

# How Green are the Recovery Plans?

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# *Short overview of the Recovery Plan*

**1. Status of the Plan** Being finalized after public consultation

**2. Public consultation**

- 2 week consultation period; RR Plan available through the internet; written submission by the participants; ZERO performed a submission (13 pages) + press release
- Time was too limited; do not know if our input will be taken on board

**3. Your comments on measures/investments** in the transport, buildings and agriculture sectors

- Transport, buildings and agriculture (dams, forests) were covered
- Positive aspects:
  - Green Transition is integrated in area such as Health, Buildings (beyond energy efficiency), Social Response, and Innovation
  - Urban metro lines and green bus fleets
  - Energy efficiency in residential buildings
  - Part of the forest investments (but amount should be higher)



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- Negative aspects (cont.):
  - Projects selected not within a new recovery vision but according to short-term feasibility and optimization with the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
  - Description too vague in some of the projects
  - Green transition (min. 37%; ZERO - 33%; government - 47%)
  - New Roads (660 M€)
  - No soft mobility investments included (bike lanes, others)
  - One large dam mostly for unsustainable intensive agriculture
  - Forest investments in some components (fire management) are typical annual maintenance
  - No compliance with the “Do no significant harm principle” in certain investments



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# *Consistency between measures in the Recovery Plans and the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)*

1. The measures for **transport, buildings and agriculture in the Recovery Plan** are mostly aligned with the contents of the ECP but there are inconsistencies

## ***Commitments to Policy Reforms – Use of fiscal instruments***

1. Fiscal instruments were not part of the toolbox of measures in the Recovery Plan; however, there are existing policies such as a carbon tax already in place that will play a role
2. There are no commitments to reform environmental harmful subsidies since that is considered a broader policy to be taken at a higher policy level

- **Need better specification of investments**
- **Clarification on how green/climate transition investments were quantified**
- **Scrap investments in roads, dams/intensive agriculture, nature conservation conflictual areas**
- **Include soft and active mobility**



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