

Contribution of the National Recovery & Resilience Plans to the green transition State of play



Contribution to the Green Transition

- The RRF Regulation contains a legal requirement for each plan to contribute to the green transition and to meet the 37% climate target
- Significant number of Country Specific Recommendations relating to decarbonisation and green transition
- Green measures are equivalent to roughly EUR 190-200bn (approximately 40% of the total financial envelope of the national plans (grants + loans))

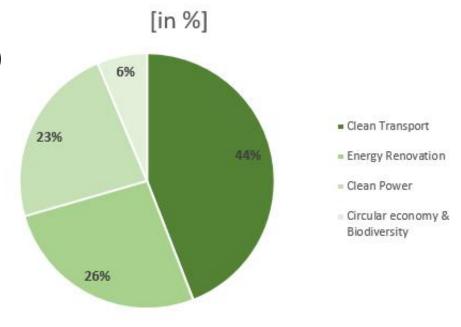


Overview of the green measures

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	Clean Transport	Building Renovations	Clean Power	Circular Economy & Biodiversity
EUR bn	85-90	50-55	45-50	approx. 10
# of MS	25	25	22	20

Note: based on 18 submitted RRPs and 8 advanced draft RRPs





Sustainable transport



Almost EUR 100 billion

Significant support to railway investments

Measures to foster urban mobility

Support to e-mobility

- ✓ Purchase of zero emission vehicles (electric buses, tramways)
- Charging stations and refuelling stations

Reforms to promotion intermodality and tax incentives for clean vehicles



Building renovations

- A significant contribution to the green transition across plans
- Essential to reduce primary energy demand and GHG emissions, while creating local jobs
- Addressed in almost all plans and draft plans (25 Member States)
- Tentative figure of around EUR 50-55 billion overall (around 10-11% of total envelope of the national plans)
 - ✓ Reforms aiming at simplifying renovation schemes, facilitating technical assistance and one-stop-shops.
 - ✓ Renovation of public and private buildings
 - Renovation of social housing
 - ✓ Energy efficiency actions in SMEs
 - ✓ Fighting energy poverty



Clean power



- Promotion of renewable electricity (solar, offshore and onshore wind, hydro)
- Reform of energy markets to facilitate the deployment of renewable energy
- Renewable hydrogen in several plans, often as Important Project of European Common Interest (IPCEI)
- Tentative figure of around EUR 45-50 billion overall (around 9-10% of total envelope of the national plans)



Biodiversity and the circular economy

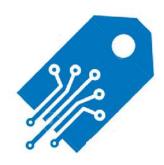


- Ambitious biodiversity measures:
 - ✓ Restoration of wetlands and forests
 - ✓ Conservation of terrestrial / marine biodiversity, restoration of ecosystems
 - ✓ Promotion of organic farming
 - ✓ Reforms for water management and nature conservation
- Biodiversity is directly or indirectly addressed in most of the plans (19 Member States have dedicated biodiversity measures)

- Measures to foster the circular economy:
 - ✓ Improve recycling facilities
 - ✓ Treatment of water
 - ✓ Reforms to reduce landfills, and increase waste sorting and recycling
- The circular economy is addressed in almost all plans (20 Member States have dedicated measures)



Tagging Methodology



- Based on the Rio markers system, adapted to take into account elements from the Taxonomy Regulation
- Methodology is set out in Annex VI of the RRF Regulation
- 143 intervention fields including 27 newly added sub-interventions to account for higher or lower climate coefficients
- Member States should specify and justify whether and to what extent each reform and each investment contributes principally (100%), significantly (40%) or has no impact (0%) on the climate objectives by:
- Compliance of the plans with the green objectives of the RRF will be assessed ex ante



'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance

- No measure in the plan shall lead to significant harm to environmental objectives (Art 18 of the RRF Regulation)
- DNSH principle based on Art 17 of the Taxonomy Regulation
- Commission technical guidance (12 February 2021) aims to help Member States apply DNSH in the context of the RRF and to ensure consistency in application
 - ✓ Guiding principles, a DNSH checklist and selected examples on how to apply it
- Member States encouraged to fill out checklist for each measure in their plan
- Commission services aim at consistent application through horizontally coordinated feedback, based on principles set out in DNSH guidan commission

Overview of problematic measures

- DNSH assessment has led to the reconsideration of potentially problematic measures in plans by Member States, due to a risk of significant harm, and to the redesign of measures to mitigate possible risk of harm
- Areas where Member States reconsidered their proposed investments due to risk of significant harm based on the DNSH guidance (e.g. waste incineration, combustion engine and fossil fuel-based vehicles)
- Areas where Member States re-designed proposed measures to avoid harm based on the DNSH guidance: road investments (e.g. with flanking measures on charging infrastructure), ETS installations, support for aviation sector, district heating, boiler replacements







