

**Question for written answer E-004623/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: France is financing the post-coronavirus recovery plan for the other European countries and receiving a third as much in grants as Poland.

On 21 July 2020, ¹ the 'Next Generation EU' plan was fixed at EUR 750 billion, of which EUR 312.5 would be in the form of grants ².

While the budget rebates granted to Germany (EUR 3.7 billion) and other rich countries are clearly set out (page 65), how the grants are divided up among countries is not clear. Yet many heads of state have made statements about the grants obtained. For example, President Macron noted that he had obtained 40 billion in grants for France ³. Poland is said to have received 125 billion ⁴, Italy 81 billion and Spain 73 billion.

However, the Bruegel Institute ⁵ reports different figures. It also pointed out that France would not receive anything for the health fund (EU4Health), although it should receive 1.4 billion, and that its grants for research (Horizon Europe) would be cut by half.

1. Will the Commission say how the grants are divided up, per Member State, under the Recovery and Resilience Facility?
2. What will France's net contribution to the EUR 312.5 billion be, given that the Commission initially estimated, on 27 May, that France would lose EUR 52 billion ⁶?

¹ Next generation EU: <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-10-2020-INIT/en/pdf>

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:4524c01c-a0e6-11ea-9d2d-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC_1&format=PDF

³ <https://vu.fr/KuMK>

⁴ <https://www.polishnews.co.uk/prime-minister-mateusz-morawiecki-after-the-summit-in-brussels-what-has-poland-negotiated/> At the end of May, amounts which were similar – although very different with regard to Poland – were reported in the press: Italy, EUR 82 billion in grants; Spain 77 billion; France 39 billion; Poland 38 billion https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2020/05/27/la-commission-europeenne-propose-un-plan-de-relance-de-750-milliards-empruntes-en-commun_6040931_3210.html

⁵ <https://www.bruegel.org/2020/07/having-the-cake-how-eu-recovery-fund/>

⁶ p. 51, annex A1: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020SC0098&from=EN>