PORTUGAL’S RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

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KEY FIGURES

- **EUR 16.3 billion** in grants, 7.7% of GDP¹
- **EUR 5.9 billion** in loans
- **>35%** value of payments requested corresponding to 21% of milestones/targets

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PORTUGUESE PLAN?

**PEOPLE-ORIENTED**

More than 43% of the Plan is dedicated to social objectives, which is a significant leap towards addressing Portugal’s social challenges, including in relation to housing, healthcare, and education.

**GAME-CHANGING**

Containing long-pending reforms, such as the public finance and regulated professions reforms, and wide-reaching digital investments, including in digital education.

**FORWARD-LOOKING**

Very ambitious green reforms and investments, including in energy efficiency renovations and deployment of renewables, and a strong focus on innovation and competitiveness (around EUR 7 billion dedicated to the latter), will boost the economy.

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¹ Based on GDP in current prices for 2021.
² Data is based on the methodology for reporting social expenditure for the Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard (Delegated Regulation 2021/2105) and reflect the Member State’s original national recovery and resilience plan (Plan). In the context of the revision of Member States’ plans, the share of social expenditure might be subject to change.
HOW DOES THE PORTUGUESE PLAN HELP CITIZENS?

It addresses Portugal’s most pressing social challenges by enhancing access to affordable housing, strengthening the health system, supporting quality and inclusive education and training, ultimately improving the quality of life and well-being of citizens.

FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

### Housing

The Plan increases the supply of social and affordable housing and creates new student accommodation, benefitting young people. The Plan also puts in place urgent and temporary accommodation to offer assistance to disadvantaged people, such as those facing homelessness or domestic violence and to cater for other emergencies.

### Healthcare

The Plan improves Portugal’s National Health Service. It expands primary healthcare, with more medical services available, more capacity for early diagnosis and 124 new health centres.

The Plan extends the network of palliative and integrated continued care by providing more facilities but also by increasing capacity for home-based care.

The Plan also increases the telemedicine offer by providing more telehealth tools and trainings for their use.
HOW DOES THE PORTUGUESE PLAN HELP BUSINESSES?

It tackles critical challenges to enhance business competitiveness by fostering R&D intensity, facilitating public-private research collaboration, and improving the capitalization of companies to accelerate their growth.

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Mobilising and Green Agendas for Business Innovation

The Plan boosts R&D and public-private research collaboration in Portugal.

It provides EUR 2.8 billion of incentives to finance the development of 48 innovative and green projects developed jointly by businesses and research/academic institutions. The measure aims to develop 959 innovative products, processes and services in areas of strategic relevance and supporting the green transition.

These projects include innovative solutions in production and distribution of green hydrogen, the greening of the automotive industry, the fight of space-debris using AI, and the reduction of energy consumption in the textile industry.

Capitalisation of Companies and Financial Resilience

The Plan increases the capital available to companies in Portugal through the strengthening of the national promotional bank (Banco Português de Fomento). The Plan recapitalises the bank, with EUR 250 million, in view of it becoming an InvestEU implementing partner. It also creates a special purpose vehicle that delivers EUR 1.3 billion in equity and quasi-equity support to Portuguese companies, including SMEs.
HOW DOES THE PORTUGUESE PLAN STRENGTHEN OUR UNION?

It contributes to a more competitive and open business environment, and enhances public financial management, which is crucial for the resilience and quality of public finances within the euro area and the Union as a whole.

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**Self-Regulated Professions Reform**

Thanks to the Plan there will be a more competitive and open environment for self-regulated professions such as lawyers, medical doctors, nurses, engineers, architects. These professions provide key services to business and individuals. This reform strengthens Portugal’s economic and social resilience and strengthens the Union’s internal cohesion.

**Enhanced Public Financial Management**

The Plan includes key steps on public financial management. The Plan introduces a new management contract template for state-owned enterprises, new public procurement models, and a solution for monitoring the spending of the government and the performance of state-owned enterprises.

A more efficient use of public resources is vital to the resilience and quality of Portugal’s public finances, and, in turn of the euro area and the Union as a whole.