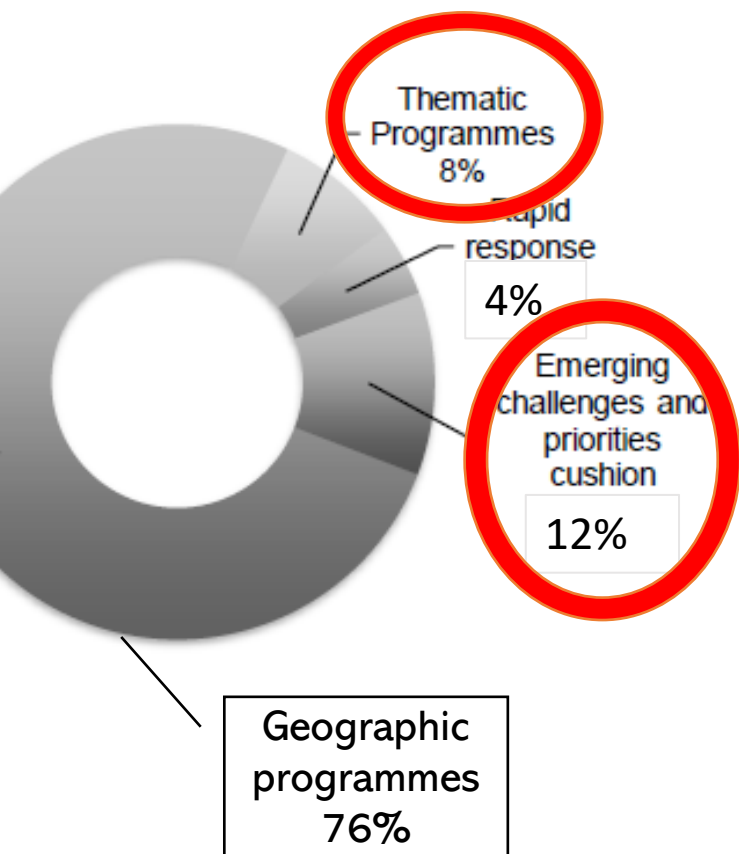




## **NDICI - Proposal of key trade union asks for the final part of the trilogue and way forwards**

# 1) INCREASED BUDGET FOR THEMATIC PROGRAMMES



- **WHY?** To properly address global challenges (e.g. human rights, democracy, effective multilateralism; recovery and resilience from COVID-19).
- **HOW?** By **reducing the budget for the “emerging challenges and priorities cushion” (12%)**, currently higher than the budget for thematic programmes, even though it has vague objectives and weak accountability mechanisms.
- Within the thematic programmes, need for **much greater allocation for the Civil Society Organizations’ (CSOs) programme** (to guarantee the coordination of the work of CSOs, including social partners, at regional and global level)

## 2) EXPLICIT SUPPORT TO DECENT WORK AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE



- **Secure explicit references to decent work in geographic and thematic programmes** (e.g. global agenda on decent work for all; ILO labour standards, due diligence, social dialogue, living wages, fight against child labour; social protection and fiscal reforms; labour rights of women and youth; responsible global value chains)
- Secure the explicit recognition of **trade unions as human-rights-related stakeholders** as a condition for support of social partners in policy dialogue on development policies.
- Promoting green jobs creation and **just transition** in the cooperation priorities related to climate action.

### 3) REINFORCED BUSINESS ACCOUNTABILITY



- **Stronger accountability mechanisms** for the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (**EFSD+**) and the External Action Guarantee (**EAG**)
- Decent job creation among the priority areas of EFSD+
- Strong **eligibility criteria** to select operations under the Guarantee (e.g. ex ante human rights, social, labour and environmental impact assessment; respect of the development effectiveness principles and of internationally agreed conventions, including ILO standards).
- Blending and guarantees are not a substitute for budget support and direct grants
- Support Parliament's proposal of a **ceiling of 10 billion euro** for the Guarantee
- Clear development additionality framework for the **European Investment Bank** to ensure its operations under NDICI are aligned with NDICI objectives.

## 4) IMPROVED GOVERNANCE

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- Need for a comprehensive, transparent and accountable **system of monitoring, reporting and evaluation**
- **Full involvement of the European Parliament and the Council** to guarantee democratic screening and accountability of EU development policies
- Participatory **policy dialogue with Civil Society Organizations and social partners** throughout NDICI implementation
- Exhaustive performance indicators to conduct an adequate monitoring (e.g. **performance indicator on “number of decent jobs created”**, with ILO Standards as benchmark)



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