

# How Green are the Recovery Plans?

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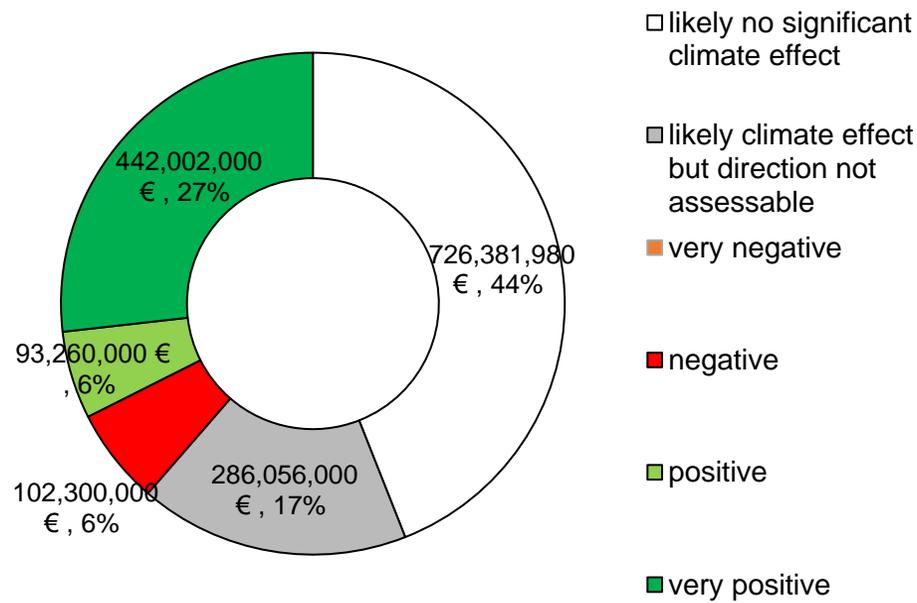
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# Short overview of the Recovery Plan

## 1. Status of the Plan

- First draft presented on December 10, 2020
- Current Recovery Plan published on February 9, 2021 - Draft RRP **submitted to the EC** and public (deadline for comments - March 9) <https://www.esfondi.lv/atveselosanas-un-noturibas-mehanisms>



Total RRP budget - €1.65bn:

- 20% for **digitalization**,
- 37% for **climate objectives (transport, energy efficiency, adaptation)**,
- 20% for **reducing inequality**,
- 11% for **health sector**,
- 10% for transformation of **economy** and productivity reforms,
- 2% for strengthening the **rule of law**.



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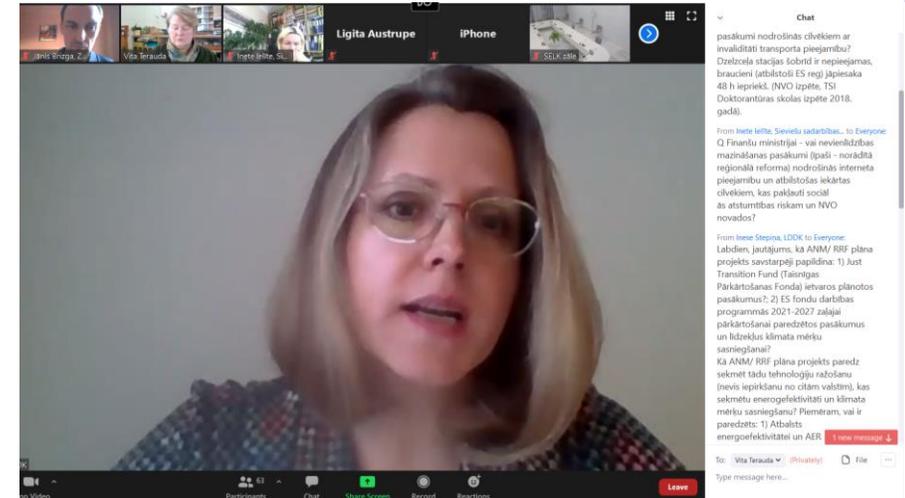
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## 2. Public consultation and NGO comments

- Discussion in the National **Parliament** (December 2020)
- 2 cycles of **official consultations** – December 2020 & March 2021
- 2 letters from NGO coalition to the **government**
- 2 letters from NGO coalition to the **European Commission**
  
- Concerns not only by environmental NGOs, but by **most of the stakeholders**
  
- High **Media interest**



# Main NGO comments and concerns

1. The Plan is a **shopping list** (list of the necessary investments) rather than reform plan.
2. Its not clear how much GHG the Plan (climate measures) could save and it lacks **climate government mechanism**.
3. **Main concerns:**
  - **Bio-Methane in transport** (guarantees of origin, HDV for firefighters etc.)
  - **Adaptation measures** (melioration, flood protection, afforestation)
  - **Energy efficiency** - not enough
  - Zero effort for **renewables**



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# Positive and Negative



## Lack of genuine structural reforms

The Latvian plan details a list of investment projects which government did not have funding for but does not include necessary structural reforms to ensure these investments are properly absorbed. It is not clear how much emissions are planned to be reduced by the climate measures listed in the Plan. It falls short on one of the key goals of the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility: incentivizing critical structural reforms in member states.



## Green transportation system

The government is planning to green the transportation system of the Riga metropole area, improve the energy efficiency of the buildings and businesses.



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# Thank you

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