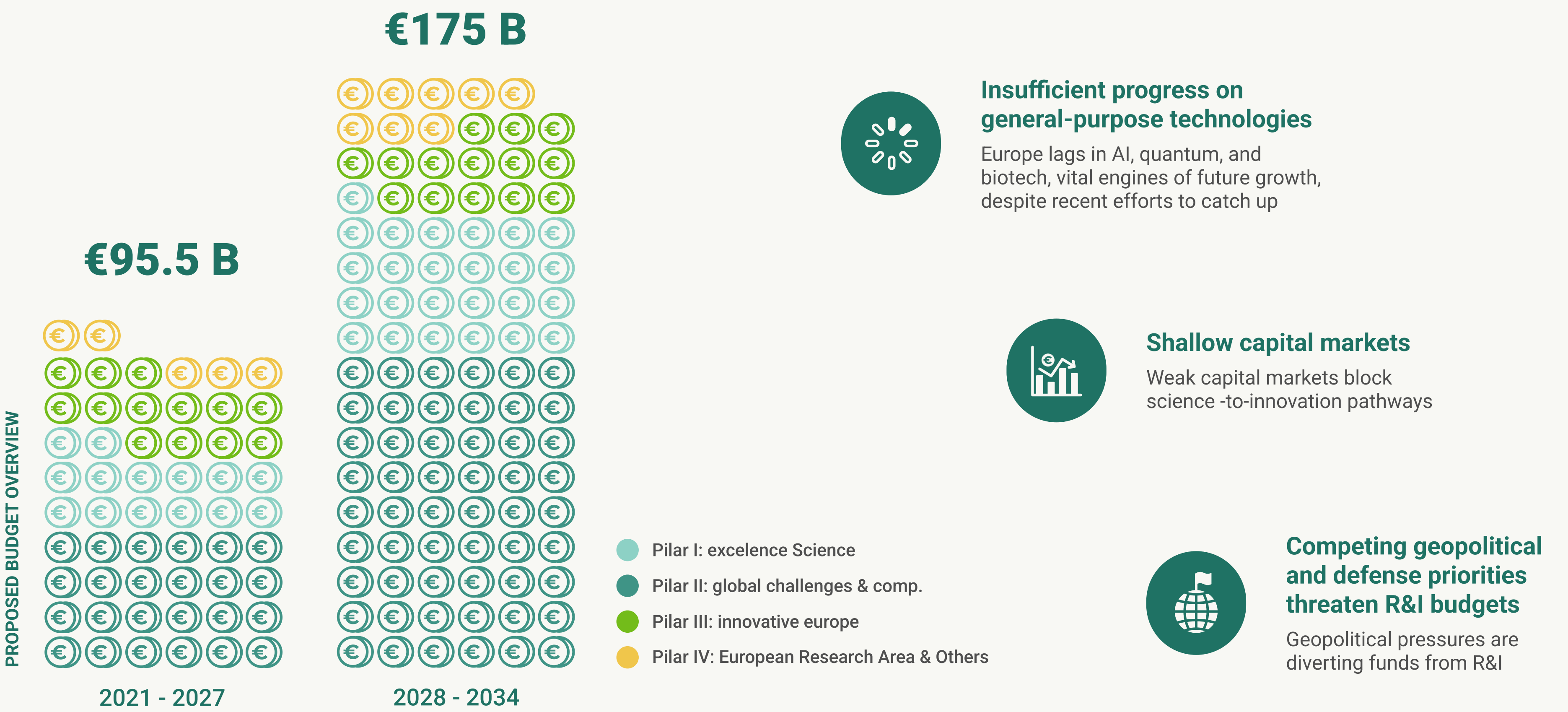


Creating an engine of global development

The European Commission has proposed nearly doubling the FP10 budget, announcing the programme as “twice bigger, simpler, faster, and more impactful”. As budget negotiations unfold, our assessment explores how to ensure FP10’s enlarged scale helps establish the EU as a global R&I leader and capture the opportunity to turn FP10 into an engine of global development



Challenges to Europe’s role in global R&I

Global Challenges Need Global Teams

Addressing global challenges requires large-scale cooperation but rigid EU rules limit effective multistakeholder partnerships

Geopolitics Undermine EU Leadership

Fragmented multilateral order and EU’s inward turn diverts attention away from global challenges

One Pillar, Two Missions

Combining competitiveness and global challenges in one FP pillar leads to mismatched rules and priorities

Weak Alignment with Global Tools

Disconnect from external instruments like Global Gateway reduces EU credibility as a global development actor

To elevate the FP10 into a globally relevant engine for global development, the EU must make global cooperation indispensable, teaming up with philanthropies and international donors; evolve from solely convening to partnering in large-scale R&I initiatives, joining forces with LMICs; and practice “smart leadership” by bridging R&I with international cooperation through a clear strategic framework that identifies where the EU adds maximum value

The path forward

Engaging

diverse stakeholders to produce better science and real world solutions

Leveraging

data and AI intensive R&I for faster, smarter, scalable innovation

Promoting

openness of data, source code, and research results to fuel global progress

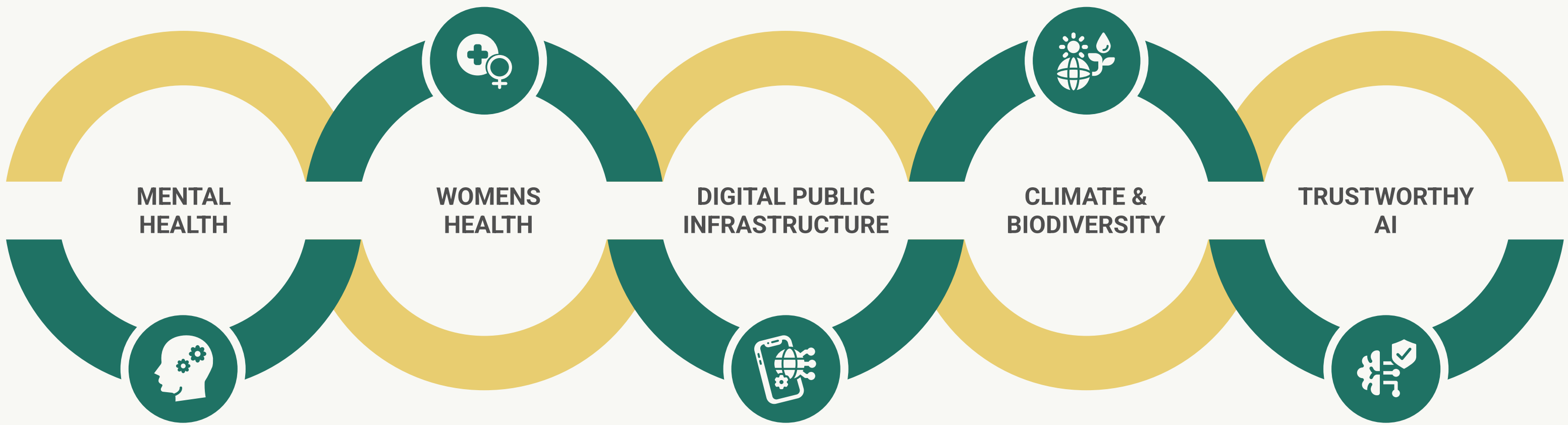
Creating

separate FP workstreams—defense & competitiveness versus global challenges

Scaling up

the Global Gateway to strengthen mutually beneficial partnerships

Priority actions



Empowering Europe to lead in global R&I

Six steps to power up FP10

01

Adopt a new structure for FP10

separating defense and competitiveness from global challenges streams

02

Launch a global initiative on AI

open to associated countries and LMICs

03

Establish a Council on Global Challenges

with multi-stakeholder participation, including from LMICs

04

Lay the foundations for next generation R&I

including: Data infrastructure, AI (giga)factories and the European Open Science Cloud, Open science data spaces for researchers to enable collaboration, Development and attraction of advanced skills and New framework for multi-stakeholder collaboration

05

Lead or support large-scale, multi-stakeholder R&I partnerships

with international partners and donors

06

Connect R&I to external policy tools

like Global Gateway and enhance science diplomacy