

# KEY MEASURES TAKEN AT THE EU LEVEL

## AN OVERVIEW



# Overview of the EU response

## State aid rules

- liquidity to economy
- support SMEs, jobs, etc.



## Additional safety nets

- **SURE**: €100 billion for workers
- EIB: €200 bn for companies
- ESM: €240 bn for sovereigns



## ECB measures

- €1350 bn new measures



## Recovery Plan for Europe

- €750 bn Next Generation EU – cornerstone: **Recovery and Resilience Facility**
- €1074 bn long-term EU budget



## Budgetary flexibility

- escape clause of the Pact
- maximum flexibility



## Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative

- unspent cohesion policy funds
- transfers between funds, regions and priorities

# SURE: a new instrument supporting STW

Member State	Loan amount (EUR billion)
Belgium	7.8
Bulgaria	0.5
Cyprus	0.5
Czechia	2
Greece	2.7
Spain	21.3
Croatia	1
Italy	27.4
Lithuania	0.6
Latvia	0.2
Malta	0.2
Poland	11.2
Portugal	5.9
Romania	4.1
Slovenia	1.1
Slovakia	0.6
Hungary	0.5
Ireland	2.5
Estonia*	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.6</b>

- EU instrument for temporary **Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE)**.
- SURE provides **loans to Member States of up to EUR 100 billion** to finance:
  - primarily short-time work schemes and similar measures to protect employees and self-employed
  - as an ancillary, some health-related measures, in particular in the workplace.
- **SURE is available until 31 December 2022.**
- By now, **proposals of EUR 91 billion received** (more than half relates to IT and ES). The Council decided to grant support to 18 Member States, and a 19<sup>th</sup> was proposed by the Commission in February 2021.
- An envelope of over **EUR 9 billion remains** for top ups or new requests.
- **EUR 53.5 billion has been disbursed** to 15 MS and will continue in 2021.

\*Estonia has applied for support in February 2021 but the Council has not yet granted the loan

# RRF General features



- **large scale financial support** to both public **investments and reforms** to accelerate the **recovery** and foster **resilience**.
- focus on reforms and investments fostering the **green and digital transitions**
- aim to reduce **economic and social divergences** in the Union
- **performance-based instrument**
- financed by the **European Recovery Instrument**
- **complement** other EU initiatives focusing on shorter term crisis repair actions.
- fully **embedded in the European Semester** through Recovery and Resilience plans, consistent with the country-specific recommendations

# RRF General features

**EUR 672.5 bn**

13% pre-financing in 2021

Up to

**EUR 312.5 bn grants**

- Based on allocation key
- 70% committed until 2022, 30% in 2023
- Measures until 2026

Up to

**EUR 360 bn loans**

- Capped at 6.8% GNI
- Justified by higher financial needs
- Commitments by 2023

# Next steps

## Assessment



As a rule  
by 30 April

Within 2  
months

Within 4  
weeks

## Implementation



Upon  
meeting M&T

Within 2  
months

After expert  
committee

**Thank you**