

# ROMANIA'S RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

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## KEY FIGURES

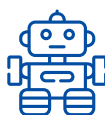
**EUR 13.6 billion**  
in grants  
5.6 % of GDP<sup>1</sup>

**EUR 14.9 billion**  
in loans

**>31 %** value  
of **payments requested**  
corresponding to  
28 % of milestones/targets



**Climate Target**  
**44.1 %**



**Digital Target**  
**21.8 %**



**Social Spending**  
**25.34 %<sup>2</sup>**

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROMANIAN PLAN?

### TRANSFORMATIVE

Ambitious reforms and investments addressing a broad range of long-standing challenges including decarbonising the energy sector, developing renewable energy sources, improving access to water and sanitation, healthcare and education, and ensuring adequate pensions.

### SUSTAINABLE

Reforms and investments in renewables and energy efficiency as well as green transport to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to the green transition.

### SOCIAL

The Plan provides support for better infrastructure in education and health, focusing on disadvantaged groups and poorer regions, with reforms to improve access to the respective services.

<sup>1</sup> Based on GDP in current prices for 2021.

<sup>2</sup> 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 ROMANIAN PLAN **HELP CITIZENS?**

It helps improve people’s **quality of life** by **promoting sustainable growth, industry decarbonisation**, building renovations, biodiversity protection, and deployment of renewables, and by **reducing disparities in education and healthcare, pollution**, waste, and traffic congestion.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Improving the quality and inclusiveness of education



Romania would benefit from increasing the basic skills of students and ensuring equal access to education. The Plan aims to **improve the quality and inclusiveness of education**, in particular for disadvantaged groups through:

- ▶ Increasing availability and quality of early childhood education and care and supporting 2500 schools to reduce early school leaving;
- ▶ Modernising schools and increasing digital skills;
- ▶ Improving higher and professional education.

#### New hospital units and investment in healthcare equipment



Treatable mortality in Romania is very high, while life expectancy is among the lowest in the EU. Romania’s Plan supports:

- ▶ The construction and equipping of **19 hospitals or hospital units**, including providing 25 hospitals with modern technologies and equipment to reduce the risk of infections, and establishing **25 intensive care units for new-borns**;
- ▶ Modernising **pre-hospital infrastructure**, including 2,000 family doctors’ practices, 200 integrated community centres and community healthcare for 300 marginalised communities (including Roma).

## HOW DOES THE ROMANIAN PLAN **HELP BUSINESSES?**

It tackles key challenges for businesses' competitiveness, including **skills shortages** and the **digitalisation and greening of business practices**, supporting SMEs access to finance with targeted financial instruments.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Skilled workforce for a competitive industry of the future



**Boosting digital skills** increases productivity, fosters new business models and promotes the **development and adoption of new technologies**. To address the lack of basic digital skills in Romania, the Plan includes measures to:

- ▶ Better assess digital labour needs;
- ▶ Upskill/reskill employees in firms;
- ▶ Support libraries to become hubs for digital skills;
- ▶ Support the digitalisation of universities.

#### Digitalisation of SMEs



Many of Romania's businesses, particularly SMEs, are not yet ready for the digital transition as they lack basic digital tools and advanced technologies, such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and big data. Thanks to the Plan:

- ▶ **5,492 SMEs will benefit from support to uptake digital technologies/solutions**, including artificial intelligence, cloud, platforms, blockchain.

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