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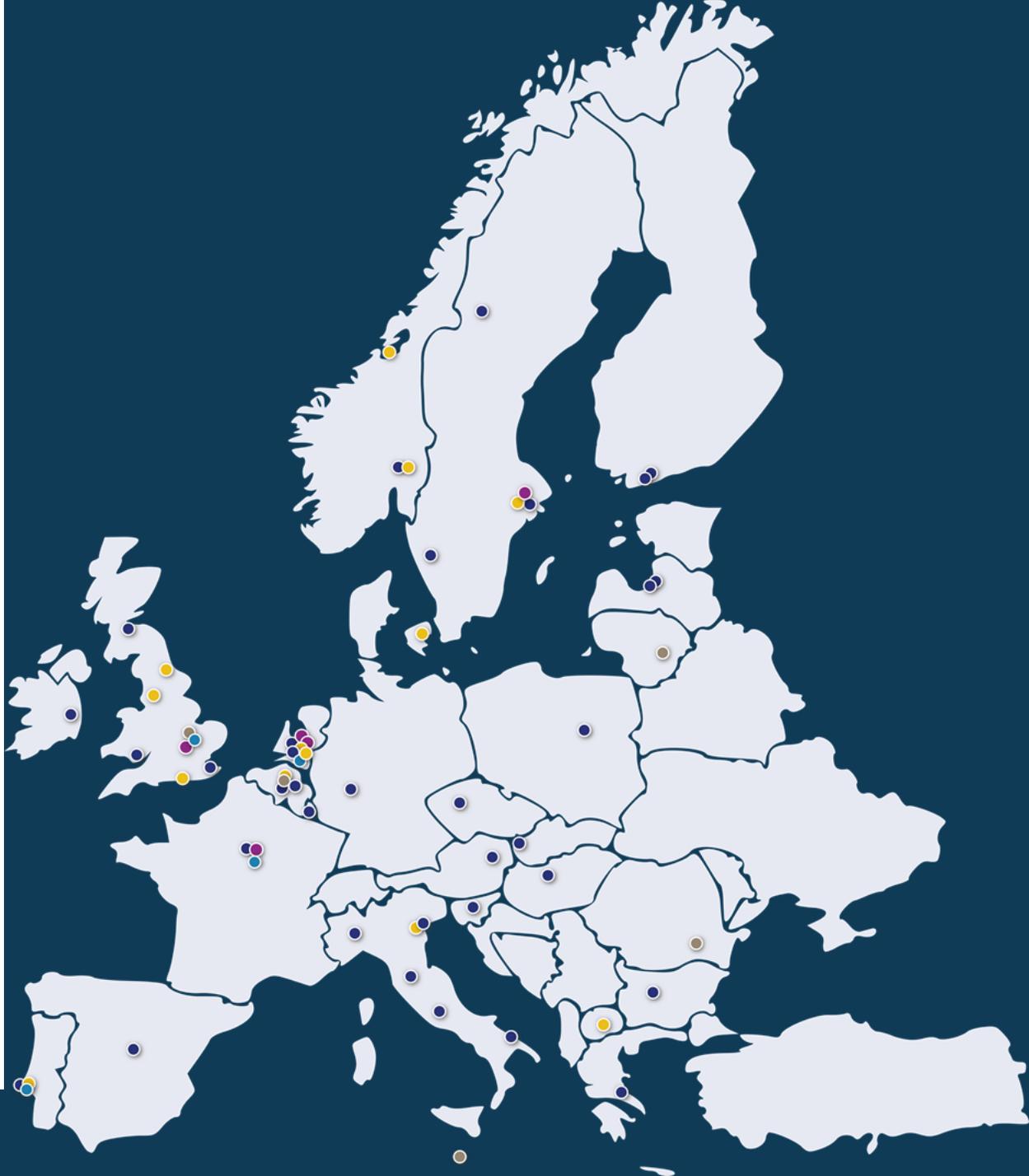
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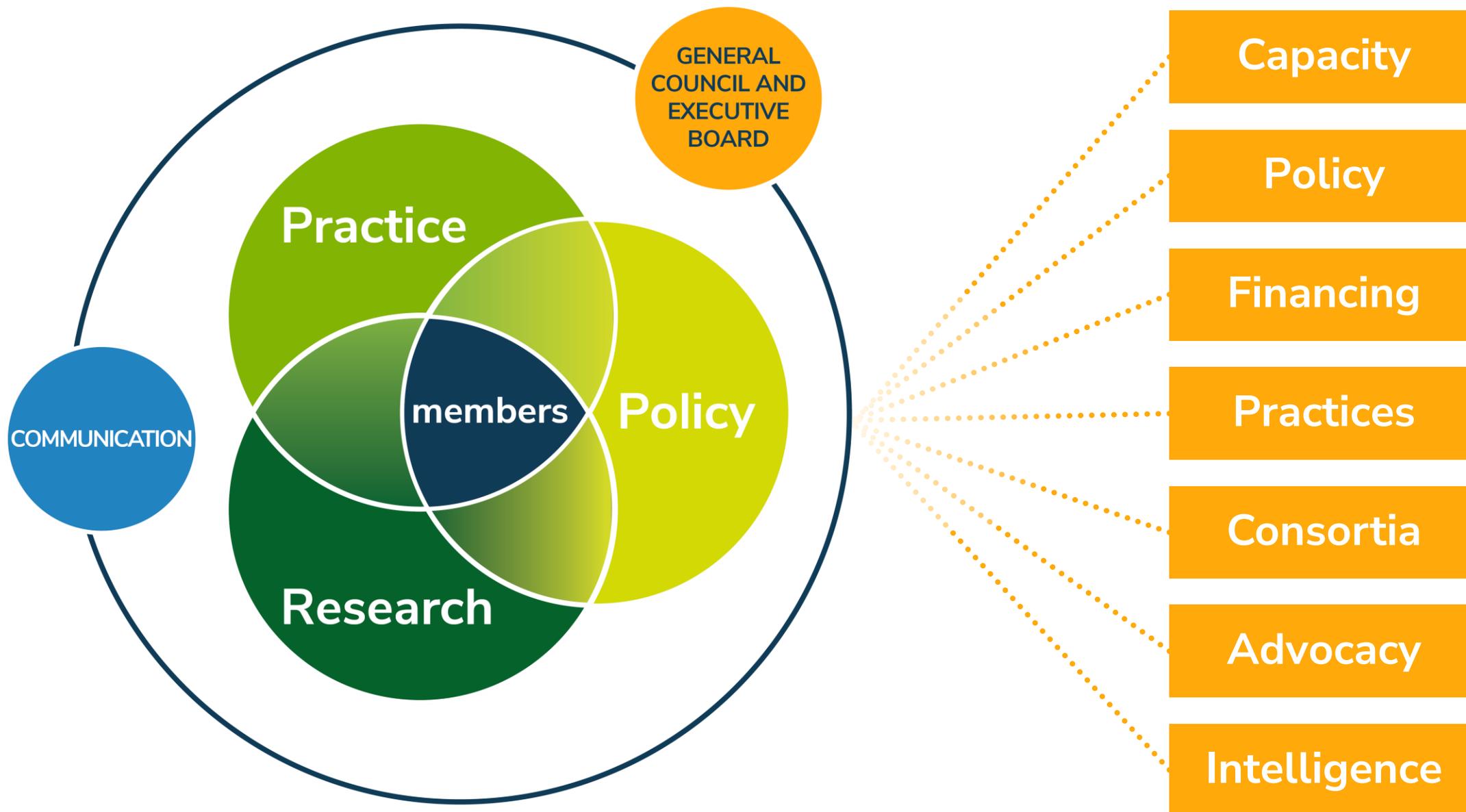
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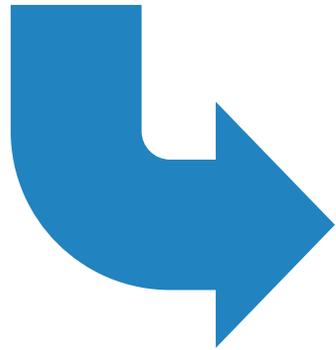
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NextGeneration EU

750 billion



Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

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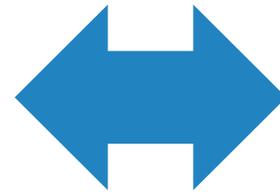
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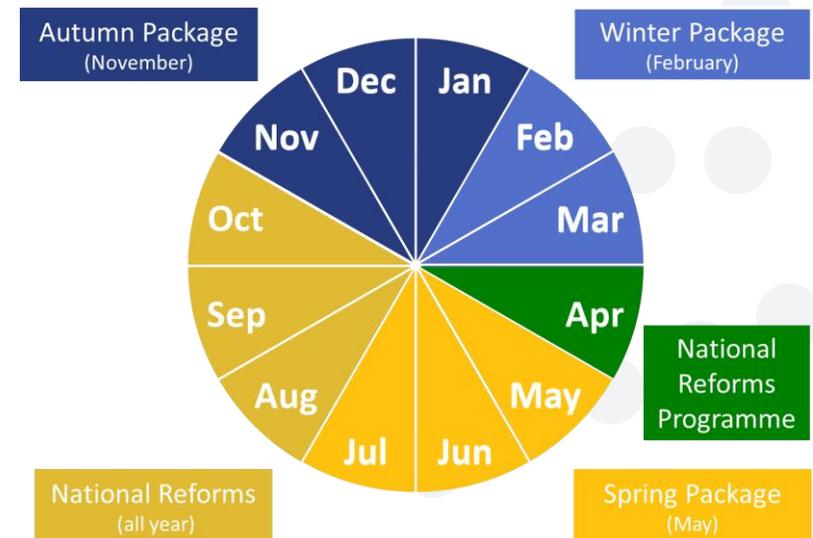
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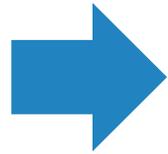
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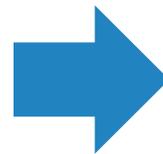
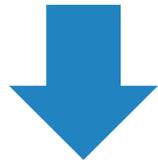
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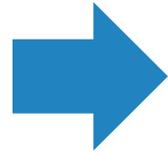
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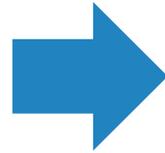


Recovery and Resilience Plans



- ✓ Investments to be at least **37% Green** and **20% Digital**
- ✓ In line **Country Specific Recommendations** and issues underlined in the **Country Reports** in 2019 - 2020

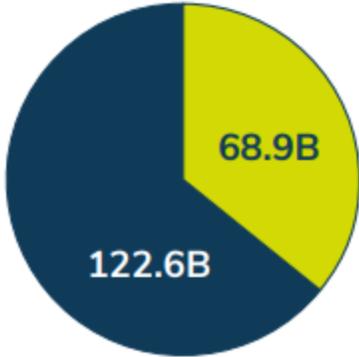
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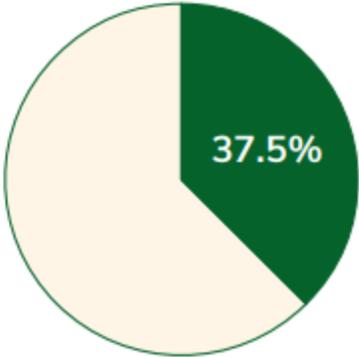
1. **Power up** – The frontloading of future-proof clean technologies and acceleration of the development and use of renewables
2. **Renovate** – The improvement of energy efficiency of public and private buildings
3. **Recharge and Refuel** – The promotion of future-proof clean technologies to accelerate the use of sustainable, accessible, fair and smart transport, charging and refuelling stations and extension of public transport
4. **Connect** – The fast rollout of rapid broadband services to all regions and households
5. **Modernise** – The digitalisation of public administration, including healthcare systems
6. **Scale-up** – The increase in European industrial data cloud capacities and the development of the most powerful, cutting edge, and sustainable processors
7. **Reskill and upskill** – The adaptation of education systems to support digital skills and educational and vocational training for all ages

Health Equity in the RRP: Italy

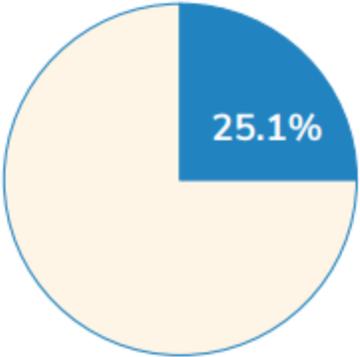
ITALY OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN



Total value: €191.5 Billion
Total grants: €68.9 Billion
Total loans: €122.6 Billion



Proportion of plan invested in **climate objectives***



Proportion of plan invested in **digital transition***

* Investment areas might overlap

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The Plan includes 16 components and is structured around 6 policy areas, focusing on three horizontal priorities: digitalisation and innovation, ecological transition and social inclusion. The policy areas are centred around: (1) digitalisation, innovation, competitiveness, culture and tourism; (2) green revolution and ecological transition; (3) infrastructures for sustainable mobility; (4) education and research; (5) inclusion and cohesion; (6) health. The information below represents a selection of measures extracted from the plan, which can promote health and wellbeing.

POLICY AREA 4: Education and research

INVESTMENT	RRF (m/€)
Strengthening the provision of education services at all levels through an educational reform	19.44

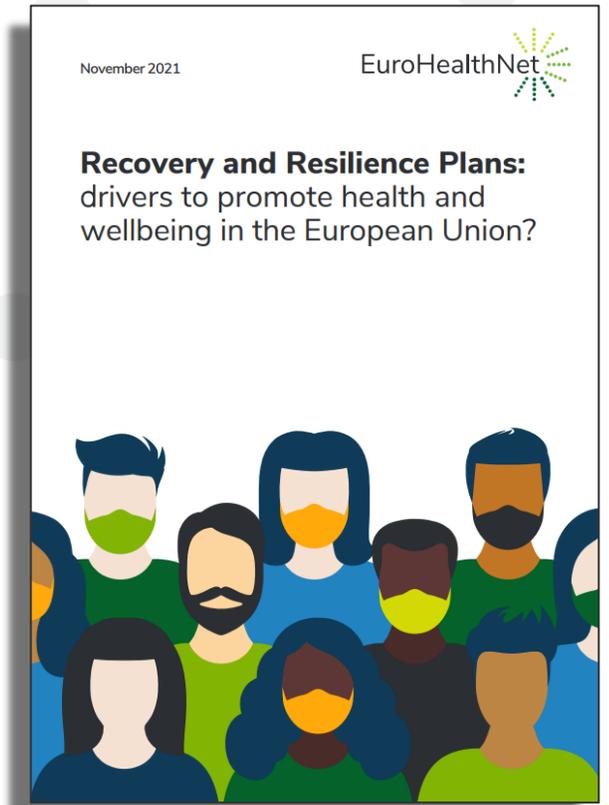
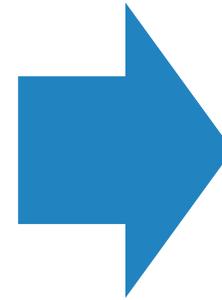
POLICY AREA 6: Health

INVESTMENT	RRF (m/€)
Local networks, facilities and telemedicine for local health care (to improve the national health system)	7
Innovation, research and digitalisation of the national health service to strengthen the infrastructure	8.63

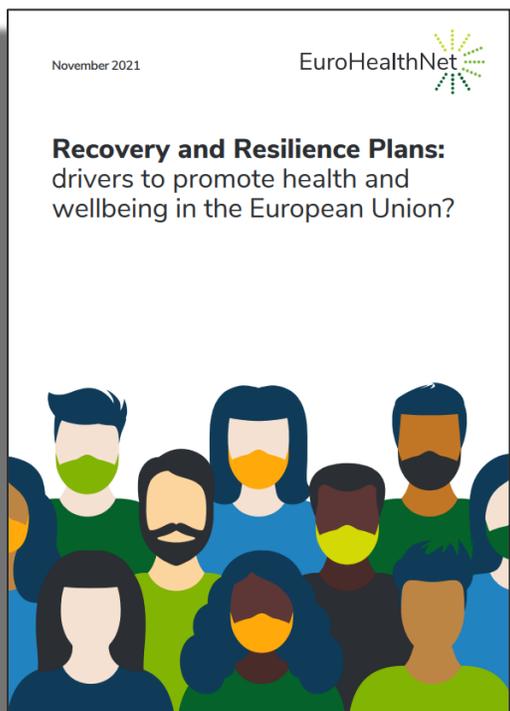
POLICY AREA 5: Inclusion and cohesion

INVESTMENT	RRF (m/€)
Employment policies (focusing on active labour market policies, strengthening of public employment services, upskilling and reskilling initiatives)	6.66
Social infrastructure, households, the community and the third sector (addressing major social vulnerabilities in terms of material poverty and housing deprivation, and acknowledging the importance of urban regeneration and sport)	1.17
Special interventions for territorial cohesion (investment for tackling education poverty, reform and infrastructural investment in Special Economic Zones)	1.98

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The interviews



Interviews with
16 high-level experts on
public health and
health equity

The Recovery and Resilience Plans lay the ground for reforms during the next six years. A total of 16 experts looked at their country's plans and provided further insights. These experts were also asked to support their statements with data when possible.



The interviews

- ✓ How familiar are you with the European Semester process? And the Recovery and Resilience Plans? Have you been involved in the development of your Recovery and Resilience Plan (directly or indirectly)?
- ✓ Do you consider that the measures outlined in your **Recovery and Resilience Plan will improve health equity** in your country/region/local level?
- ✓ Would you be able to **suggest concrete interventions** to improve health equity in your country/region/local level that should receive funding under the Recovery and Resilience Plan?
- ✓ More specifically, would you be able to suggest public health interventions linked to the **key priority areas** of the Recovery and Resilience Plan such as green, digital, social resilience and upskilling/reskilling?



The results



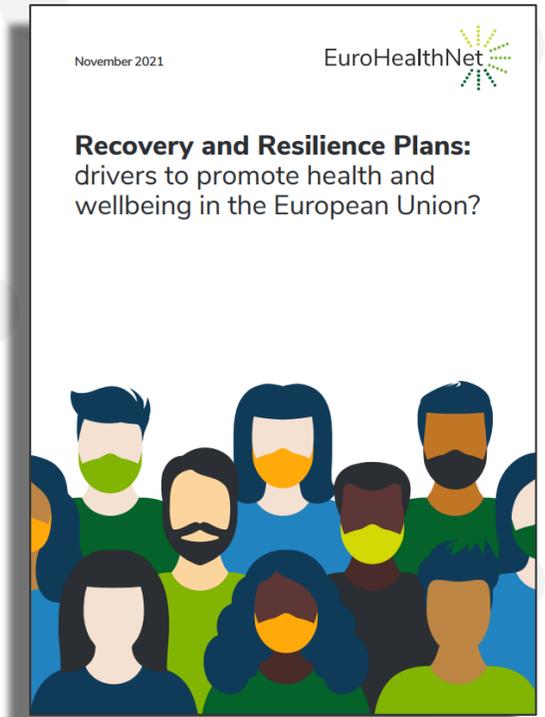
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INVESTMENTS

Ten horizontal
recommendations

Country Specific
Recommendations

Ten horizontal recommendations

1. Creating more enabling **environments for healthy lifestyles** and encouraging the uptake of policies and action with co-benefits for health, green and sustainable environments (active travel, air quality, nutrition)
2. Investing **in primary and community care**, including in public health, health promotion and disease prevention
3. Investing in measures to promote **mental health**, develop and improve mental health systems and services
4. Developing and **improving monitoring and surveillance systems** with an equity focus, including at local levels and with better use of modern technologies



Ten horizontal recommendations

5. Strengthening the **health and social care workforce**, including community nurses and long-term care workers and support their education and vocational training

6. Investing in **digital inclusion and skills**, and digital health literacy

7. Supporting families and young people, and providing equal opportunities for education, and inclusive schools

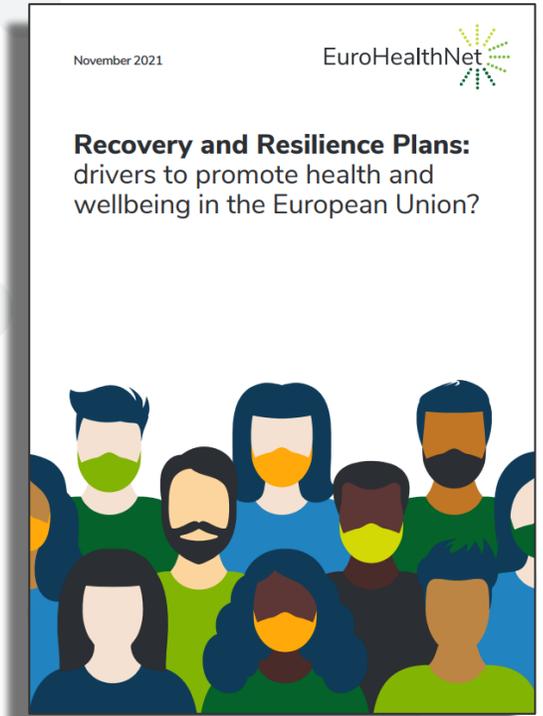


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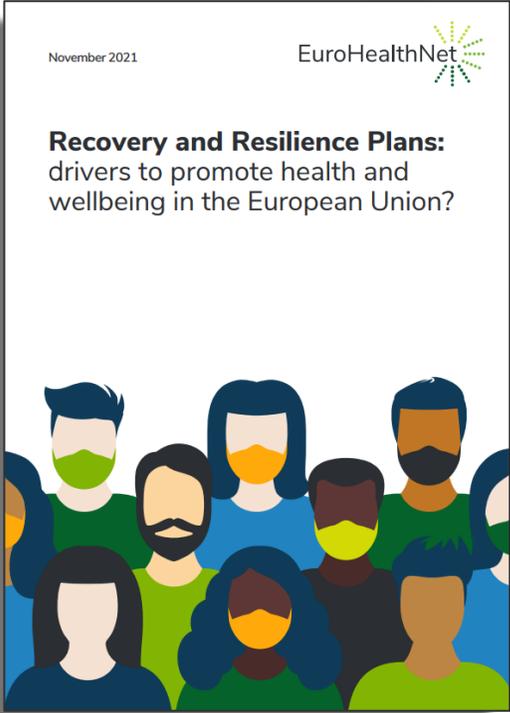
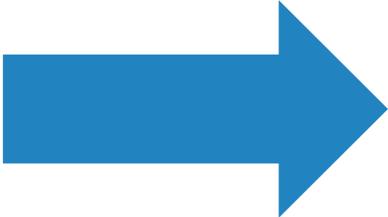
8. Applying **Health Impact Assessments** and monitoring and ensuring equity throughout all recovery activities

9. Improving communication and **cooperation across sectors** (health, social, environment, digital), levels (EU-national-regional-local), and stakeholders (public bodies, civil society, businesses)

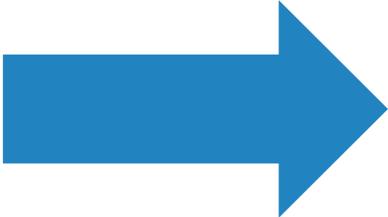
10. Facilitating international **exchange of good practices and experiences** of implementation to increase learning and building of capacities and competencies of relevant policy-makers, investors, and professionals.



Health Equity in the RRP: Italy



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*“We need to take advantage of this historical moment. The Recovery is a **great opportunity** to give to our communities the instruments to promote health and wellbeing.”* Istituto Superiore di Sanità

*“The Plan would benefit from a solid human resources plan, still vague to date. **The equity dimension, although present in the narrative, is not translated in very tangible actions**”* AReSS

Health Equity in the RRP: Italy

*“The Italian RRP in its intentions has many interesting elements to support **public health and community care**. In practice however, it dedicates relatively few funds to public health (out of the 20 billion foreseen) and **only two to three billion to the territorial, and a lot to hospitals**. That is a contradiction. We have treated about 94% of COVID-19 patients at home and only a fraction of the funds is given to community care.” AReSS*

Health Equity in the RRRPs: Italy

- ✓ Allocate more investments to **public health and community care**
- ✓ Establish a **network of health centres to monitor the environmental impact on health**
- ✓ Ensure the proper **monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes** of the national Recovery Plan
- ✓ Introduce **screening programmes at primary care level**

Health Equity in the RRP: Italy

- ✓ Restructure the health systems (Apulia): **administrative centralisation** (“azienda zero”) to avoid duplication of services and reduce wasteful use of resources
- ✓ Carry out a strong **campaign of screening** to properly assess who has been left behind during COVID-19

Health Equity in the RRP: Italy

- ✓ Allocate investments to strengthen **telemedicine** services (digital)
- ✓ Provide the health sector with '**digital staff**' such as data scientists
- ✓ Coordination between **health and green sector**

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