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RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLANS: SUPPORTING PEOPLE ACROSS THE EU

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Delivering investments and reforms to improve social resilience

- The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is transforming European economies after the pandemic with a very important focus on the social dimension, contributing to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- The RRF's performance-based model, where payments are conditional on the delivery of pre-agreed reforms and investments by Member States, ensures the speedy impactful implementation of social measures.
- Recovery and resilience plans allocate on average 25% of their budget towards social objectives (around €163 billion of total funding) .
- The plans also include crucial reforms to strengthen health, education, jobs and social inclusion throughout the EU.

ACCESSIBLE HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE



- Health systems are being made more resilient with 8 600 new or modernised health facilities and €13.5 billion invested in the digitalisation of health.
- 11 Member States are implementing reforms and investments in mental health.
- RRFs address demographic challenges by supporting long-term care projects with a focus on de-institutionalisation.

QUALITY EDUCATION



- More than 50 000 new or modernised school facilities will expand and improve the education offer.
- Investments in digital equipment will provide access to 7.7 million pupils and school staff.
- 412 000 additional places will be created in early childhood education and care, strengthening equal opportunities for all children and helping families.

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PROVIDING SOCIAL SUPPORT



- Investments in housing will provide at least 174 000 new or modernised social dwellings.
- Targeted measures are set to benefit close to 300 000 persons with disabilities. The plans also include a broad range of measures to promote inclusivity and non-segregation of disadvantaged groups, like Roma communities.
- Member States have put forth 136 measures that directly promote gender equality.

A BETTER LABOUR MARKET



- The RRFs include support for more than 13 million people in adult learning initiatives (upskilling and reskilling), including youth.
- 16 Member States are carrying out labour market reforms to promote labour market participation and improve access to quality jobs.
- More than 2 million young people (aged 15 – 29) will receive support to integrate into the labour market.

The RRF's social impact on the ground

ACCESSIBLE HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE



FRANCE

Major investments to support digital health services. The plan dedicates €2 billion to measures including a new digital health platform, updating software used in the health system for better security and compatibility, helping healthcare professionals switch to digital tools, and providing social-medical centres with digital infrastructure.

PORTUGAL

Strengthening mental health services and promoting the de-institutionalisation of patients with mental illness. Measures include reforms and investments to expand local and integrated continued care services in the field of mental health, the organisation of forensic psychiatric services, advancing the rights of people with mental illness, and the implementation of regional health plans for dementia. Portugal has already made significant progress with the entry into force of the new Mental Health Law in 2023.



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QUALITY EDUCATION



SLOVAKIA



Curricular reform in primary and lower secondary education, creating new learning content and textbooks to enhance students' skills and improve the quality of teaching. The reform is supported by the establishment of 40 regional mentoring centres providing counselling to teachers and schools, as well as by investments in digital school equipment, upgrading school infrastructure, and promoting inclusiveness in education.

BELGIUM



Advancing the high-quality digitalisation and responsible use of digital tools in the education system. Several measures aim at creating a future-ready curricula and learning environment by promoting ICT skills and media literacy for students, providing teachers with training and supporting schools in digitalising their educational provision.



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ROMANIA



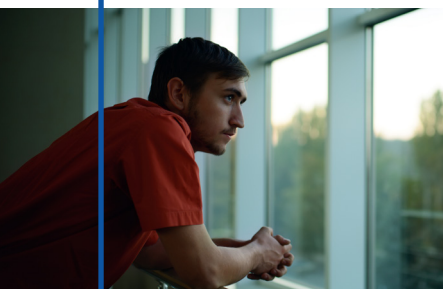
Support to low-income household for the connection to the public water supply and sewerage. The national programme First Connection to Water and Sanitation aims to support families with income below the minimum wage. As a result of this investments, at least 70 800 additional households will be connected to water and sewerage.



CROATIA



Provision of social mentoring to individuals at risk or already in a marginalised position in society. These measures will roll out a new individualised mentoring service at social welfare centres, which will focus on the integration of persons with disabilities, victims of violence, homeless people, migrants, Roma communities, young people, persons serving prison sentences and members of other socially disadvantaged groups.



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ITALY



Support for female entrepreneurship by making available €400 million to contribute to labour market participation of women and, in particular, supporting women's participation in business activities. The investment will encourage the creation of women's enterprises through support to the implementation of innovative business projects, mentoring and training, and communication actions.



SPAIN



Improving contractual conditions in the labour market. This reform fosters the use of open-ended contracts by restricting the use of temporary contracts and simplifying contract options and introduces mechanisms to incentivise the internal flexibility of firms, balancing workers' protection and firms' flexibility. After the adoption of the new law in December 2021, recent data from the Bank of Spain confirms that it was successful in increasing the number of open-ended contracts and reducing the number of temporary or fixed-term contracts.



¹For more information, see [RRF scoreboard](#)

²The figures presented below are an estimation by the Commission services of the direct and measurable impact of the relevant measures included in the RRP as of 17/06/2024. The RRP includes many more measures that could also contribute in one way or another to the social resilience but for which no concrete target is set in the Council Implementing Decisions. These measures are not taken into account in these estimations. These figures are illustrative and cannot commit the Commission in any way.