Implementation of the Recovery Plan for Europe

State-of-Play of the NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLANS

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Dialogue with Member States

- The Commission has received **16 first draft plans/majority of components** (21 January 2021).

- **Technical discussions** are ongoing with Member States. The state of advancement varies across Member States.

- **Revised Guidance to Member States** published on 22 January 2021, reflecting the agreed text of the Regulation.

- Member States now need to **align their drafts** with agreed text of the Regulation and the revised Guidance.
Investment agenda in the various national plans broadly in line with Regulation’s six pillars and the Flagships, such as sustainable transport and digital skills.

However, some common observations and challenges include:

• Striking the right balance between reforms and investments.
  • Reform elements relevant for RRP implementation (e.g. investment bottlenecks).
  • Reform elements to increase economic and social resilience (e.g. reforms to increase sustainability of public finances).

• Addressing the challenges identified in the country-specific recommendations.
Horizontal observations (II)

Further common substantive observations and challenges:

• Meeting the **20% digital** target and **37% climate mainstreaming** target.

• All measures (reforms & investments) to respect the ‘**do no significant harm**’ principle.

• Encouraging **cross-border projects** - essential for recovery and to strengthening Europe’s resilience and the Internal Market.
Horizontal observations (III)

Common observations and challenges, essential for implementation of the plans, include:

• Defining specific, measurable, time bound and ambitious **milestones** and **targets**.

• Defining credible and robust **cost estimates**.

• Setting up effective **audit & control systems**.

• Assessing **State Aid compliance** and launching notifications.
Specifically: Consultation Process

Member States are invited to consult their plans broadly:

• **Summary of consultation process** to be described in the plans.

• To be conducted in accordance with the **national legal framework**.

• **Consultation should involve** local and regional authorities, **social partners**, civil society organisations, youth organisations and other stakeholders.

• Consultations both for **preparatory work** and **implementation**.
Conclusions

- **Finalisation of the legal framework** establishes clarity for Commission, Member States and stakeholders.

- Technical discussions continue, inter alia to ensure that all draft plans are adjusted to the amendments in the Regulation

- **Very significant work** still to be done

- **Tight time-frame** for submission of plans by 30 April
Thank you

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