Launching the recovery

A Recovery plan for Europe:

The Recovery and Resilience Facility

Health sector resilience

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A strong anchor for Health Reforms & Investments
Overview of health expenditure

• In total, around **EUR 50 billion** have been proposed to be spent on investments and reforms concerning **health and long-term care (LTC)**.

• **Around 10% of the total costs of the plans**

• **All RRP**s include **health-related investments**, mostly as part of a self-standing health component, but also under the umbrella of other components.

• **The relative size of grants and loans requested for health differs widely across MS**.
Health expenditure by thematic area*

- **10-14 bn**: Primary care & Prevention
- **3-5 bn**: Long term care
- **7-10 bn**: Digital Health
- **14-18 bn**: Hospitals

*All estimated figures are preliminary based on 24 submitted plans*
Modernising the hospital network

- **Investments in renovating and expanding hospital infrastructure**
  - **New hospitals**: building of new hospitals, establishment of centres for prevention, new infrastructure for mental health, new infrastructures for laboratories in the hospitals
  - **Modernisation of hospitals**: enhancement, modernisation and upgrade of state hospitals, modernisation of intensive care and resuscitation units
  - **Sourcing modern medical equipment**: equipment for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients, replacement of outdated medical equipment

- **Reorganising the healthcare system**
  - **Reform elements focus on**: quality, accessibility, sustainability and resilience of health systems, healthcare workforce
Strengthening Primary care and Prevention

Reforms & investments

- increasing the allocation for primary care in rural areas and opening of new primary care outpatient clinics in deprived areas
- introducing mobile pharmacies into primary care
- strengthening the role of General Practitioners
- investments in primary care centres
Addressing shortages of health workers

• RRP measures are expected to contribute to
  • addressing existing shortages
  • strengthening availability of health workers
  • ensuring their balanced regional distribution matching population needs

• RRP measures include investments and reforms such as
  • strengthening competence of health personnel to ensure quality of care
  • education of staff in mental health care
  • scholarships for specific training in general practice
  • health professionals competency platform
A step change towards e-health

• Overall, a clear emphasis in the RRP is put on investments contributing to the **digital transition in healthcare**.

• **12 MS included a broad range of digital (e)health measures**, which contribute towards achieving the target of allocating at least 20% of their budget to the digital transition.

• These investments focus mainly on **health information assets**, **digital upskilling** and transformation of healthcare delivery towards **telemedicine**.
Overview of long-term care measures

• In total, around **EUR 3-5 billion** have been proposed to be spent on investments and reforms concerning **long-term care (LTC)**.

• A total of **17 MS envisage measures** to address issues the long-term care field, with 11 MS devoting RRF funds to this cause.