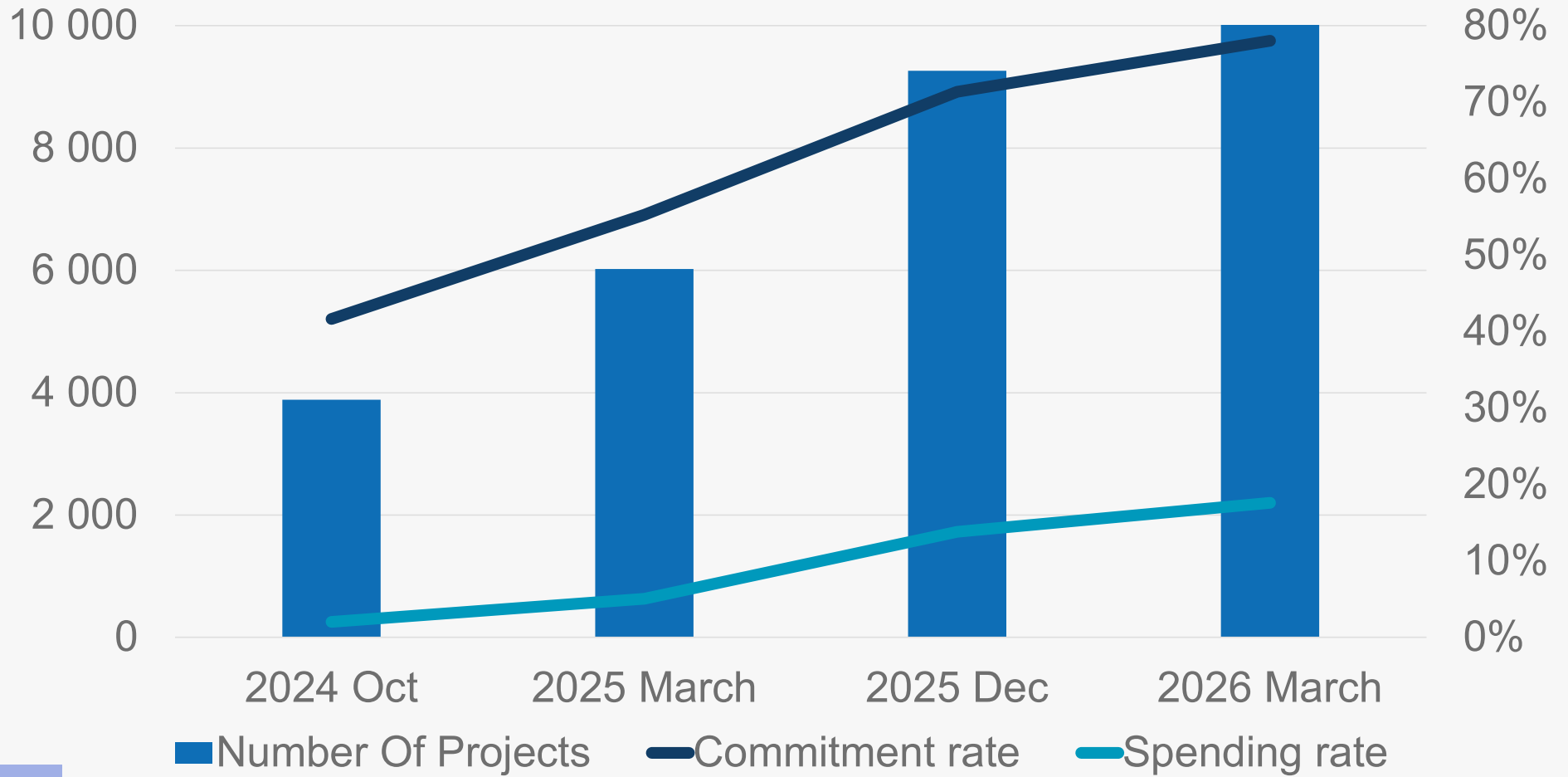
Commitment rate categories



Spending rate categories



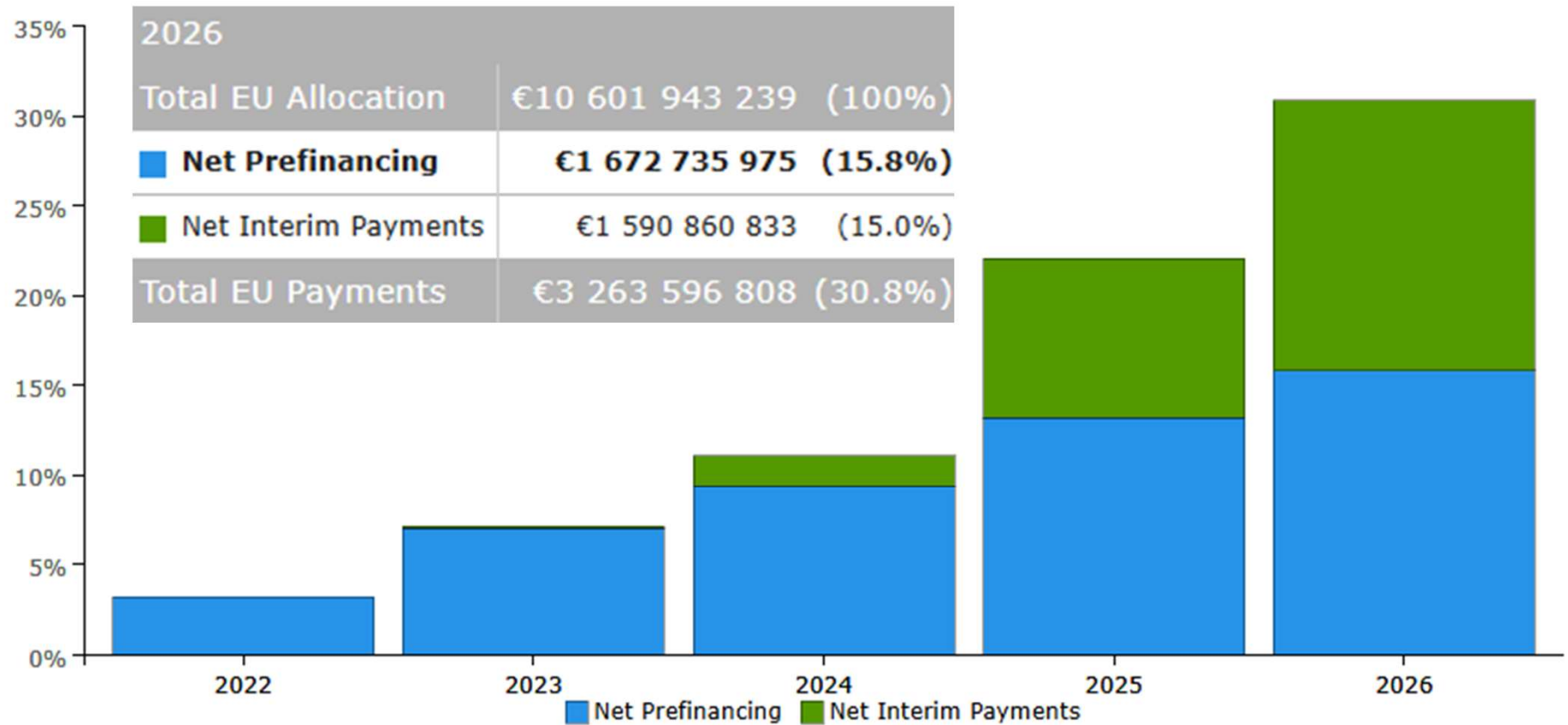
Interreg progress by 31.3.2026



2021-2027: Total EU payments – time series cumulated to the end of each year (daily update): Interreg

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Accounting year 2024-2025

- 48 programmes submitted the population for the Interreg common sample and assurance package
- EC Joint Audit Unit (DAC) until 31 May 2026 assessing submitted ACRs and calculating the TER/RTER
- The reportable total error rate is 0.73%
- The TER for Interreg is not yet confirmed

Accounting year 2025-2026

- 76 Programmes with submitted payment applications
- Submit the population (cumulated partner expenditure in accounting year)
- If no planned payment applications any more do not wait until 1/07 or 1/08
- Request from AAs to submit it in SFC2021 asap – more time for audits of operations
- Do not be surprised to see a reminder e-mail from us
- 7 Programmes with no payment app yet

Public procurement Updates

Recent developments and anticipated reform

- The revised **EU public procurement directives** are expected to be published by the **end of June 2026**
- Expected public procurement reforms will **not rewrite the rules**
- Reforms are expected to **maintain the key procurement principles while modernizing implementation**
- Increase expectations on how Interreg programmes use **procurement as a strategic tool for sustainability, resilience, and value for money**
- Transition from purely **compliance driven approaches** toward **performance and impact oriented procurement**, while ensuring legal certainty is maintained

Public procurement

Recent and further developments

What will change

- **Procurement as a policy delivery tool:** public procurement will be more explicitly linked to EU priorities
- **More flexible procurement models:** may support wider use of milestones, outputs, and performance-based implementation
- **Green procurement becomes standard practice:** environmental and circular considerations are expected to move from optional good practice to a baseline expectation
- **Life-cycle value over lowest price:** life-cycle costing and cost-effectiveness will guide award decisions for long-term value

Public procurement

Recent and further developments

What will stay the same

- **Fundamental procurement principles:** transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination, proportionality, and competition remain unchanged
- **Legality and regularity obligations remain fully applicable,** including conflict of interest prevention, anti-fraud measures, transparency, and audit trails
- **Application of national procurement law:** Beneficiaries will still apply national law aligned with EU Directives
- **Managing authorities** remain responsible for preventing errors through procedures, guidance, capacity building

Public procurement Updates

Expecting

- **Simplified** processes to reduce administrative burden while maintaining reliable assurance mechanisms
- **Clearer** distinction between selection and award criteria to ensure legal certainty
- **Growing** focus on strategic procurement, value for money, and most economically advantageous tender (MEAT)
- **Clarified** conditions for the modification and cancellation of contracts
- **Emphasis** on e-procurement, market consultation, and innovation partnerships

Programme closure 2021-2027

Closure Guidelines for the 2021–2027 programmes by end-2027, first full draft in Q1 2027

Priorisation of several topics and adding topics – input from programmes welcome

Final Performance Report template to be developed by December 2027

Programme closure 21-27 survey

Priorisation of topics

- Early closure
- Non-functioning operations
- Overbooking in the final accounting year
- Expenditure under investigation
- Programme indicators outside a performance framework
- Programme amendments deadlines
- Monitoring of Phase II of phased projects
- Flexibility across priorities for calculation of the balance for the final accounting year
- Phasing into the 2028–2034 period
- Application of public contribution ceilings at priority level

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