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12	Correspondence between the Commission and Italian authorities on official submission of the Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan	Ares(2021)2980385	04/05/2021

From: (SG-RECOVER)

Sent: vendredi 5 février 2021 17:00

To: RPUE IT - Rappresentante Permanente
Cc: (SG-RECOVER)

Subject: RE: Meeting between Amb. Massari and Mrs Gauer

Dear

Thank you for your email.

I confirm the meeting on Friday 12/02 at 5pm in the premises of the Berlaymont building. As always, please send us the data for registration of the visitors.

Kind regards



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From: RPUE IT - Rappresentante Permanente < rpue.rp@esteri.it >

Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 11:34 AM

To: (SG-RECOVER) @ec.europa.eu>

Cc: RPUE IT - Rappresentante Permanente < rpue.rp@esteri.it >

Subject: Meeting between Amb. Massari and Mrs Gauer

Dear

As usual, it was very nice speaking with you.

Further to our telephone conversations today, this is to confirm that Ambassador Massari would like to meet Mrs Céline Gauer next week.

As you suggested, we could perhaps schedule a meeting on Friday 12 February at 5.00 p.m. in your premises.

Ambassador Massari would probably be accompanied by Affairs Coordinator.

Once you confirm us the meeting, we will send you the visitor's template.

Looking forwards to hearing from you.

Thank you very much

All the best



Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU Rue du Marteau, 9 1000 Bruxelles

雷: (0032) 2 2200520 ⊠: <u>rpue.rp@esteri.it</u> From: (SG-RECOVER) on behalf of LUEBKING

Johannes (SG-RECOVER) mercredi 10 mars 2021 09:52

Cc: EC RECOVER; LUEBKING Johannes (SG-RECOVER)

Subject: RRF Communication – web links

Attachments: Slides communication guidance Member States.pdf

Dear colleagues,

Sent:

Communication will be an important element in ensuring the Recovery and Resilience Facility is a success for Europe. Communicating throughout the preparatory phase is not only important to ensure transparency but it also provides the opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to this process. Many of you have already created dedicated websites, published outlines or drafts of your recovery and resilience plans.

We are contacting you today to kindly ask you to send to the Commission **by 19 March** the details of the web link you use for the potential publication of your draft (and final) recovery and resilience plans, with your consent that we can publish this link (where existent, this would lead to the English language version of your site). The Commission plans to link these national web spaces on its own RRF website. Please send all your replies to the following e-mail address: EC-RECOVER@ec.europa.eu.

Also related to communication, the Commission looks forward to receiving the outline of your RRF communication strategy as part of your RRF. Should you require further guidance, we invite you to consult the attached PowerPoint presentation and reach out to your Commission country teams.

Yours sincerely, Johannes Luebking

Dr Johannes Luebking Principal Adviser – European Semester Coordination



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Communication in recovery and resilience plans

Guidance

European Commission, 4 March 2021

Legal basis

- "The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (...) by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public", Art. 34(2) RRF Regulation
- Detailed communication requirements set out in Financial Regulation (2018)
- Visibility requirements similar to what is required under Cohesion Policy
- Communication is no RRP assessment criterion; it is, however, part of the Guidance to Member States



Guidance to Member States

- Outline of national communication strategy:
 - Raise awareness and ensure recognition of RRF contribution to recovery and twin transition, at project and Member State level, including joint communication with EC
 - Correctly and prominently display in all communication activities at project and Member State level the EU emblem with the funding statement "funded by the European Union– NextGenerationEU"
 - Communicate on the adoption of their final RRPs as well as other subsequent key moments; provide draft communication plan for RRP adoption
 - Establish single web space on RRP & projects; publish final RRP & notify Commission ex ante
 - Indicate selected kinds of projects for more active promotion and coordinate
 Communication with Commission

The Communication Strategy

- Ensure public awareness of the Union funding
- Around 2 pages in total
- Should include draft communication plan for the adoption of the RRP
- Contents:
 - Objectives & target audiences
 - Communication activities/channels
 - Planned budget
 - Selected key projects & coordination arrangements with Commission



I) Objectives

- ☐ Are the objectives clear, realistic and measurable?
- ☐ Are they consistent with the objectives of the RRF?
- Do they sufficiently acknowledge the European dimension?
- Do they include elements that:
 - ensure public awareness of Union funding? Show the forest, not the trees.
 - inform media & general public (cf. Art. 34(2) RRF Regulation)?
 - communicate funding opportunities for recipients (where applicable)?
 - inform/support recipients in communicating their projects?



II) Target audiences

- ☐ Are target audiences clearly defined & justified?
- Do the target audiences include media & general public?
- ☐ Are they consistent with the geographical and thematic scope of the RRP?
- ☐ Are they determined at plan and project level?



III) Communication activities/channels

- ☐ Are the activities and channels consistent to target audiences?
- Does the proposed media mix take account of the national/regional context?
- □ Does the list of activities/channels include the website?
- ☐ Ideas for potential activities & channels:
 - · Public events (e.g. for adoption of RRP), online or in-person
 - · Online or print publications
 - Audio-visual productions
 - · Social media



IV) Selected key projects

Checklist:

- Does the strategy identify key projects (around 2-6 projects)?
- □ Is the selection consistent with the objectives of the RRF?
- □ Are proposals for joint communication with the Commission included?

Example: InvestEU corporate campaign



Energy on Borkum gets smarter

Under the NETfficient project, scientists are developing and testing a range of smart storage technologies for different types of renewable energy on the North Sea island of Borkum. These include second-life electric vehicle batteries, ultracapacitors, lithium-ion batteries, hydrogen fuel cells and a hybrid energy storage system. Supported by EU funding, the project will help Borkum to become energy self-sufficient.

Read more >



V) Coordination with the Commission

- ☐ How will the Member State coordinate communication measures with the Commission?
- Ideas for joint activities:
 - Joint press releases at key communication moments
 - Event with Commissioner
 - Joint social media activities, e.g. on selected projects
 - Involving the European Parliament via its Liaison Offices (EPLOs)





VI) Planned budget & monitoring

- Does the strategy indicate the financial plan?
- ☐ Is the financial plan commensurate to communication activities?
- Does the strategy explain the general approach to monitoring and evaluation and presents the main indicators?



Thank you



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From: @mef.gov.it>

Sent: jeudi 11 mars 2021 11:12

To: (SG-RECOVER)

Cc: VON BRESKA Eric (SG-RECOVER); COSTELLO Declan (ECFIN);

(ECFIN); (SG-RECOVER)

Subject: [CONFIRMED] High level meetings to be scheduled this week.

Importance: High

Dear Good morning.

This is to confirm that to schedule the meeting on Monday 15th March at 11:30 CET is fine with us.

Please find below the email addresses for the Webex invitation:

@mef.gov.it

@governo.it

@mef.gov.it

<u>@mef.gov.it</u> @mef.gov.it

Kind regards,

Office for Coordination and Secretariat

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A:	@dt.tesoro.it>
Cc: VON BRESKA Eric	@ec.europa.eu>; COSTELLO Declan
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Oggetto: RE: High level meetings to	be scheduled this week

Dear

Further to the below exchange, I'm contacting you regarding the organisation of an online meeting. Unfortunately it will not be possible to do it this week, since the agendas of Mrs Gauer and Mr Verwey are already full with other meetings.

However, we would like to propose to schedule the meeting on Monday 15/03 at 11h30, via webex.

Could you please inform me whether this date is convenient for you? Please send us the email addresses of all participants for the webex invitation.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you may require Kind regards

********************************* Office of Céline Gauer - Director General - Recovery and Resilience Task Force

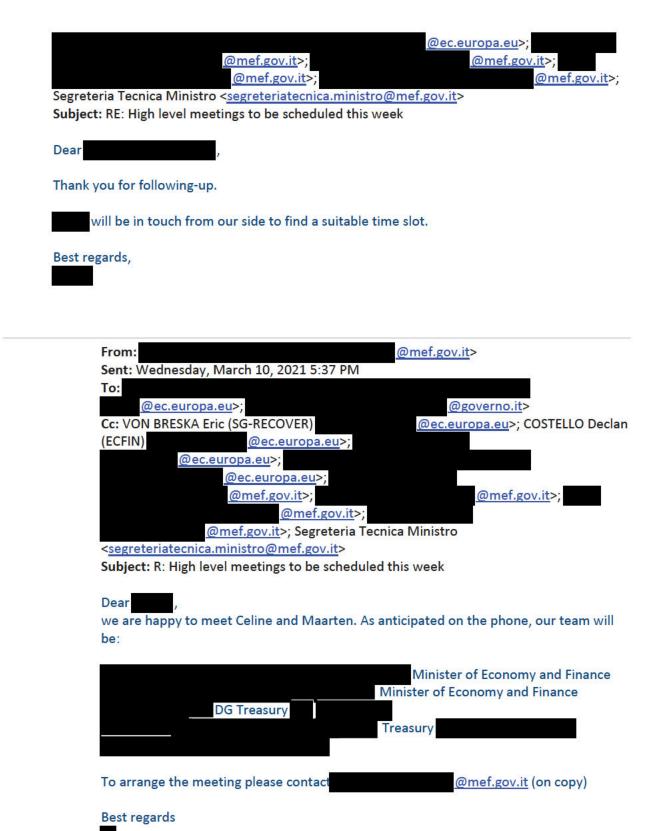
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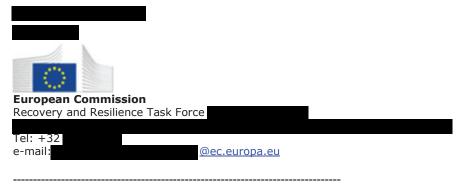
Hope this email find you well.

As part of the Commission outreach strategy to several MSs in the context of the RRF negotiation, we are asked to organise a meeting still this week between the Head of the SG-RECOVER Taskforce Celine Gauer and ECFIN Director General Maarten Verwey and a representative of the IT administration.

From your side, let us know who is the appropriate person at the level of Celine/Maarten. I cc Agata who can take care of the logistics/time slot for that meeting from the COM side.

Heads up that this will be followed up by a meeting between EVP Valdis Dombrovskis and Minister Daniele Franco, also to be scheduled this week. For that meeting, EVP's Cabinet will be in touch directly with the Minister's Cabinet.

Best regards,



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From: (SG-RECOVER) on behalf of LUEBKING

Johannes (SG-RECOVER)

Sent: mardi 23 mars 2021 14:51

Cc: EC RECOVER; LUEBKING Johannes (SG-RECOVER)
Subject: Kind reminder: RRF communication – Web links

Dear colleagues,

We are contacting you again to kindly ask you to send to the Commission **by 31 March** the details of the web link to the potential publication of your draft (and final) recovery and resilience plans. With your consent, the Commission would publish this link on its own RRF website.

Please send all your replies to the following e-mail address: EC-RECOVER@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely, Johannes Luebking

Dr Johannes Luebking Principal Adviser – European Semester Coordination



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From: @mef.gov.it>

Sent: mercredi 31 mars 2021 07:58

To: EC RECOVER

Cc: @mef.gov.it
Subject: Kind reminder: RRF communication – Web links

Dear Johannes, dear all

This is to inform you that the final version of the Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan will be published on the following link (though **not active yet**).

https://nextgenerationitalia.mef.gov.it

Concerning its draft version, you can already find it available here in English: <u>The Recovery and Resilience Plan: Next Generation Italia - Ministry of Economy and Finance (mef.gov.it).</u>

Best regards

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Via XX Settembre, 97 - 00187 Rome

Da: @ec.europa.eu> Per conto di LUEBKING
Johannes

Inviato: martedì 23 marzo 2021 14:51

Cc: EC-RECOVER@ec.europa.eu; LUEBKING Johannes

Oggetto: ***Spam*** Kind reminder: RRF communication – Web links

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From: (SG-RECOVER) on behalf of LUEBKING

Johannes (SG-RECOVER) mercredi 7 avril 2021 18:44

Cc: LUEBKING Johannes (SG-RECOVER)

Subject: Publication of web links on RRF website

Dear colleagues,

Sent:

We would like to thank you for sending us the links to the websites dedicated to your national recovery and resilience plans.

We are pleased to inform you that they are now published on the following web page:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/recovery-coronavirus/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en_

Kind regards,

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From: RPUE IT - Rappresentante Permanente <rpue.rp@esteri.it>

Sent: mardi 13 avril 2021 18:20

To: (SG-RECOVER)
Cc: RPUE IT - Rappresentante Permanente

Subject: Letter by Ambassador Massari to Director General Gauer

Attachments: DG Celine Gauer.pdf

Dear ,

Please find here enclosed a letter addressed by Ambassador Maurizio Massari to the attention of Mrs Celine Gauer.

Kind regards,



Permanent Representative Secretariat
Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU
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Brussels, 13.04.2021 Prot. 940

Ther Clary

As my tenure as Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union will come to an end next April 19th, I would like to thank you sincerely for our excellent cooperation.

Almost five years in Brussels have provided me with an extraordinary personal and professional experience.

My successor, Ambassador Pietro Benassi, will take office as Permanent Representative of Italy next May.

With my best regards,

Maurizio Massari

Celine GAUER
Director General
Service Department Recover
Recovery & Resilience Task Force Department
European Commission
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels

From: (SG-RECOVER) on behalf of LUEBKING

Johannes (SG-RECOVER)

Sent: mercredi 21 avril 2021 11:13

Cc: LUEBKING Johannes (SG-RECOVER)

Subject: INFORM EU Network

Dear Colleagues,

Coordinating our communication efforts on the implementation of the RRF is crucial for the success of the instrument and the broader European recovery. It holds the potential to improve citizens' support for the investments and reforms included in the national plans and sends a strong signal of European solidarity.

To tap this potential, SG-RECOVER and DG ECFIN have joined the INFORM Network. The network's ultimate goal is to strengthen Member States' and regions' expertise in the field of EU communication, visibility and transparency whilst establishing a cooperation platform between the Commission and EU programmes under shared management. The network covers 8 EU funds and brings together over 1000 communicators in the Member States. It offers different but interconnected constellations that allow targeted exchanges on how to best communicate EU funding.

We encourage you to use the INFORM Network to coordinate your communication efforts on the RRF and exchange best practices that increase the impact of RRF communication in Member States. The network may also help you meet the legal requirements on communication. Lastly, it helps Member States to use synergies with cohesion funding when communicating on the RRF. The best way for you to get involved is to liaise with your national INFORM coordinator.

Let me also update you on the next meetings of the INFORM network:

- 8-9 June virtual 1st plenary session (all members invited)
- 1-3 December 2nd plenary session ("hybrid" physical and virtual meeting in Dubrovnik, all members invited)

All of the above-mentioned events will include agenda items or sessions on the RRF. We encourage your participation.

I also take the opportunity to inform you that our download centre now offers the possibility to download the EU emblem with the funding statement as stipulated in the RRF Regulation (see below). It is available in all official EU languages. You can retrieve it at the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/logos_downloadcenter/

Kind regards,

Dr Johannes Luebking Principal Adviser – European Semester Coordination







From:

Quaroni Michele

@esteri.it>

Sent:

vendredi 30 avril 2021 23:57

To:

GAUER Celine (SG-RECOVER); EC RECOVER;

Cc:

RPUE IT - Segreteria RPA

Subject:

Letter concerning the transmission of the Italian RRP

Attachments:

Letter_NRRP_Italy.pdf

Dear Céline,

please find enclosed a letter concerning the transmission of the Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Best regards

Michele



Bruxelles, 30/04/2021 Prot. n. 1341

Dear Celive,

on behalf of the Italian Government, I am pleased to inform you that we have formally submitted to the European Commission our Recovery and Resilience Plan.

This is the result of an intense work, that involved all Administrations, Parliament, the Regions, Local authorities, social partners and civil society.

I take this opportunity to thank the Commission for the continuous, constructive and high quality collaboration offered at all times during the preparation of the Plan, an activity that has proved fundamental to shape and finalize our Plan, considering the very stringent timing and the inherent complexity of the preparatory work.

Against this background, we confirm our full commitment to continue collaborating with the Commission on all relevant matters until the final approval of the Plan.

We will make any effort to ensure that the Plan is successfully implemented making sure that Italy recovers from the pandemic crisis and resumes a path of sustainable, inclusive and lasting economic growth, also promoting the ecological and digital transition.

Michele Quaroni

Céline Gauer Direttrice Generale Task Force Recovery Commissione Europea BRUXELLES From: VON BRESKA Eric (SG-RECOVER)

Sent: lundi 3 mai 2021 17:03

To: @mef.gov.it

Cc: (SG-RECOVER); COSTELLO

Declan (ECFIN)

Subject: Transmission of IT NRRP to European Parliament and Council

Dear Luigi,

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In line with the obligation on the Commission to transmit without an undue delay, the Commission intends to transmit the Italy recovery and resilience plan to the European Parliament and Council in the course of tomorrow (4 May). As you are aware from the RRF negotiations, the European Parliament placed a high premium on the transparency of the recovery and resilience plans and the Commission intends to take an approach of open transparency in line with the legal obligations. In the transmission email/letter, Italy has not requested the Commission to redact sensitive or confidential information. We therefore intend to transmit the Italian plan to the European Parliament and the Council in full, unless you indicate to the Commission the need to redact sensitive or confidential information by midday on 4th May, indicating the elements that should be redacted and justifying the jeopardy that its release would cause to the public interests of Italy. As mentioned above, we would like to recall that any redacted information will be provided to the European Parliament and Council anyway, only in a confidential manner.

Best regards,

Declan & Eric



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SECRETARIAT-GENERAL Recovery & Resilience Task Force Director-General

DIRECTORATE GENERAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS Director-General

> Brussels SG.RECOVER.A.1/

Dear Mr Rivera,

Thank you very much for your email of 30 April 2021, informing us of the official transmission of Italy's Recovery and Resilience Plan through CIRCABC.

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the plan. The Commission will review the plan in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility. The Commission will act in close cooperation with Italy during this process.

E-signed

Yours sincerely,

E-signed

Céline GAUER Recovery & Resilience Task Force Director-General

Maarten VERWEY Economic and Financial Affairs Director-General

Mr Alessandro RIVERA

Director General of the Treasury Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance @mef.gov.it Email:

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From: @mef.gov.it>

Sent: mardi 4 mai 2021 15:18

To: VON BRESKA Eric (SG-RECOVER); COSTELLO Declan (ECFIN)

Cc: (SG-RECOVER);

Disanto Luigi;

Subject: R: Transmission of IT NRRP to European Parliament and Council

Dear Declan and Eric,

thank you for your email. We fully share the importance of transparency as well as of proper communication. Against this background, we do not have objections to the transmission of the Italian Plan to the European Parliament and the Council.

Thank you.

Best regards,

The Italian PNRR Team

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Da: VON BRESKA Eric @ec.europa.eu>

Inviato: lunedì 3 maggio 2021 17:03

A: @mef.gov.it>

Cc: @ec.europa.eu>;

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