OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs


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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The rapporteur welcomes the proposal to establish a Recovery and Resilience Facility with the aim to offer large-scale financial support in order to make Member State economies more resilient and better prepared for the future.

The rapporteur wishes to emphasise the importance of the transport sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. This crisis has shown the importance of the good functioning of freight transport for the security of supply and that public transport for critical workers is essential to mitigate the crisis. Consequently, increasing the resilience of the European transport system is a matter of strategic importance. Furthermore, the rapporteur recalls that the transport and tourism sector have been among the most severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and require therefore specific attention at the European level as well as in national recovery and resilience plans.

The rapid recovery of the European economy requires investment in mature projects with high potential for supporting growth and the creation of jobs: the identified needs, investment backlog and existing pipeline of mature projects that will develop transport infrastructure offers significant opportunities in this respect.

As a sector representing more than 25% of European CO2 emissions and with limited reductions so far, investment aiming to support transport decarbonisation should be given priority, in line with existing country-specific recommendations under the European Semester process, as well as with national recovery and resilience plans.

The European Union remains a global leader in transport. In terms of EU export sectors, it commands one of the largest shares of exported value, comprising aeronautical, rail or automotive products and services. But this leadership is now put into question and needs to be defended, including through the adoption of green technologies, digital transformation and a deeper commitment towards innovation.

The rapporteur strongly believes that ambitious investments in the transport sector are needed to complete the key sections and nodes of the TEN-T Core Network and, where necessary, to complement national funding or funding from the Connecting Europe Facility and/or the Regional Policy funds. Support should ensure the timely completion of the sections identified in the TEN-T Corridor Work Plans and prioritise works able to take place in the period running from 2021-2023.

The deployment of low and zero-emission vehicles and vessels should be a priority. Such investment should include the necessary recharging/refuelling infrastructure where persistent gaps exist, notably for long-distance travel, ports, and in less densely populated areas. It should also incorporate the development of sustainable urban mobility, including fleets and the needs for multimodality travel. In addition, the deployment of smart traffic management systems and ‘Mobility as a Service’ solutions are important, while the implementation of the European Common Mobility Data Space, as an important component of the European Strategy for data, should also be reflected in the priorities attached to the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

The rapporteur draws attention to the risk that given the short-term period and the emphasis of the national envelopes in the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the implementation of the Facility and dispersal of funds may be skewed in order to meet short deadlines. The rapporteur is of the opinion that such an approach would run counter to the initial purpose of the Facility and should be guarded against.

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The rapporteur emphasises that the Recovery and Resilience Facility should not lead to a higher risk of a distortion of the level playing field of the Single Market. Such distortion would increase economic divergences in the Union and aggravate Europe’s long-term growth challenges. In preparing and implementing their Recovery and Resilience Plans and in proposing reforms and investments Member States will have to consider Article 107 TFEU and the State aid framework and its restrictions. The proper functioning of the Single Market and its competition and State aid rules are to the benefit of European consumers and businesses and are necessary to avoid undue distortions of competition. The Commission must therefore continue to perform its role under the EU Treaties to ensure a level playing field in the EU's Single Market.

The unemployment index as a component of a particular Member State’s socio-economical capacity is affected by the Member State’s workforce migration development internally in the EU. As the Member State faces an increase of emigration, it not only affects its GDP but it also decreases its unemployment rate – an integral part of the allocation key. While this is statistically accurate, such as decrease in unemployment may not reveal the true socio-economic landscape in that Member State. Therefore, in order to facilitate the main ambition of the balanced Recovery and Resilience Facility implementation in accordance with its aims, the proposed unemployment rate should be adjusted in accordance with related migration flows attributed to individual Member States.

The rapporteur acknowledges that incorporating migration flows into the allocation key may be a challenge, given the urgent need for the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the need for careful consideration of how to implement this important correction. In the event that it is not politically possible to agree this inclusion in the current proposal, the rapporteur considers this additional part of the allocation key as an essential component to include in the next revision or continuation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, as the committees responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

**Amendment 1**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 changed the economic outlook for the years to come in the Union and in the world, calling for an urgent and coordinated response from the Union in order to cope with the enormous economic and social consequences for all Member. The challenges linked to the

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demographic context have been amplified by COVID-19. The current COVID-19 pandemic as well as the previous economic and financial crisis have shown that developing sound and resilient economies and financial systems built on strong economic and social structures helps Member States to respond more efficiently to shocks and recover more swiftly from them. The medium and long-term consequences of the COVID-19 crisis will critically depend on how quickly Member States’ economies will recover from the crisis, which in turn depends on the fiscal space Member States have available to take measures to mitigate the social and economic impact of the crisis, and on the resilience of their economies. Reforms and investments to address structural weaknesses of the economies and strengthen their resilience will therefore be essential to set the economies back on a sustainable recovery path and avoid further widening of the divergences in the Union.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Past experiences have shown that investment is often drastically cut during crises. However, it is essential to support investment in this particular situation to speed up the recovery and strengthen long-term growth potential. Investing in green and digital technologies, capacities and processes aimed at assisting clean energy transition, boosting energy efficiency in housing and other key sectors of the economy are important to achieve sustainable growth and help create jobs. It will also help make the Union more

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(6) Past experiences have shown that investment is often drastically cut during crises and that public services and the most marginalised in society suffer the most as a result. However, it is essential to support investment in this particular situation to speed up the recovery and strengthen long-term growth potential while avoiding the mistakes of the past in terms of social and environmental harm. Investing in green and digital technologies and innovation, sustainable mobility and transport infrastructure, including
resilient and less dependent by diversifying key supply chains. alternative sustainable fuels
infrastructures, capacities and processes aimed at assisting clean energy transition and boosting energy efficiency in housing and other key sectors of the economic are important to achieve sustainable growth and help create jobs. It will also help make the Union more resilient and less dependent by diversifying key supply chains.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Against this background, it is necessary to strengthen the current framework for the provision of support to Member States and provide direct financial support to Member States through an innovative tool. To that end, a Recovery and Resilience Facility (the ‘Facility’) should be established under this Regulation to provide effective financial and significant support to step up the implementation of reforms and related public investments in the Member States. The Facility should be comprehensive and should also benefit from the experience gained by the Commission and the Member States from the use of the other instruments and programmes.

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of completion of the recovery and resilience plan and the pay-out should only take place after reaching the relevant milestones has been verified by the Commission.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Reflecting the European Green Deal as Europe’s sustainable growth strategy and the translation of the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, the Facility established by this Regulation will contribute to mainstreaming climate actions and environmental sustainability and to the achievement of an overall target of 25% of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives.

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Amendment 5  
Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(11a) As the transport sector represents more than 25 % of Union CO₂ emissions, investments that support transport decarbonisation should be given priority in line with the existing country-specific recommendations of the European Semester process as well as with national recovery and resilience plans.

Amendment 6  
Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) The Facility’s general objective should be the promotion of economic, social and territorial cohesion. For that purpose, it should contribute to improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social and economic impact of the crisis, and supporting the green and digital transitions aimed at achieving a climate neutral Europe by 2050, thereby restoring the growth potential of the economies of the Union in the aftermath of the crisis, fostering employment creation and to promoting sustainable growth.

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(14) The Facility’s general objective should be the promotion of economic, social and territorial cohesion while protecting the environment. For that purpose, it should contribute to improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social and economic impact of the crisis, with a specific focus on sectors that have been more significantly affected, such as tourism and transport, and supporting the transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy aimed at achieving a carbon neutral Europe by 2050, taking into account the existing disparities in economic development of individual regions and Member States, thereby restoring the growth potential and long-term competitiveness of the economies of the Union in the aftermath of the crisis, fostering employment creation, up- and reskilling of workers, and to promoting sustainable growth, as well as structural transformation of the economy and
innovative and sustainable reindustrialisation, while also contributing to the achievement of gender equality.

Amendment 7
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(14a) Given its strong need for innovation with regard to the green transition and digital transformation, the transport sector should be prioritised, especially projects for the development of zero-emission mobility and the necessary vehicles and infrastructure, the evolution of alternative sustainable fuels and the development and rollout of a sustainable cross-border infrastructure for e-mobility, as well as the transition towards green hydrogen, intelligent traffic management systems and autonomous driving.

Amendment 8
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(14b) The Facility should contribute to the completion of key sections and nodes of the TEN-T Core and comprehensive Networks and, where necessary, should complement national funding or funding from the Connecting Europe Facility and the Regional Policy funds. Support should ensure the timely completion of the sections identified in the TEN-T Corridor Work Plans and prioritise works which can take place in the period from 2021-2024.
Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The specific objective of the Facility should be to provide financial support with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of reforms and investments as set out in recovery and resilience plans. That specific objective should be pursued in close cooperation with the Member States concerned.

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Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) To ensure its contribution to the objectives of the Facility, the recovery and resilience plan should comprise measures for the implementation of reforms and public investment projects through a coherent recovery and resilience plan. The recovery and resilience plan should be consistent with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester, with the national reform programmes, the national energy and climate plans, the just transition plans, and the partnership agreements and operational programmes adopted under the Union funds. To boost actions that fall within the priorities of the European Green Deal and the Digital Agenda, the plan should also set out measures that are relevant for the green and digital transitions. The measures should enable a swift deliver of targets, objectives and contributions set out in national energy and climate plans and updates thereof. All supported activities

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should be pursued in full respect of the climate and environmental priorities of the Union. carbon-neutral circular economy. The measures should enable a swift deliver of targets, objectives and contributions set out in national energy and climate plans and updates thereof. All supported activities should be pursued in full respect of the climate and environmental priorities of the Union.

Amendment 11
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(16a) Member States should consider the development and the digitalisation of the sustainable transport infrastructures along the TEN-T core and comprehensive networks in the respective territories and in cross-border nodes as key objectives in the framework of the national investment plans for recovery in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic;

Amendment 12
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(16b) In the framework of the National Investment Plans for recovery, Member States should ensure intensified financial efforts to deploy key technologies for interoperability in sustainable transport, such as ERTMS, in order to contribute to the overall objective of creating a sustainable and interoperable European railway area;

Amendment 13
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(16c) The creation of a sustainable and smart European transport area involves necessarily the implementation of an interoperable and digitalised railway network along the TEN-T through the installation of ERTMS, with an overall cost of no less than EUR 15 billion. The National plans for recovery should therefore contribute to this objective and complement the efforts to deploy ERTMS along the TEN-T networks. The Commission should take all the necessary initiatives to achieve this objective.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(16d) Funding under the resilience facility is only possible if Member States fully respect the rule of law as well as the dispositions laid down in the European Parliament legislative resolution of 4 April 2019 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the Union’s budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States\textsuperscript{1a}.

\textsuperscript{1a} Texts adopted, P8_TA(2019)0349.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 a (new)
Text proposed by the Commission

(18a) In preparing and implementing their Recovery and Resilience Plans and in proposing reforms and investments Member States should consider Article 107 TFEU and the State aid framework and its restrictions. The proper functioning of the internal market and its competition and State aid rules benefit of European consumers and businesses and are necessary to avoid undue distortions of competition. The Commission should therefore continue to perform its role under the Treaties to ensure a level playing field in the internal market. The Commission should take the relevant decisions on State aid measures within the shortest possible timeframe, in order to enable the rapid disbursement of economic support to companies.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to ensure the national ownership and a focus on relevant reforms and investments, Member States wishing to receive support should submit to the Commission a recovery and resilience plan that is duly reasoned and substantiated. The recovery and resilience plan should set out the detailed set of measures for its implementation, including targets and milestones, and the expected impact of the recovery and resilience plan on growth potential, job creation and economic and social resilience; it should also include measures that are relevant for the green and the digital transitions; it should also include an explanation of the consistency of the proposed recovery and resilience

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plan with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(21a) The requirement to outline an indicative timetable with milestones and targets in the recovery and resilience plans should not restrict the possibility to include more complex infrastructure investments the execution periods for which may be longer than seven years.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) The Commission should assess the recovery and resilience plan proposed by the Member States and should act in close cooperation with the Member State concerned. The Commission will fully respect the national ownership of the process and will therefore take into account the justification and elements provided by the Member State concerned and assess whether the recovery and resilience plan proposed by the Member State is expected to contribute to effectively address challenges identified in the relevant country-specific recommendation addressed to the Member State concerned
or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European Semester; whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and the digital transitions and to addressing the challenges resulting from them; whether the plan is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State concerned; whether the plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis and contribute to enhancing economic, social and territorial cohesion; whether the justification provided by the Member State of the estimated total costs of the recovery and resilience plan submitted is reasonable and plausible and is commensurate to the expected impact on the economy and employment; whether the proposed recovery and resilience plan contains measures for the implementation of reforms and public investment projects that represent coherent actions; and whether the arrangement proposed by the Member State concerned are expected to ensure effective implementation of the recovery and resilience plan, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

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crisis, and to ensure compatibility with the available funding for this instrument, the allocation of funds to the Member States should be made available until 31 December 2024. To this effect, at least 60 percent of the amount available for non-repayable support should be legally committed by 31 December 2022. The remaining amount should be legally committed by 31 December 2024. A swift distribution of the funds is crucial in order to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 crisis on Europe's economy.

Amendment 20
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(27a) Given the short-term focus and the emphasis placed on national envelopes in the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, there is a risk that meeting the deadline for implementing the funding will be prioritised over checking that it is being used for its initial purpose.

Amendment 21
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(27b) Member States should include in their national recovery and resilience plans investments in cross-border and multi-country projects, which can contribute to the economic recovery and generate European Added Value, while respecting the Union’s 2050 climate neutrality objective. In order to support Member States in the preparation of their national Recovery and Resilience Plans,
the Commission should draw up a non-exhaustive list of projects of European Added Value including but not limited to projects to improve the sustainability of tourism, upgrade infrastructures implementing the TEN-T Networks, provide missing cross-border rail links, improve active mobility, boost investment in the aeronautical industry and promote inland waterways navigability, as well as to promote the development of ERTMS on European Freight Corridors.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) The request for a loan should be justified by the financial needs linked to additional reforms and investments included in the recovery and resilience plan, notably relevant for the green and digital transitions, and by therefore, by a higher cost of the plan than the maximum financial contribution (to be) allocated via the non-repayable contribution. It should be possible to submit the request for a loan together with the submission of the plan. In case the request for loan is made at a different moment in time, it should be accompanied by a revised plan with additional milestones and targets. To ensure frontloading of resources, Member States should request a loan support at the latest by 31 August 2024. For the purposes of sound financial management, the total amount of all the loans granted under this Regulation should be capped. In addition, the maximum volume of the loan for each Member State should not exceed 4.7% of its Gross National Income. An increase of the capped amount should be possible in exceptional circumstances subject to available resources. For the same reasons of sound financial management, it should

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Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) A Member State should have the possibility to make a reasoned request to amend the recovery and resilience plan within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action. The Commission should assess the reasoned request and take a new decision within four months.

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Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) In order to ensure an efficient and coherent allocation of funds from the Union budget and to respect the principle of sound financial management, actions under this Regulation should be consistent with and be complementary to ongoing Union programmes, whilst avoiding double funding for the same expenditure. In particular, the Commission and the Member State should ensure, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to safeguard the consistency, coherence, complementarity and synergy among sources of funding. To that effect, Member States should be required to present the relevant, information on existing or planned Union financing when submitting their plans to the Commission.

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Financial support under Facility should be additional to the support provided under other Union funds and programmes, and reform and investment projects financed under the Facility should be able to receive funding from other Union programmes and instruments provided that such support does not cover the same cost.

Amendment 25
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35 a (new)

**Text proposed by the Commission**

(35a) The rapid recovery of the Union economy requires investment in mature projects with a high potential for supporting growth, decarbonisation of the economy and the creation of jobs; the identified needs, investment backlog and existing pipeline of mature projects that will develop sustainable transport infrastructure offer great opportunities in this respect.

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Amendment 26
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35 b (new)

**Text proposed by the Commission**

(35b) Assessment criteria for use in accessing whether projects add value at the Union level should be published to avoid a patchwork of national approaches that might be contradictory or short-sighted; for example, in the field of sustainable transport, projects that promote cross-border connections would have a positive long-term impact on the Union's economy and society.
Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) Pursuant to paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Interinstitutional Agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, there is a need to evaluate the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by this Regulation on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States. These requirements, where appropriate, should include measurable indicators, as a basis for evaluating the effects of the instruments on the ground.

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Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

(37) It is opportune that the Commission provides an annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Facility set out in this Regulation. This report should include information on the progress made by Member States under the recovery and resilience plans approved; it should also include information on the volume of the proceeds assigned to the Facility under the European Union Recovery Instrument in the previous year, broken down by budget line, and the contribution of the amounts raised through the European Union Recovery Instrument to the achievements of the objectives of the Facility.

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(37) It is opportune that the Commission provides a semi-annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Facility set out in this Regulation. This report should include information on the progress made by Member States under the recovery and resilience plans approved; it should also include information on the volume of the proceeds assigned to the Facility under the European Union Recovery Instrument in the previous year, broken down by budget line, and the contribution of the amounts raised through the European Union Recovery Instrument to the achievements of the objectives of the Facility. It should also contain information on the progress made towards reaching the individual...
milestones, targets and corresponding indicators outlined in each Member State’s recovery and resilience plan.

Amendment 29
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

(39) The recovery and resilience plans to be implemented by the Member States and the corresponding financial contribution allocated to them should be established by the Commission by way of implementing act. In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. The implementing powers relating to the adoption of the recovery and resilience plans and to the payment of the financial support upon fulfilment of the relevant milestones and targets should be exercised by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, under the examination procedure thereof. After the adoption of an implementing act, it should be possible for the Member State concerned and the Commission to agree on certain operational arrangements of a technical nature, detailing aspects of the implementation with respect to timelines, indicators for the milestones and targets, and access to underlying data. To allow the continuous relevance of the operational arrangements in respect of the prevailing circumstances during the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan, it should be possible that the elements of such technical arrangements may be modified by mutual consent. Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of

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the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in the Financial Regulation and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial management and effective EU funding.


Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1
The scope of application of the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by this Regulation shall refer to policy areas related to economic, social and territorial cohesion, the green and digital transitions, health, competitiveness, resilience, productivity, education and skills, research and innovation, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and the stability of the financial systems.

The scope of application of the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by this Regulation shall refer to policy areas related to economic, social and territorial cohesion, the transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy by 2050, sustainable tourism, sustainable mobility, transport infrastructure and the evolution of alternative sustainable fuels for all modes of transport and sustainable cross-border infrastructure particularly related to TEN-T core networks, intelligent transport management systems, autonomous driving, e-mobility, the transition towards green hydrogen, health, competitiveness, resilience, productivity, education and skills, research and innovation, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, protection of the environment and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the stability of the financial systems and a well-functioning single market.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

The general objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility shall be to promote the Union’s economic, social and territorial cohesion by improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social and economic impact of the crisis, and supporting the green and digital transitions, thereby contributing to restoring the growth potential of the economies of the Union, fostering employment creation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, and promoting protection of the environment and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the stability of the financial systems and a well-functioning single market.

The general objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility shall be to support recovery and promote the Union’s economic, social and territorial cohesion by improving the resilience, its critical infrastructure and adjustment capacity of the Member States, taking into account the outermost regions, mitigating the social territorial, regional and economic impact of the crisis, including the alleviation of economic inequality and the transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy thereby
sustainable growth. contributing to restoring the growth potential and long-term competitiveness of the economies of the Union, fostering employment creation and furthering efforts to promote the upskilling and reskilling of workers in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, and promoting smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and connectivity, whilst keeping the added value of the financial support within the Union.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. To achieve that general objective, the specific objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility shall be to provide Member States with financial support with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of reforms and investments as set out in their recovery and resilience plans. That specific objective shall be pursued in close cooperation with the Member States concerned.

Amendment

2. To achieve that general objective, the specific objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility shall be to provide Member States with financial support with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of reforms and investments as set out in their recovery and resilience plans. Member States shall ensure that their recovery and resilience plans are fully in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, helping transform the economy and promoting social justice. That specific objective shall be pursued in close cooperation with the Member States concerned.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ba) up to 10 % of the amount mentioned in Article 5(1), point (a), shall be allocated for financing the Projects of
European Added Value specified in Article 5a.

Amendment 35
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a
Projects of European Added Value

The amount specified in Article 5(1), point (ba), shall be used for the purpose of financing Projects of European Added Value having a European coverage with a large contribution to the green and digital transition and to the economic recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis. The Projects of European Added Value shall be jointly introduced by involved Member States on the basis of a proposed project and the Commission through its assessment procedure in order to safeguard the allocated amount. The Commission shall propose a non-exhaustive list of projects of European Added Value specifying the participating Member States, the amounts, the milestones and the targets.

Amendment 36
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In pursuance of the objectives set out in Article 4, Member States shall prepare national recovery and resilience plans. These plans shall set out the reform and investment agenda of the Member
State concerned for the subsequent four years. Recovery and resilience plans eligible for financing under this instrument shall comprise measures for the implementation of reforms and public investment projects through a coherent package.

**Amendment 37**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 14 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The recovery and resilience plans shall be consistent with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester, in particular those relevant for or resulting from the green and digital transition. The recovery and resilience plans shall also be consistent with the information included by the Member States in the national reform programmes under the European Semester, in their national energy and climate plans and updates thereof under the Regulation (EU)2018/1999, in the territorial just transition plans under the Just Transition Fund, and in the partnership agreements and operational programmes under the Union funds.

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Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 3 a (new)

_text proposed by the Commission_

3a. Consumption expenditure and regular ongoing budgetary expenditure shall not be eligible for funding, unless the Member State is able to demonstrate that they will produce longer-term effects in line with Article 4, that the sustainability of their financing will be ensured after the duration of the Facility, and that the negative effect on the government balance is only temporary, in full compliance with the Commission Guidance to Members States Recovery and Resilience plans.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point b

_text proposed by the Commission_

(b) an explanation of how the plan strengthens the growth potential, job creation and economic and social resilience of the Member State concerned, mitigates the economic and social impact of the crisis, and its contribution to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion and convergence;

Amendment 40

(b) an explanation of how the plan strengthens the growth potential and long-term competitiveness, job creation and economic and social resilience of the Member State concerned, promotes the development of cross-border transport infrastructures, mitigates the economic and social impact of the crisis, with a specific focus on microenterprises and SMEs most affected by the crisis, and its contribution to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion and convergence;
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) an explanation of how the measures in the plan are expected to contribute to the green and the digital transitions or to the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment

(c) an explanation of how the measures in the plan are expected to contribute to the transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy or to the challenges resulting from them, especially regarding necessary investments in sustainable transport infrastructure and the evolution of alternative sustainable fuels for all modes of transport;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ca) an explanation of how the measures in the plan contribute to the overall objective of a climate-neutral Europe by 2050 and how it aligns with the national energy and climate plan and the territorial just transition plans;

Amendment

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(cb) an explanation of how the plan will contribute to the objectives of achieving gender equality and reducing economic inequality;
Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point d

_text proposed by the Commission_

(d) envisaged milestones, targets and an indicative timetable for the implementation of the reforms over a maximum period of four years, and of the investments over a maximum period of seven years;

Amendment

(d) envisaged milestones, targets and an indicative timetable for the implementation of the reforms over a maximum period of four years, and of the investments over a maximum period of seven years, _with the exception of complex infrastructural investments the execution periods of which require a longer timeframe_;

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point j a (new)

_text proposed by the Commission_

(ja) assurance that financial assistance is only provided to undertakings that respect the applicable collective agreements and are not registered in tax havens as listed on Council’s EU list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions;

Amendment

(ja) assurance that financial assistance is only provided to undertakings that respect the applicable collective agreements and are not registered in tax havens as listed on Council’s EU list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions;

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

_text proposed by the Commission_

3. The Commission shall assess the importance and coherence of the recovery and resilience plan and its contribution to the _green and digital transitions_, and for that purpose, shall take into account the following criteria:

Amendment

3. The Commission shall assess the importance and coherence of the recovery and resilience plan and its contribution to the _transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy_, and for that purpose, shall take into account the following criteria:
Amendment 46
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and the digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy or to addressing the challenges resulting from them and providing means for sustainable and resilient infrastructure;

Amendment 47
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ba) whether the plan contributes to the overall objective of a climate-neutral Europe by 2050 and how it aligns with the Member State’s national energy and climate plan and territorial just transition plans;

Amendment

Amendment 48
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ca) whether the plan contributes to the objective of achieving gender equality and reducing economic inequality;

Amendment

Amendment 49
Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1
1. The Commission shall adopt a decision within four months of the official submission of the recovery and resilience plan by the Member State, by means of an implementing act. In the event that the Commission gives a positive assessment to a recovery and resilience plan, that decision shall set out the reforms and investment projects to be implemented by the Member State, including the milestones and targets, and the financial contribution allocated in accordance with Article 11.

**Amendment**

1. The Commission shall adopt a decision within two months of the official submission of the recovery and resilience plan by the Member State, by means of a delegated act. The decision shall be based on the evaluation of the recovery and resilience plan and on the communication with the Member State concerned including possible corrections. In the event that the Commission gives a positive assessment to a recovery and resilience plan, that decision shall set out the reforms and investment projects to be implemented by the Member State, including the milestones and targets, and the financial contribution allocated in accordance with Article 11.

**Amendment 50**

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 4 – point a

**Text proposed by the Commission**

(a) the financial contribution to be paid in instalments once the Member State has satisfactorily implemented the relevant milestones and targets identified in relation to the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan;

**Amendment**

(a) the financial contribution to be paid in instalments once the Member State has either completely, mostly or partially implemented the relevant milestones and targets identified in relation to the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan;

**Amendment 51**

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 5

**Text proposed by the Commission**

5. Where the Commission gives a

**Amendment**

5. Where the Commission gives a
negative assessment to a recovery and resilience plan, it shall communicate a duly justified assessment within four months of the submission of the proposal by the Member State.

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 27(2).

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where the Commission considers that the reasons put forward by the Member State concerned justify an amendment of the relevant recovery and resilience plan, the Commission shall assess the new plan in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 and shall take a new decision in accordance with Article 17 within four months of the official submission of the request.

Amendment

2. Where the Commission considers that the reasons put forward by the Member State concerned justify an amendment of the relevant recovery and resilience plan, the Commission shall assess the new plan in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 and shall take a new decision in accordance with Article 17 within two months of the official submission of the request.

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 3
3. Where the Commission considers that the reasons put forward by the Member State concerned do not justify an amendment of the relevant recovery and resilience plan, it shall reject the request within four months of its official submission, after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of one month of the communication of the Commission's conclusions.

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Upon completion of the relevant agreed milestones and targets indicated in the recovery and resilience plan as approved in the implementing act of the Commission, the Member State concerned shall submit to the Commission a duly justified request for payment of the financial contribution and, where relevant, of the loan tranche. Such requests for payment may be submitted by the Member States to the Commission on a biannual basis. The Commission shall assess, within two months of receiving the request, whether the relevant milestones and targets set out in the decision referred to in Article 17(1) have been satisfactorily implemented. For the purpose of the assessment, the operational arrangement referred to in Article 17(6) shall also be taken into account. The Commission may be assisted by experts.

Amendment

3. Upon completion of the relevant agreed milestones and targets indicated in the recovery and resilience plan as approved in the delegated act of the Commission, the Member State concerned shall submit to the Commission a duly justified request for payment of the financial contribution and, where relevant, of the loan tranche. Such requests for payment may be submitted by the Member States to the Commission on a biannual basis. The Commission shall assess, within two months of receiving the request, whether the relevant milestones and targets set out in the decision referred to in Article 17(1) have been satisfactorily implemented. For the purpose of the assessment, the operational arrangement referred to in Article 17(6) shall also be taken into account. The Commission may be assisted by experts.
Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 19a

Rule of Law

1. Funding under the resilience facility is only possible if Member States do not exhibit general deficiencies as regards the rule of law. The commission shall consider if there are any violations of Article 19a(2) or Article 19a(3) when assessing whether Member States are eligible to receive funding under the resilience facility.

2. Where they affect or risk affecting the principles of sound financial management or the protection of the financial interests of the Union, the following shall, in particular, be considered to be generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law:

(a) endangering the independence of judiciary, including setting any limitations on the ability to exercise judicial functions autonomously by externally intervening in guarantees of independence, by constraining judgement under external order, by arbitrarily revising rules on the appointment or terms of service of judicial personnel, by influencing judicial staff in any way that jeopardises their impartiality or by interfering with the independence of attorneyship;

(b) failing to prevent, correct and sanction arbitrary or unlawful decisions by public authorities, including by law enforcement authorities, withholding financial and human resources affecting their proper functioning or failing to ensure the absence of conflicts of interests;
(c) limiting the availability and effectiveness of legal remedies, including through restrictive procedural rules, lack of implementation of judgments, or limiting the effective investigation, prosecution or sanctioning of breaches of law;

(d) endangering the administrative capacity of a Member State to respect the obligations of Union membership, including the capacity to effectively implement the rules, standards and policies that make up the body of Union law;

(e) measures that weaken the protection of the confidential communication between lawyer and client.

3. Member States that are subject to a procedure in accordance with Article 7 TFEU shall only be eligible to receive 25 % of the financial contribution determined in accordance with Article 19.

**Amendment 57**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 20 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The Member State concerned shall report on a quarterly basis within the European Semester process on the progress made in the achievement of the recovery and resilience plans, including the operational arrangement referred to in Article 17(6). To that effect, the quarterly reports of the Member States shall be appropriately reflected in the National Reform Programmes, which shall be used as a tool for reporting on progress towards completion of the recovery and resilience plans.

*Amendment*

The Member State concerned shall report on a quarterly basis within the European Semester process on the progress made in the achievement of the recovery and resilience plans, including the operational arrangement referred to in Article 17(6) and the reaching of individual proposed milestones, targets, and the related indicators. To that effect, the quarterly reports of the Member States shall be appropriately reflected in the National Reform Programmes, which shall be used as a tool for reporting on progress towards completion of the recovery and resilience plans.
Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall transmit the recovery and resilience plans as approved in the implementing act of the Commission in accordance with Article 17 to the European Parliament and the Council without undue delay. The Member State concerned may request the Commission to redact sensitive or confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall transmit the recovery and resilience plans as approved in the delegated act of the Commission in accordance with Article 17 to the European Parliament and the Council at the latest one month after receipt. The Member State concerned may request the Commission to redact sensitive or confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State. In such a case, the Commission should liaise with the Parliament and the Council how the redacted information can be made available to the co-legislators in a confidential manner.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) ensure complementarity, synergy, coherence and consistency among different instruments at Union, national and, where appropriate, regional levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Amendment

(a) ensure complementarity, synergy, coherence and consistency among different instruments at Union, national and, where appropriate, regional and local levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;
Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission
(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national and, where appropriate, regional levels to achieve the objectives of the instruments established under this Regulation.

Amendment
(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national and, where appropriate, regional and local levels to achieve the objectives of the instruments established under this Regulation.

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national and, where appropriate, regional levels to achieve the objectives of the instruments established under this Regulation.

Amendment
(c) advance and promote the swift completion of mature projects with a high potential in terms of supporting growth, creating jobs and achieving carbon neutrality and with a lasting positive impact on the economy and society; and

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1 – point c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
(c) publish assessment criteria to measure projects according to their Union value-added and prioritise their completion;

Amendment
(c) publish assessment criteria to measure projects according to their Union value-added and prioritise their completion;

Amendment 63
Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

When assessing Member States’ resilience and recovery programmes, the Commission shall encourage and give priority to projects that are of a cross-border nature and link two or more Member States.

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annual report

Semi-annual report

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall provide an annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Facility set out in this Regulation.

2. The semi-annual report shall include

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The semi-annual report shall
information on the progress made with the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States concerned under the Facility. include information on the progress made with the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States concerned under the Facility.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission  

3. The annual report shall also include the following information:

Amendment

3. The semi-annual report shall also include the following information:

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission  

(a) The volume of the proceeds assigned to the Facility under the European Union Recovery Instrument in the previous year, broken down by budget line, and

Amendment

(a) The volume of the proceeds assigned to the Facility under the European Union Recovery Instrument in the previous year, broken down by budget line and Member State, and

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission  

2. The evaluation report shall, in particular, assess to which extent the objectives have been achieved, the efficiency of the use of resources and the European added value. It shall also consider the continued relevance of all objectives and actions.

Amendment

2. The evaluation report shall, in particular, assess to which extent the objectives have been achieved, the efficiency of the use of resources and the European added value, the appropriateness of the conditionality provisions as well as an assessment of moral hazard risks. It shall also consider the continued relevance
of all objectives and actions.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding, in particular when promoting the actions and their results, by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Amendment

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding, in particular when promoting the actions and their results, displaying the Union emblem together with the reference to the "Recovery and Resilience Facility" supporting the actions, both offline and online, and by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the instruments established by this Regulation, its actions and its results. Financial resources allocated to the instruments established by this Regulation shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Articles 4.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions in a user-friendly manner, in order to raise awareness among citizens, businesses, especially SMEs and public administrations about the financial resources provided through the instruments established by this Regulation, as well as its actions and its results. Financial resources allocated to the instruments established by this Regulation shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Articles 4.
Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. When promoting the actions and their results, the recipients of Union funding shall involve Members of the European Parliament coming from the same region as the recipients.

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall be assisted deleted by a committee. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Where reference is made to this deleted paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In accordance with Article 16(3), the Commission shall assess the importance and coherence of the recovery and
resilience plans, and its contribution to the green and digital transitions, and for that purpose, it shall take into account the following criteria:

Amendment 76
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment
(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the transition to a digital and carbon-neutral circular economy or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment 77
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) whether the plan contributes to the objectives of achieving gender equality and of reducing economic inequality;

Amendment 78
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) whether the recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation, and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate

Amendment
(d) whether the recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation, and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate
the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

( fa) whether the recovery and resilience plan contains measures to strengthen infrastructure and improve connectivity and transport;

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 4 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— The recovery and resilience plan represents a comprehensive and adequate response to the economic and social situation of the Member State concerned;

Amendment

— The recovery and resilience plan represents a comprehensive and adequate response to the economic, environmental and social situation of the Member State concerned;

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

A – The recovery and resilience plan contributes to effectively address challenges identified in the CSRs, or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European

Amendment

A – The recovery and resilience plan contributes to effectively address challenges identified in the CSRs, or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European
Semester, and the plan represents an adequate response to the economic and social situation of the Member State concerned.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

B – The recovery and resilience plan contributes to partially address challenges identified in the CSRs, or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European Semester and the plan represents a partially adequate response to the economic and social situation of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

B – The recovery and resilience plan contributes to partially address challenges identified in the CSRs, or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European Semester and the plan represents a partially adequate response to the economic, environmental and social situation of the Member State concerned.

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

C – The recovery and resilience plan does not contribute to address any challenges identified in the CSRs, or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European Semester and the plan does not represent an adequate response to the economic and social situation of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

C – The recovery and resilience plan does not contribute to address any challenges identified in the CSRs, or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European Semester and the plan does not represent an adequate response to the economic, environmental and social situation of the Member State concerned.

Amendment 84
### Proposal for a regulation
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| **Substitutes present for the final vote** | Angel Dzhambazki, Markus Ferber, Tomasz Frankowski, Roman Haider, Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Markus Pieper, Marianne Vind |
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**Key to symbols:**
+ : in favour
- : against
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