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# LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR RECOVERY: PORTUGAL

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## Portugal's recovery and resilience plan

The European Commission has given a positive assessment to **Portugal's €16.6 billion recovery and resilience plan**, consisting of €13.9 billion in grants and €2.7 billion in loans.

The financing provided by the Recovery and Resilience Facility – at the heart of NextGenerationEU – will support the implementation by 2026 of crucial investment and reform measures put forward by Portugal to emerge stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Portuguese plan forms part of an **unprecedented coordinated EU response to the Covid-19 crisis**, to address common European challenges by embracing the green and digital transitions, to strengthen economic and social resilience and the cohesion of the Single Market.

### KEY MEASURES TO SECURE PORTUGAL'S GREEN TRANSITION

**38%** of the plan's total allocation for reforms and investments supports climate objectives



▶ **Energy efficiency in residential buildings:** financing a large-scale renovation programme to increase the energy efficiency of residential buildings. **€300 million**



▶ **Hydrogen and renewable gases:** supporting private projects for the production of renewable hydrogen and other gases of renewable origin. **€185 million**



▶ **Protecting vulnerable forest areas:** adapting land management to transform the landscape of vulnerable forest territories to prevent fires, increase climate and economic resilience and protect biodiversity.

## KEY MEASURES TO SUPPORT PORTUGAL'S DIGITAL TRANSITION

**22%** of the plan's total allocation for reforms and investments supports the digital objectives



▶ **Vocational education and training institutions:** upgrading technological laboratories and technical equipment in secondary schools and professional training centres. **€521 million**



▶ **Digital health transition:** modernising the computer systems of the National Health Service and increasing the digitalisation of medical records compliant with appropriate security principles. **€300 million**



▶ **Digital transition of businesses:** supporting small and medium enterprises and their workers with tailored digital skill trainings and tailored coaching to help them make the best use of digital technologies. **€650 million**

## KEY MEASURES TO REINFORCE PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE



▶ **Supporting programme for access to housing:** providing decent and adequate housing for at least 26,000 households in need. **€1.2 billion**



▶ **Youth impulse:** upgrading science facilities in secondary schools and universities to raise enrolment rates in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics courses, particularly of women to promote gender equality and counter stereotypes in career choices. **€130 million**



▶ **Modernisation of justice and business environment:** removing barriers to investment, increasing the efficiency of administrative and tax courts; simplifying the insolvency framework.



▶ **Establishment of the Portuguese National Promotional Bank and capitalisation of companies:** providing the Portuguese National Promotional Bank, *Banco Português de Fomento*, with a capital buffer and investing in viable Portuguese firms to address the structural problems of limited access to finance and undercapitalisation. **€1.6 billion**

## IMPLEMENTATION

- None of the plan's measures will do significant harm to the environment.
- Stakeholders should continue to be involved in the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan to ensure ownership of reforms.
- Disbursement of funds is performance-based and will reflect progress on reforms and investments set out in the plan.
- Control systems will protect against serious irregularities such as fraud, corruption and double funding.