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LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR RECOVERY: SLOVENIA

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Slovenia's recovery and resilience plan

The European Commission has given a positive assessment to **Slovenia's €2.5 billion recovery and resilience plan**, consisting of €1.8 billion in grants and €705 million 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 Slovenia to emerge stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Slovenian 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. In particular, Slovenia's plan will help decarbonising the transport, building and energy sectors, will provide a boost to digitalisation and digital skills and will bring about key reforms in long-term care, health and pension systems. It will also improve the business environment and support research and innovation in companies.

KEY MEASURES TO SECURE SLOVENIA'S GREEN TRANSITION

42% of the plan's total allocation for reforms and investments supports climate objectives



▶ **Energy efficiency and seismic renovation of buildings:** financing large-scale renovation programmes to increase the energy efficiency of public buildings, including schools. **€230 million**



▶ **Decarbonisation of transport through investments in railway infrastructure:** upgrading congested railway lines, refurbishing railway stations, increasing capacity, speed and safety of rail transport and digitalising rail infrastructure to reduce travel time. **€292 million**

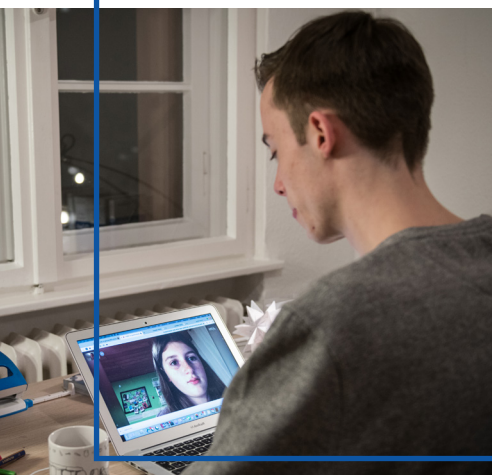


▶ **Improved drinking water supply and water saving projects:** building and renovating ageing drinking water supply systems to reduce water losses by more than 20%. **€54 million**



KEY MEASURES TO SUPPORT SLOVENIA'S DIGITAL TRANSITION

21% of the plan's total allocation for reforms and investments supports the digital objectives



- ▶ **Strengthening digital literacy through education and life-long learning:** developing digital skills of students throughout the whole educational system by updating curricula and organising trainings for 20,000 teachers, improving connectivity of schools, and increasing the training in digital skills for employees and public servants.

€114 million



- ▶ **Digital health transformation:** bringing new digital services into healthcare, including telemedicine, digitalising medical records, and upgrading of the e-appointment system to provide more transparency about waiting times.

€83 million



- ▶ **Digital transition of businesses:** supporting the implementation of advanced digital technologies in companies and strengthening the digital skills of their employees.

€44 million

KEY MEASURES TO REINFORCE SLOVENIA'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE



- ▶ **Setting-up a long-term care system:** creating a new social security system that integrates healthcare and social care services for all age groups and increases their accessibility across the country; supporting the development of community-based services while ensuring professional institutional care for those with more complex needs.

€79 million



- ▶ **Increasing the resilience of the healthcare system:** strengthening the healthcare system through reform measures, new medical facilities and equipment, including the reconstruction of two hospitals for infectious diseases in Ljubljana and Maribor.

€110 million



- ▶ **Improving access to affordable housing:** providing decent and adequate public housing for groups of the population that are in or close to poverty or social exclusion.

€60 million



- ▶ **Faster entry of the young into the labour market:** reducing youth unemployment by providing financial incentives for employers to hire young people up to 25 years of age on open-ended contracts.

€28 million







- ▶ **Boosting productivity and innovation:** support for private investments will be coupled with reforms to improve the business environment, access to finance and cooperation between public and private research.

€305 million



- ▶ **Modernisation of the pension system:** ensuring greater inter-generational fairness, financial sustainability and adequacy of pensions.

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.