

# Funding opportunities in mental health: the role of the European Semester and the Recovery Fund

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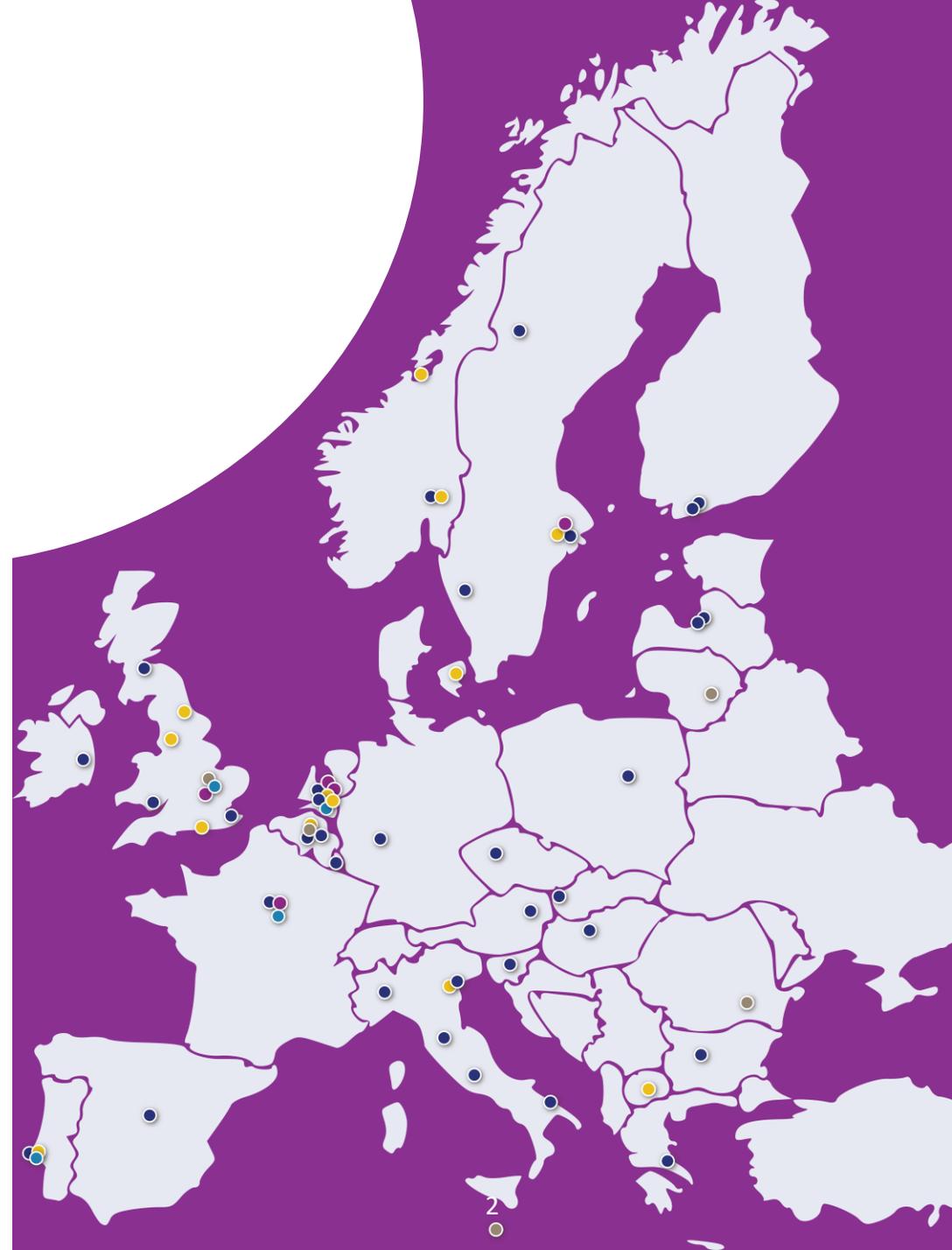


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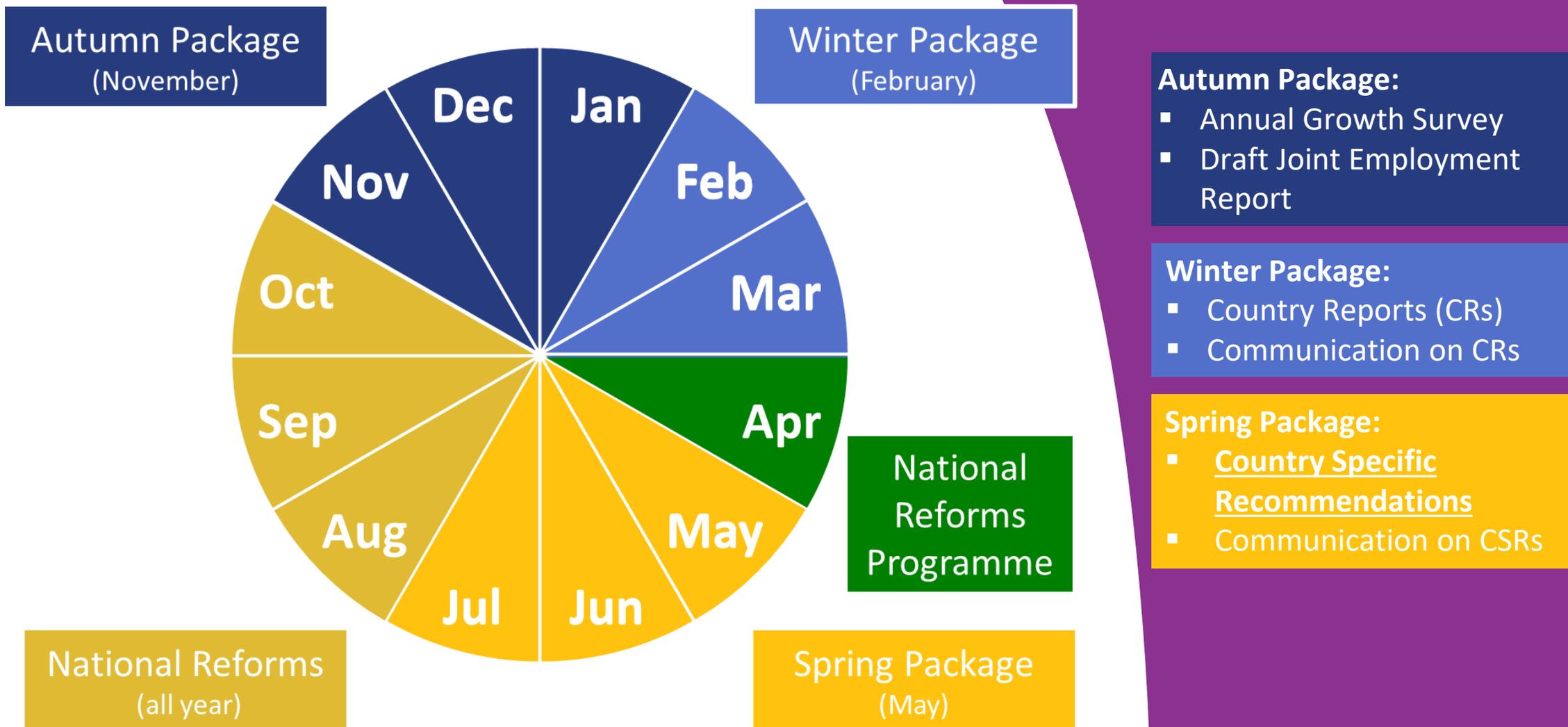
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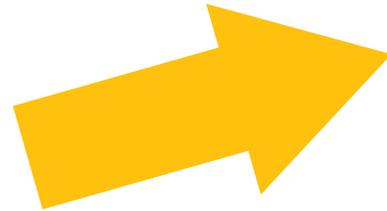
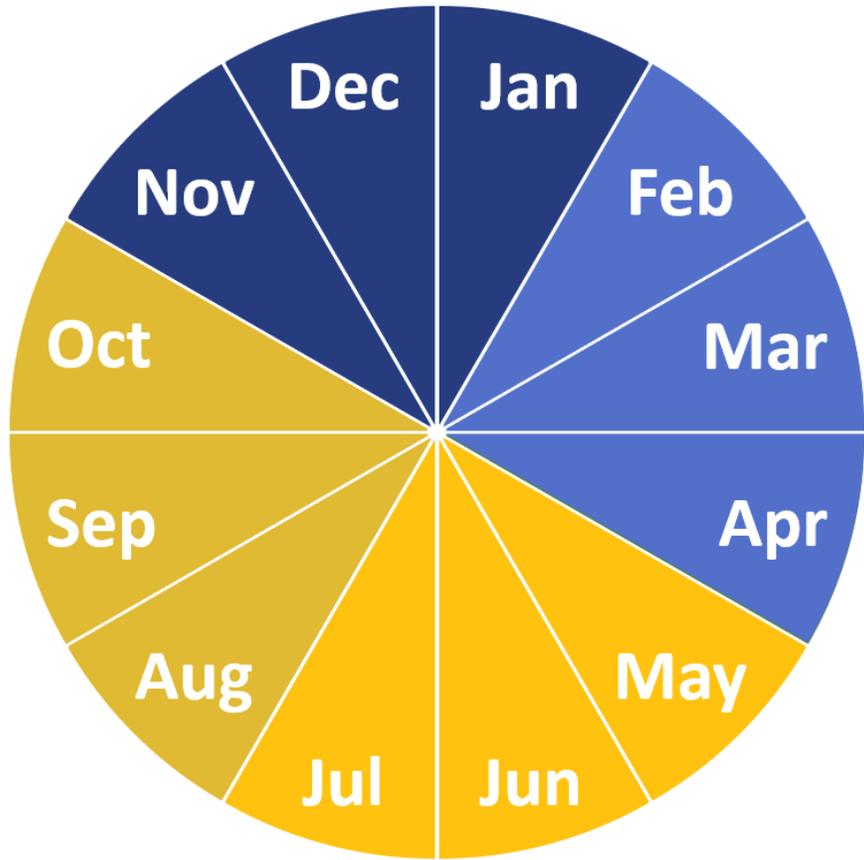
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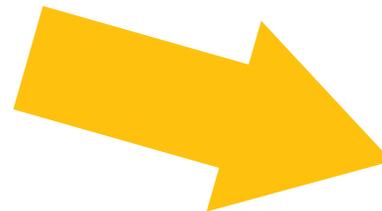
# The European Semester in a nutshell



# The European Semester: why is it important?



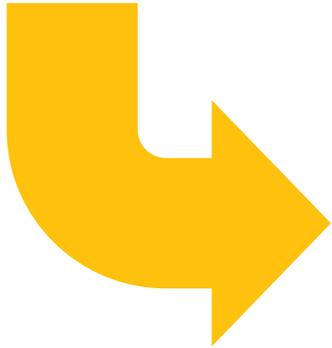
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## The role of the European Semester

European Semester  
2021 cycle



Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

**672,5 billion**

to mitigate the pandemic's economic and social impact and to make Europe more sustainable, resilient and better prepared for future challenges and opportunities

NextGeneration EU

**750 billion**

# Recovery and Resilience Plans

- ✓ Presented by 30 April 2021 and finalised/agreed between May and July 2021
- ✓ Overview of the reforms and investments that each Member State will undertake in the coming 4-6 years
- ✓ 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

*The Recovery and Resilience Facility offers an unprecedented opportunity to boost financing and strategic investments in those sectors that are key to carry out much needed structural reforms for building resilience and more sustainable societies*

# Recovery and Resilience Plans

## Flagships:

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

*The European Commission put forward 7 Flagships projects representing issues mainly linked to 'greening' and 'digitalising' their economies, that Member States are encouraged to include in their plans*

# European Semester 2021 cycle



Recovery and Resilience Facility

672,5 billion



RECOVERY  
PLANS



## Entry points

### Guidelines

- ✓ European Semester 2019 – 2020 - Country Specific Recommendations and Country Reports from 37% Green and 20% Digital

### Flagships

5. Modernise
7. Reskill and upskill

**Mandatory stakeholders consultations**

# Mental health in Country reports2020

**Poland.** **Mental health services** are insufficient and are mainly available in the big cities

**Croatia.** Cooperation between the various institutional bodies (e.g. employment, social, physical and **mental health** and housing support services) remains limited

**Estonia.** Around one third of people in Estonia with reduced work ability suffer from **mental illnesses**, giving rise to the analysis on mental health challenges in the workplace that was carried out in August 2019.

**Lithuania.** The quality of healthcare for people with **mental health** issues is limited with insufficient coordination across different healthcare providers

**Latvia.** Efforts have been made to combat anti-microbial resistance, to improve **mental healthcare** and to support the nursing profession.

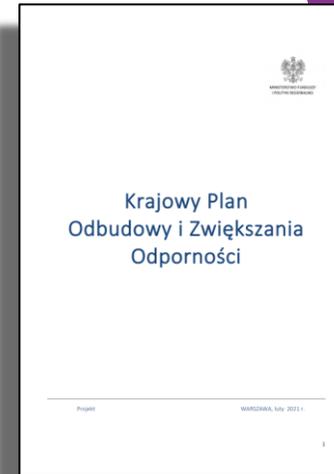
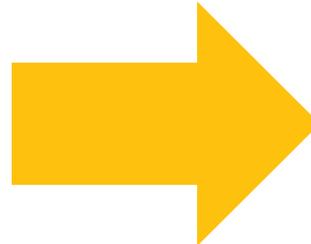
# The case of Poland



## European Semester 2020 (Country Report)



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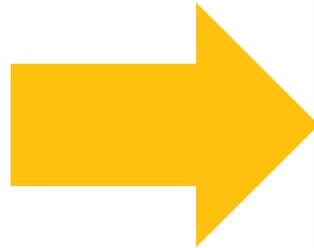
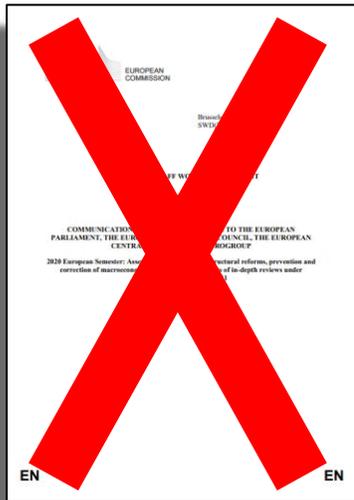
## Recovery and Resilience Plan

- ✓ **Psychiatry** and chronic diseases are two out of 7 focus areas for telemedicine identified to reduce social inequalities
- ✓ Actions supporting deinstitutionalisation of services for people with **mental health** disorders (and others)

# The case of Portugal



## European Semester 2020 (Country Report)



## Recovery and Resilience Plan

**Completion of the Mental Health Reform** (included in the hospital network) (85 M€)

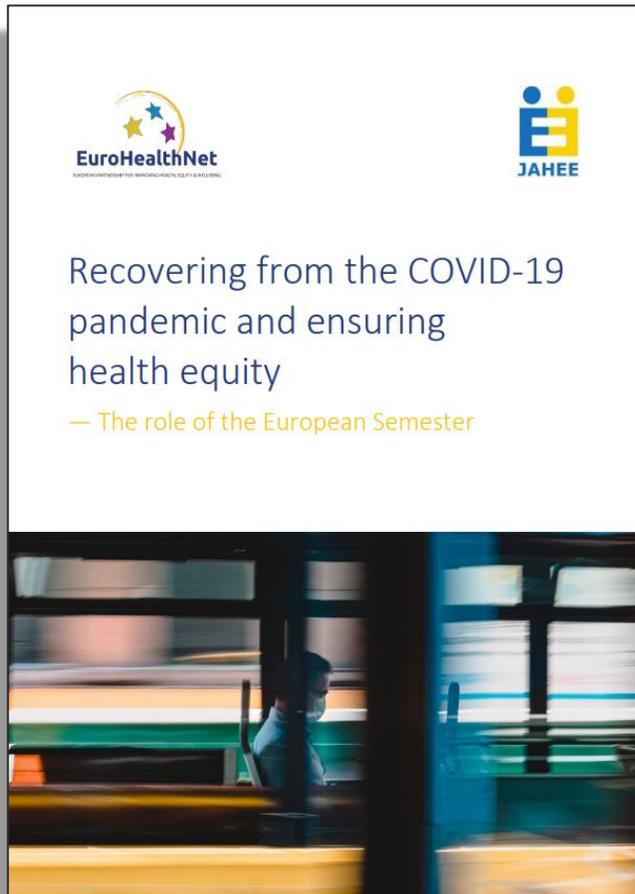
**Strengthening the Regional Health Service of AU (89 M€)** This investment aims to realize the Strategic Plan of the Regional Health System of the Autonomous Region of Madeira and the Regional Strategy for the Promotion of **Mental Health**.

**National Integrated Continuing Care Network and National Palliative Care Network (205 M€)**

- d) Extending up to 1,000 posts from integrated continuing **mental health care** responses in 50 residences and socio-occupational
- f) Extend up to 100 seats in 10 mental health home support teams

# The European Semester from an health equity perspective

## 2020



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- Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)*
  - Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health (SOSTE)*
  - Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH)*
  - Maynooth University (Ireland)*
  - University of Patras (Greece)*
  - Greek Institute of Preventive Medicine Environmental and Occupational Health (PROLEPSIS)*
  - Piedmont Regional Health Promotion Documentation Center (Italy)*
  - Regional Healthcare and Social Affairs Agency of Puglia (ARESS) in Italy*
  - Romanian Public Health Institute*
  - National Institute for Mother and Child Health (Romania)*
  - Slovenian Public Health Institute (NIJZ)*
  - Spanish Ministry of Health*
  - Community of Valencia in Spain*

# Voices from the field and frontline

**Horizontal analysis:** four main topics emerged across most interviews:

- Socio-economy impact in terms of income and unemployment
- Prevention and treatment of other diseases, access to health services
- **Mental health**
- Impact on specific group populations: families with children, older people, migrants/Roma

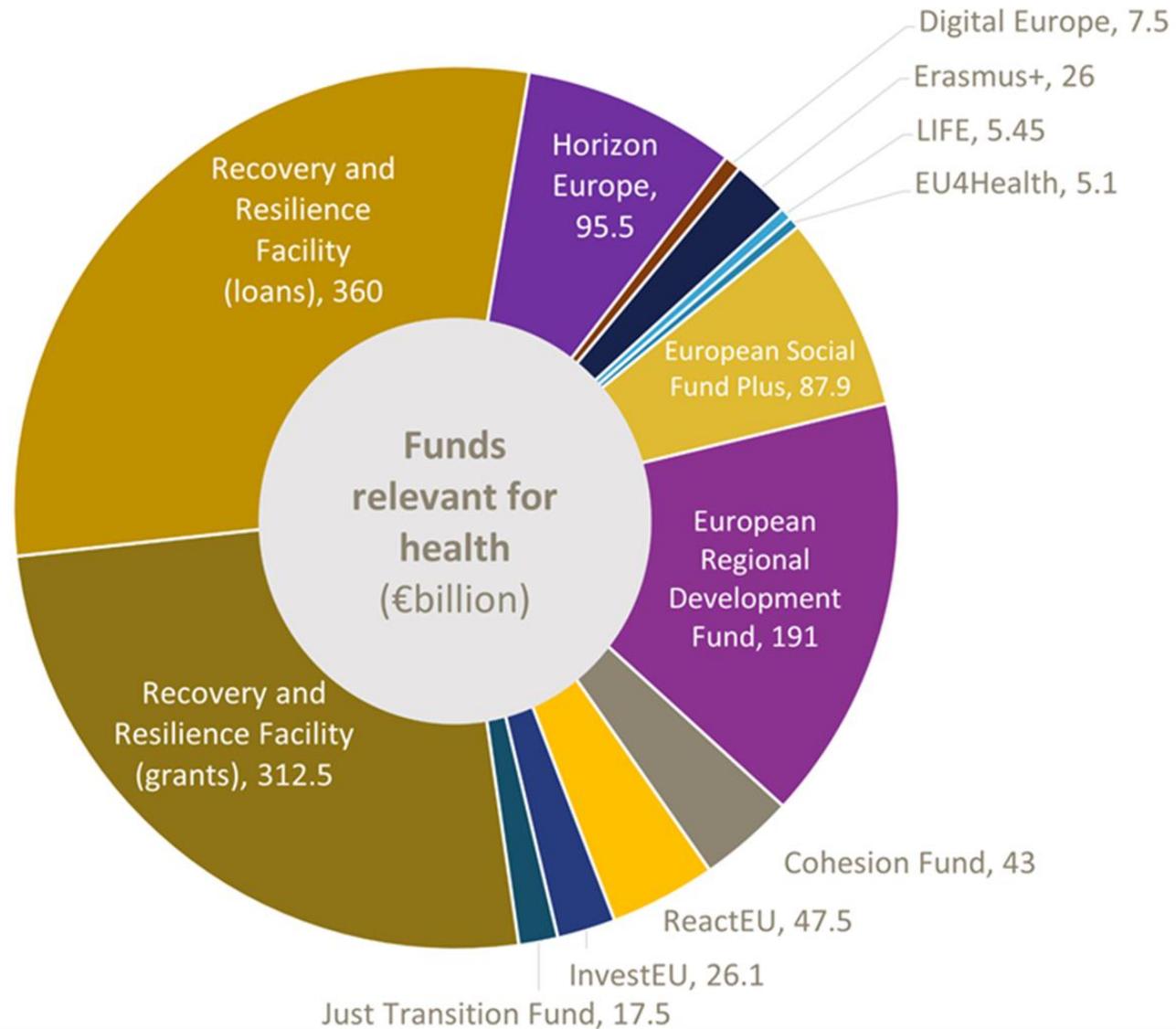


## *Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring health equity — The role of the European Semester*

*Policy Dialogue – 19 November 2020 from 13:00 – 14:30 CET*

13:00 – 13:20	Welcome and presentation of the report: Health inequalities, COVID-19 and the European Semester. Giuseppe Costa, WP4 leader, JAHEE Caroline Costongs, Director, EuroHealthNet
13:20 – 14:00	Panel discussion: how is the European Semester process useful for tackling health inequalities? moderated by Clive Needle, Senior Policy Advisor, EuroHealthNet: Wolfgang Buecherl, Policy Coordinator, DG SANTE - Performance of National Health Systems Filip Tanay, Team Leader, DG EMPL, Unit Employment and Social Aspects of the European Semester Bart Vanhercke, Director of European Social Observatory
14:00 – 14:20	Discussion
14:20 – 14:30	Concluding remarks Giuseppe Costa, WP4 leader, JAHEE Caroline Costongs, Director, EuroHealthNet

# Other windows of opportunities



*“We have to embed **health in all policies**, in an evidence-based way. This means that all government departments, including finance, should be involved, as well as civil society and the private sector.”*

EC President Von der Leyen, about the Global Health Summit to be held in Italy May 2021

# Reducing health inequalities through the MFF

## EU4Health programme (€5.1 billion)

## European Social Fund+ (ESF+, including EaSI)

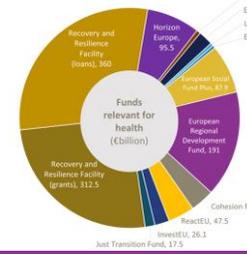
- ESF+ (€87.9 billion) to deliver on the **European Pillar of Social Rights**

## European Regional Development (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF)

- ERDF (€191 billion), Key investment priority 4 (out of 5): quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion, equal access to healthcare, health systems' resilience
- 'Europe closer to citizens': locally-led approach, 6% to urban development
- €43 billion (CF) for low GNI countries.

## Cohesion policy

- ✓ “simpler and stronger”
- ✓ reducing disparities
- ✓ better reflect the reality on the ground
- ✓ linked to the European Semester



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