Slovakia’s recovery and resilience plan

The European Commission has given a positive assessment to Slovakia’s recovery and resilience plan, which will be financed by €6.3 billion in grants.

The financing provided by the Recovery and Resilience Facility – at the heart of NextGenerationEU - will support the implementation by 2026 of crucial investment and reform measures put forward by Slovakia to emerge stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Slovak plan forms part of an unprecedented coordinated EU response to the COVID-19 crisis, to address common European challenges by embracing the green and digital transitions, to strengthen economic and social resilience and the cohesion of the Single Market. In particular, Slovakia’s plan will improve healthcare services across the country, reform and digitalise the public administration, protect the climate through large-scale renovation of buildings, cleaner transport, and improve education.

KEY MEASURES TO SECURE SLOVAKIA’S GREEN TRANSITION

43% of the plan’s total allocation for reforms and investments supports climate objectives

- **Climate adaptation**: Increasing the resilience of forests to the impacts of climate change, revitalising watercourses and supporting biodiversity. **€159 million**
- **Energy efficiency in family houses**: financing a large-scale renovation wave to improve energy and green performance of at least 30,000 residential units. **€528 million**
- **Low-carbon transport**: supporting the roll-out of charging stations for alternative fuels and the modernisation of railways and new cycling infrastructure. **€712 million**
- **Decarbonisation of industry**: promoting energy efficiency and investing in innovative decarbonisation technologies in industry. **€368 million**
KEY MEASURES TO SUPPORT SLOVAKIA’S DIGITAL TRANSITION

21% of the plan’s total allocation for reforms and investments supports digital objectives

- Better services for citizens and businesses: introducing user-friendly e-government solutions for citizens. **€177.5 million**
- Digital infrastructure in schools: financing digital equipment, including for children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, to enhance digital skills and create a new learning ecosystem which will be further strengthened by curriculum reforms. **€187 million**
- Digitalising businesses: building a supercomputer and a network of digital hubs to assist businesses with digitalising their processes; providing training for digital skills. **€102 million**

KEY MEASURES TO REINFORCE SLOVAKIA’S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE

- Reform of the pension system: linking the retirement age to life expectancy to ensure its financial sustainability and adequate pensions for all generations.
- Reorganising the judicial system: strengthening the efficiency and independence of the justice system and investing in digital infrastructure. **€255 million**
- Improving the business environment: lowering regulatory burden, accelerating public procurement and reforming the insolvency framework to reduce the time and cost for running a business.
- New hospitals network: Improving quality of medical services and renovating existing hospitals and constructing new ones while ensuring fair geographical distribution and accessibility. **€998 million**
- Investing in childcare: Promoting access to childcare services by investing in pre-school facilities. **€141 million**
- Enhancing community-based social care capacities: investing in long-term care for those in need through focusing more on community-based solutions. **€193 million**

IMPLEMENTATION

- None of the plan’s measures will do significant harm to the environment.
- Stakeholders should continue to be involved in the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan to ensure ownership of reforms.
- Disbursements of funds is performance-based and will reflect progress on reforms and investments of the plan.
- Control systems will protect against serious irregularities such as fraud, corruption and double funding.