

“CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY: LET'S BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW!”



1. SOLIDARITY: A SHARED EUROPEAN RECOVERY

The recovery we want: Solidarity at the heart and at every level of the recovery. A recovery where the burden to save European lives, jobs and economic systems is shared among Member States to support the most affected countries. A recovery that makes our systems and societies more resilient to future shocks and crises.

How to get there?

- Mutualised debt at EU level through coronabonds
- A recovery financed primarily through grants, avoiding the debt-creating burden of loans
- EU own resources through taxation: carbon border adjustment, plastic and packaging, digital and kerosene taxes, contributions from multinationals, particularly those in the digital and financial sectors
- Increasing the EU Recovery package to at least 5 trillion euros over the next 12 years



2. INVEST IN A GREEN FUTURE

The recovery we want: A recovery through an ambitious Green Deal, quality green jobs, and investments with green conditionalities. A recovery that boosts the transition towards a greener, fairer, and more resilient world for future generations. A recovery that seizes the opportunity of once-in-a-generation public investments for the green and energy transition. A recovery where Europe is a leader in the fight against climate change.

How to get there?

- All recovery investments must be linked to the Paris agreement and European Green Deal objectives
- An EU climate law that enshrines the 65% by 2030 emissions reduction target and climate neutrality as early as 2040
- A Green Deal that enables a transition towards 100% renewables, a coal phase out by 2030 and a phase out of other fossil fuels as soon as possible thereafter
- Investments in quality and green job-intensive climate-neutral circular economy
- Financial support is only given to companies that pay their fair share in taxes, respect workers' rights globally and reform their business in a socially and environmentally just manner.



3. SOCIAL EUROPE

The recovery we want: A recovery that leaves no one behind. A recovery that, in parallel with a just transition, supports social policies that allow the reduction of inequalities instead of increasing them. A recovery that defends the right of every worker to enjoy fair working conditions.

How to get there?

- A permanent reinsurance scheme that covers all workers including gig-workers
- A strong youth guarantee for quality jobs for young people

- A minimum income directive to stop growing inequalities across Europe
- National experiments on Universal Basic Income



4. RELOCALISATION OF ESSENTIAL SECTORS AND RE-APPRECIATION OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS

This crisis has shown the need to relocalise certain essential production sectors of our economy, to prioritise internal and regional markets and to shorten supply chains. It has made evident the need to reduce our dependence on importing pharmaceutical and medical products and to relocalise parts of these economic sectors in Europe. The crisis has also revealed the fragility of our food supply systems and dependence on world markets.

Specific plans have to be put in place for the recovery of sectors heavily affected by the crisis. Essential workers in the care and social sectors need more than applause, they need better and more support. Also in the tourism, cultural and hospitality industry, investments are required at the national and European level to compensate for the loss of jobs and income.



5. REBUILD OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

Healthcare and other public services must be viewed as commons. We need to protect and fund them adequately. The EU must strive to make vaccines and treatments available and affordable for all. Access should not be limited by patents or profit expectations.



6. A FEMINIST RECOVERY

Women, whose competences are undervalued and therefore underpaid, **are most often the workers in essential professions.** The Commission cannot delay the option of the Directive on the gender pay gap and upgrading its provisions on parental leave. EU legislation must also combat gender-based violence, which reports show has increased during lockdowns.



7. RESPECT CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW

Emergency measures must always be time limited, proportionate, strictly related to the health crisis and subject to regular democratic scrutiny.



8. GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

The EU must show leadership in global solidarity with its recovery funds, humanitarian aid, medical support and debt relief. The EU must profoundly reform its own trade policy and review its trade agreements with other countries, with the aim of building a more resilient and sustainable trade system.