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LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR RECOVERY:

FRANCE

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France’s recovery and resilience plan

The European Commission has given a positive assessment to **France’s recovery and resilience plan, which will be financed by €39.4 billion in grants.**

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 France to emerge stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The French plan is part of an **unprecedented coordinated EU response to the COVID-19 crisis** to address common European challenges by embracing the green and digital transitions, strengthening the economic and social resilience as well as the cohesion of the Single Market. In particular, France’s plan will protect the climate through a large-scale energy-efficiency renovation programme, invest in training to make the labour force fit for the post-COVID economy and digitalise public administration and the private sector.

KEY MEASURES TO SECURE FRANCE’S GREEN TRANSITION

46% of the plan’s total allocation for reforms and investments supports climate objectives



▶ **Renovation of buildings:** financing a large-scale renovation programme to increase the energy efficiency of buildings. **€5.8 billion**



▶ **Modernisation of the rail network:** improving the rail network increasing the use of railway as an alternative to road transport. **€4.4 billion**



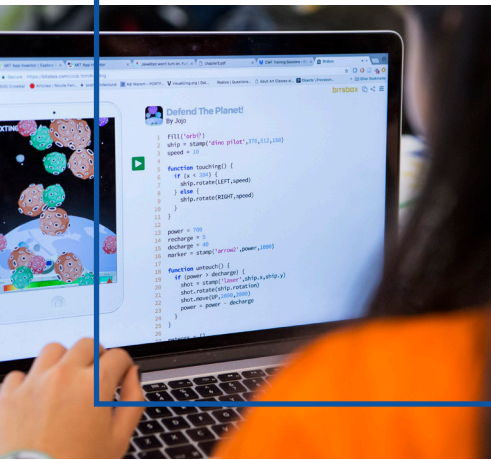
▶ **Decarbonised hydrogen:** development of value chains for decarbonised hydrogen. **€1.9 billion**



▶ **Climate and Resilience Law:** national legislation to contribute to the greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for 2030.

KEY MEASURES TO SUPPORT FRANCE'S DIGITAL TRANSITION

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



- ▶ **Digitalisation of companies:** supporting business in the digital transition by helping them make the best use of digital technologies. **€385 million**



- ▶ **Digitalisation of schools:** providing digital equipment to elementary and secondary schools. **€131 million**



- ▶ **Digitalisation of public administration:** improving the efficiency of the public administration and the quality of the working environment of public officials. **€500 million**

KEY MEASURES TO REINFORCE FRANCE'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE



- ▶ **High-speed broadband:** accelerating the deployment of Next Generation Access networks, in particular in optic fibres, especially in rural areas. **€240 million**



- ▶ **Modernisation of the health system:** renovating hospitals and healthcare facilities, building outpatient facilities, and modernising medical infrastructure and equipment. **€2.5 billion**



- ▶ **Training programmes:** reskilling and upskilling the labour force, investing in lifelong training, including through distance learning tools. **€2.5 billion**







- ▶ **Jobs and training for young people:** training opportunities in higher education and targeted hiring subsidies for youth. **€4.6 billion**



- ▶ **Public finances:** improving the quality of public finances and strengthen overall expenditure control, cost efficiency and adequate budgeting.

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.