

# CROATIA'S RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

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## KEY FIGURES

**EUR 5.8 billion**

in grants  
10 % of GDP<sup>1</sup>

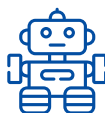
**EUR 4.2 billion**

in loans

**37 %** value of  
**payments requested**  
corresponding to  
28 % of milestones/targets



**Climate Target**  
**39 %**



**Digital Target**  
**20 %**



**Social Spending**  
**23 %<sup>2</sup>**

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

### AMBITIOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE

Massive injection of support to the Croatian economy, with 78 reforms and 157 investments responding to key issues across the economic and social spheres.

### GREEN

With almost 40 % of the total amount dedicated to green objectives, it represents a major boost to Croatia's fight against climate change.

### INCLUSIVE

Supports access to education, health and social services.

<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 CROATIAN PLAN **HELP CITIZENS?**

It benefits people by focusing on access to quality **education** and **healthcare**, improving **working conditions** and enhancing **social protection**, supporting the **green post-earthquake recovery**, reducing **waste** and improving the access to **drinking water**.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Post-earthquake reconstruction and energy efficiency



To help Croatia **recover from the devastating earthquakes** of 2020, the Plan will:

- ▶ Support rebuilding the city of Zagreb and its surroundings as well as Banovina region, complementing EUR 1 billion investment from the EU Solidarity Fund.
- ▶ Make buildings more resilient to possible future earthquakes.
- ▶ Decrease their energy consumption, thus reducing energy bills and making the air cleaner.

#### Investments into kindergartens and schools



Participation of Croatian children in early childhood education and care is among the lowest in the EU. At the same time, about half of children go to primary school in shifts. The Plan will invest heavily so that:

- ▶ **Nine out of ten children** above the age of three will have a **place in kindergartens**.
- ▶ **All children** will have a chance to **attend primary school in one single shift**. This will enable the switch to full-day teaching and increase the number of teaching hours, improving the quality of primary education.

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

It tackles key challenges for businesses' competitiveness, improving **access to finance**, reducing the **administrative burden**, addressing **skills shortages** and **greening of business practices**.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Green and digital vouchers



A lack of skilled workforce is a major obstacle to investment in Croatia. The Plan will:

- ▶ Set up a system to **support lifelong learning**, including mapping of needs and reaching out to vulnerable groups.
- ▶ Award **40,000 green and digital vouchers** that will help their users to get a job or change their job. Already more than 11,500 people across the country have undertaken specific training.
- ▶ Make sure that at least 12,000 vouchers go to long-term unemployed, inactive, or young people not in employment, education or training.

#### Reduction of regulatory burden on businesses



To **simplify burdensome regulatory requirements** that weigh on Croatian businesses, the Plan will:

- ▶ Improve regulatory conditions for businesses in Croatia, for example by making administrative tasks simpler and reducing fees charged to companies. More than 600 targeted measures across the Plan will bring about EUR 700 million of **administrative cost relief** for the economy.
- ▶ Help **digitalise key services** that the government provides to businesses. It will be easier to register and administer a new business, pay fees and implement investments.

