

# PORTUGAL'S RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

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## KEY FIGURES

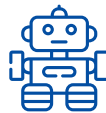
**EUR 16.3 billion**  
in grants  
7.7 % of GDP<sup>1</sup>

**EUR 5.9 billion**  
in loans

**>35 %** value  
of **payments requested**  
corresponding to  
21 % of milestones/targets



**Climate Target**  
**42 %**



**Digital Target**  
**21 %**



**Social Spending**  
**43.5 %<sup>2</sup>**

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PORTUGUESE PLAN?

### PEOPLE-ORIENTED

More than 43 % of the Plan is dedicated to social objectives, which is a significant leap towards addressing Portugal's social challenges, including in relation to housing, healthcare, and education.

### GAME-CHANGING

Containing long-pending reforms, such as the public finance and regulated professions reforms, and wide-reaching digital investments, including in digital education.

### FORWARD-LOOKING

Very ambitious green reforms and investments, including in energy efficiency renovations and deployment of renewables, and a strong focus on innovation and competitiveness (around EUR 7 billion dedicated to the latter), will boost the economy.

<sup>1</sup> Based on GDP in current prices for 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Data is based on the methodology for reporting social expenditure for the Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard ([Delegated Regulation 2021/2105](#)) and reflect the Member State's original national recovery and resilience plan (Plan). In the context of the revision of Member States' plans, the share of social expenditure might be subject to change.

## HOW DOES THE PORTUGUESE PLAN **HELP CITIZENS?**

It addresses Portugal's most pressing **social challenges** by enhancing **access to affordable housing**, **strengthening the health system**, **supporting quality and inclusive education and training**, ultimately improving the quality of life and well-being of citizens.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Housing



The Plan **increases the supply of social and affordable housing** and creates new **student accommodation**, benefitting young people. The Plan also puts in place **urgent and temporary accommodation** to offer assistance to disadvantaged people, such as those facing homelessness or domestic violence and to cater for other emergencies.

#### Healthcare



The Plan **improves** Portugal’s **National Health Service**. It expands **primary healthcare**, with more medical services available, more capacity for early diagnosis and 124 new health centres.

The Plan extends the network of **palliative** and **integrated continued care** by providing more facilities but also by increasing capacity for home-based care.

The Plan also increases the **telemedicine** offer by providing more telehealth tools and trainings for their use.

## HOW DOES THE PORTUGUESE PLAN **HELP BUSINESSES?**

It tackles critical challenges to enhance **business competitiveness** by fostering **R&D intensity**, facilitating **public-private research collaboration**, and improving the **capitalization of companies** to accelerate their growth.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Mobilising and Green Agendas for Business Innovation



The Plan boosts R&D and public-private research collaboration in Portugal.

It provides EUR 2.8 billion of incentives to finance the development of 48 innovative and green projects developed jointly by businesses and research/academic institutions. The measure aims to **develop 959 innovative products, processes and services in areas of strategic relevance and supporting the green transition.**

These projects include innovative solutions in production and distribution of green hydrogen, the greening of the automotive industry, the fight of space-debris using AI, and the reduction of energy consumption in the textile industry.

#### Capitalisation of Companies and Financial Resilience



The Plan increases the capital available to companies in Portugal through the **strengthening of the national promotional bank** (Banco Português de Fomento). The Plan **recapitalises the bank**, with EUR 250 million, in view of it becoming an InvestEU implementing partner. It also **creates a special purpose vehicle** that delivers EUR 1.3 billion in equity and quasi-equity support to Portuguese companies, including SMEs.

## HOW DOES THE PORTUGUESE PLAN **STRENGTHEN OUR UNION?**

It contributes to a more **competitive and open business environment**, and enhances public financial management, which is crucial for the **resilience and quality of public finances** within the euro area and the Union as a whole.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Self-Regulated Professions Reform



Thanks to the Plan there will be a **more competitive and open environment** for self-regulated professions such as lawyers, medical doctors, nurses, engineers, architects.

These professions provide key services to business and individuals. This reform strengthens Portugal’s economic and social resilience and strengthens the **Union’s internal cohesion**.

#### Enhanced Public Financial Management



The Plan includes key steps on **public financial management**.

The Plan introduces a new management contract template for state-owned enterprises, new public procurement models, and a solution for monitoring the spending of the government and the performance of state-owned enterprises.

A more efficient use of public resources is vital to the resilience and quality of Portugal’s public finances, and, in turn of the euro area and the Union as a whole.

For more information: [Portugal’s recovery and resilience plan — European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/102792/23900/Portugal%20s%20recovery%20and%20resilience%20plan%20-%20European%20Commission%20(europa.eu).pdf)