A Recovery plan for Europe:
The Recovery and Resilience Facility

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Overview of the Belgian RRP

- 17 components
- 140 measures
- 35 reforms and 105 investments
- 210 Milestones & Targets
- € 5,9 bn in grants
## Assessment summary

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### Balanced response (A)
- Address challenges identified in CSRs (A)
- Growth, resilience and social impact (A)
- Do no significant harm (A)
- Green transition (A)
- Digital transition (A)
- Lasting impact (A)
- Effective monitoring and implementation (A)
- Reasonable and plausible cost estimates (B)
- Robust control systems (A)
- Coherence (B)
Green transition

50% of plan allocated to **climate** objectives

**Key investments**
- Sustainable transport (€1.3 bn)
- Renovation wave (€ 1 bn)
- H2 production and transport, wind offshore island and CO2 capture and transport (€ 608 mio)
- Biodiversity and climate adaptation (€ 0.4bn)

 DNSH: **No measure in the plan harms environmental objectives**

**Key reforms**
- Zero-emission company car tax scheme
- Legislative frameworks to stimulate e-mobility in the 3 regions
- Improved energy renovation subsidy schemes

**Cross-border projects**
- IPCEI on hydrogen
Digital transition

27% of plan allocated to digital objectives

Key investments
- Digitalisation of services (public administration, justice, health) (€585mio)
- Cybersecurity (€79mio)
- Digital skills and e-inclusion (€277mio)
- Connectivity investments (€90mio)

Key reforms
- Reforms enabling 5G and fibre deployment: 5G auctioning, revision of regional radiation standards, permitting streamlining

Sector-specific actions
- Education
- Public Employment Services
- Tourism, media & culture

Cross-border projects
- IPCEI on micro-electronics
Resilience

Labour market
• Boosting training and coaching
• Education 2.0
• Labour reforms

More resilient public finances
• Spending reviews at all levels of government
• Reform for more sustainable and fair pension system

Improving business environment
• E-government, including 'only once principle'
• Digitalisation of justice
• Support to research & innovation
• Cybersecurity

Future-proof economic activities
• Investments in emerging energy technologies
• Circular economy
Social impact and equality screening

Potential positive impact on gender equality for 52% of investments

Fighting discrimination and fostering an inclusive labour market

28% of investments focused on social dimension

Improved training offer to improve social inclusion
The disbursement profile and associated packages of milestones and targets

Indicative deadlines in CID for completing Milestones and Targets associated with each disbursement: actual payment can take 18 weeks to complete after request

- Net instalments (EUR million)
- Clearing of pre-financing
- Number of corresponding M&T (Reforms), rhs
- Number of corresponding M&T (Investments), rhs
Audit and control – Protection of the EU’s financial interests

Audit and control systems:
- Sufficient and robust
- The Audit and control arrangements draw from previous ESIF experience
- Tasks and responsibilities are clearly delineated
- The Secretary of State for Recovery and Strategic Investments will have overall responsibility for the coordination and implementation of the plan
- The ‘Flemish Audit Authority’ and the ‘Corps Interfédéral de l’Inspection des Finances’ will be in charge of auditing operations

Framework to protect against serious irregularities in the use of funds:
- Fraud
- Corruption
- Double funding
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
Thank you