WEBINAR

June 10th, 2020

A Green Covid-19 Recovery and Resilience Plan for Europe





- 12h00 | Introduction Pete Harrison, European Climate Foundation
- 12h10 | A green recovery package presentation of the project: Peter Sweatman, Climate Strategy & Project Board
- 12h20 | Methodology and expected results, Alexis Gazzo, EY
- **12h30** | How can you help us? Erica Hope, ECF for a presentation of survey questionnaire and projects database
- **12h40** | Q&A sessions and discussion with the participants

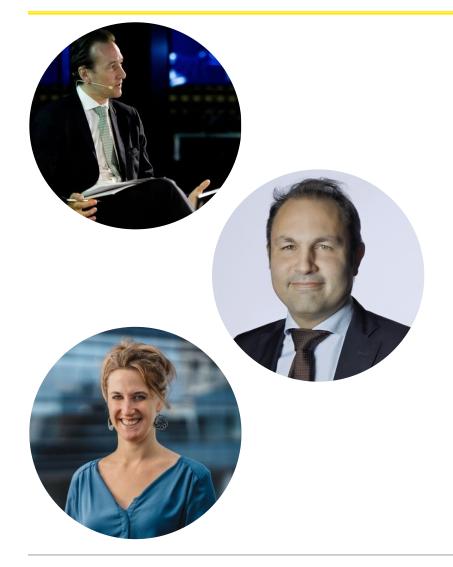


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- Given the number of participants, we will save questions to the end; if you have comments please write them in the chat
- > When it comes to Q&A at the end, please write "hand" in the Chat and the moderator will come to you to ask your question
- Please use Chat rather than the Q&A section of Zoom
- > As it may not be possible to cover all questions live, we will follow up after if needed
- ► We wish you a good webinar !





Speakers



Peter Sweatman

CEO of CS and ECF Project Board Member

Alexis Gazzo

Partner, EY

Sustainable Performance & Transformation



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Building a better working world

Erica Hope

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Climate Planning & Laws





What is the green recovery package project ?

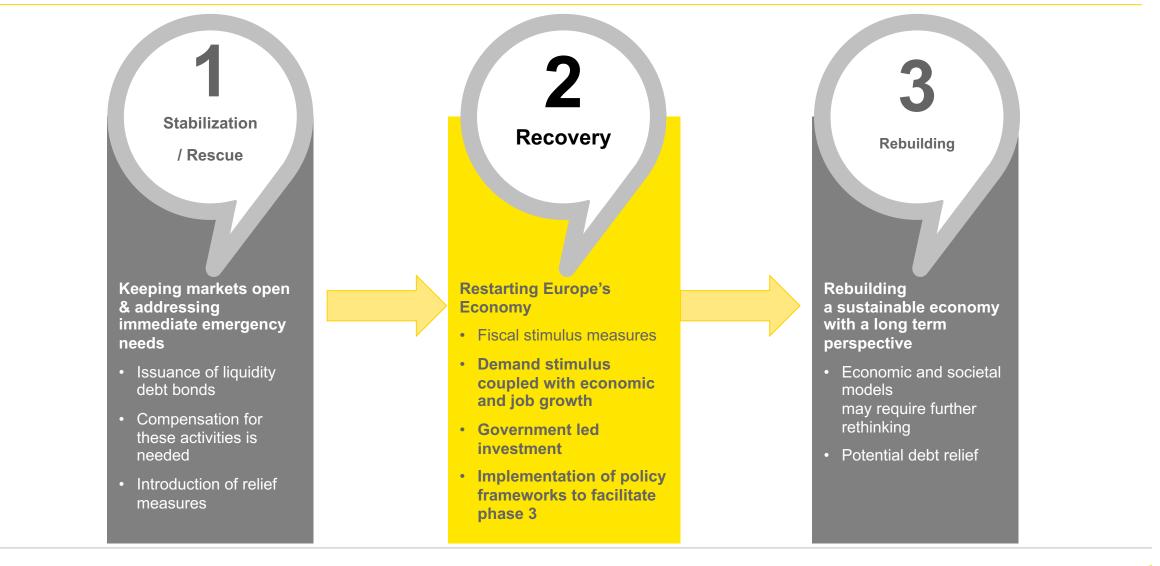


To reach the objective of carbon-neutrality, transversal ambitions, sectoral policies and financing components will need to be adapted to countries and sectors by Governments at EU and MS level





Emerging from the COVID Crisis will go through three financial phases...





European leaders consider that the Green Deal's ambitions should be at the core of recovery plans

"As we now plan to slowly go back to work and to invest billions of euros to restart our economy, we should avoid falling back in old, polluting habits"

> Ursula Von Der Leyen April 20th, 2020



"We will need to build a strategy where we find the long time, the ability to plan, the carbon sobriety, the prevention, the resilience that alone can allow us to deal with future crises."

> Emmanuel Macron, April 13th, 2020



"The future is with a green, resilient and digital economy that makes sure that there are sustainable jobs, economic growth and that we are able to react to other challenges when they come."





"European Green Deal must be central to a resilient recovery after Covid-19"

Joint Declaration of 13 European Environment Ministers on 11 April 2020



Pascal Canfin ♥ @pcanfin · 14 avr. We are launching today at my initiative the European alliance for a green recovery with 180 ministers, MEPs, CEOs, NGOs & Trade Unions. We will come out of this historic crisis stronger : bit.ly/3b1A5Bn #greenrecovery #Covid-19 bloomberg.com/news/articles/...

"A new **Recovery and Resilience Facility** with a budget of €560 billion – distributed in grants and loans. This will support Member States to implement investments and reforms that are essential for a sustainable recovery. Member States will design their own tailored national recovery plans, based on the investment and reform priorities identified as part of the European Semester, in line with National Climate and Energy Plans, Just Transition Plans and Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes under EU funds".

> "Europe's moment: Repair and Prepare for the Next Generation" COM(2020) 456 final Communication on 27 May 2020



Yet the economic crisis caused by COVID-19 can threaten the European Green Deal's ambition...

Potential short-term effects

- Historically low oil prices and falling electricity prices might impact the shift to sustainable energy models
- Potential impact on the cost of capital for capex-intensive projects
- Increased investor vigilance for fund raising and difficulties to raise finance for innovative projects

A temptation to reduce the pace of transitions to preserve certain sectors of activity

37 MEPs asked on 30 March *"to postpone new legislation in the framework of initiatives such as the European Green Deal".*

- Some countries are already backtracking on some of their climate commitments
- Automotive industry calls for relaxation of regulations on CO2 emissions from vehicles

Coronavirus crisis cash threatens EU green

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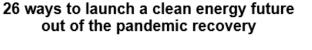
'You don't want to come out of this crisis only to stumble into the next crisis,' says a West European diplomat.

By KALINA OROSCHAKOFF | 3/19/20, 2:40 PM CET | Updated 3/23/20, 3:01 PM CET

Covid-19 relief for fossil fuel industries risks green recovery plans

Over \$500bn is going to high-carbon industries undermining goals of Cop26 climate talks





June 9, 2020, 9:00 AM



Could Coronavirus Beat Green Deal In Slowing Climate Change?



Dave Keating Contributor Energy



Forbes





Open letter to EU leaders from investors on a sustainable recovery from COVID-19

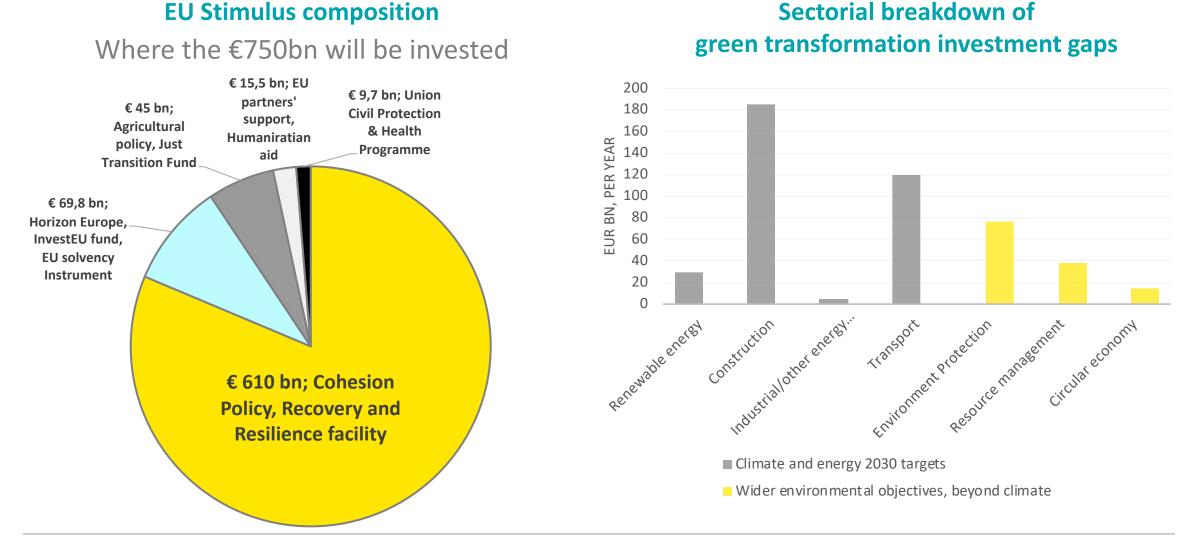


More than a trillion euros of Green deal and recovery plan money, with a need to identify tangible opportunities to invest in





The core of the EU Stimulus money will finance Recovery and Resilience actions in the most impacted Member States





The project's objective is to support the elaboration of green recovery and resilience plans, by providing a list of shovel-ready investment opportunities

A selection of projects in Europe

- Where and in which sectors are the "green and just" projects?
- 2. How can Member States prioritise their search to accelerate the recovery?

The structure of an investment plan

- 1. How to structure ambitious investment plans for the five key sectors of the green economy?
- 2. How to make these plans "fit for context" in all 27 European countries?

Objective : a long list of 1,000 opportunities with priorities and articulation of their strategic value for EU and selected National decision makers



Our methodology



EY unique capabilities

EY is monitoring government response to the COVID-19 crisis

UK

 Utility companies to meet with Government to discuss COVID-19 action plan

US

- New Castle Board of Public Works & Safety suspends late fees on utility bills
- Texas Pedernales Electric Cooperative has extended its suspension of service disconnections for 60 days
- North Carolina Governor signs executive order to prohibit utility disconnections
- Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission signed an emergency order suspending all door-todoor, in-person and public event sales activities, & prohibiting utility connection terminations
- Washington Governor announces relief for state businesses, workers & residents, who may struggle financially to pay utility bills
- Virginia State Corporation Commission issued an order directing utilities to suspend service disconnections for 60 days
- Wisconsin regulators ordered utilities to maintain residential service
- New Orleans Utilities office is working with utilities providers to ensure efficient & uninterrupted service delivery
- California Public Utility Commission enacts utility consumer protection provision in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

Germany

- German Government extends governmentsupported wind & solar parks deadline to cope with COVID-19 delays
- New law on provisions for non payment of bills for private consumers 1 April to 30 June 2020



France

 The president of France, has suspended rent payments and utility bills, including gas, water, and electricity amid the coronavirus outbreak

Spain & Italy

- Spanish govt has updated regulation including new definition of the 'vulnerable consumer', new eligibility conditions for the reduced electricity rate and a new way of financing the measure.
- Government allows retailers to delay payment of TPAs to distributors to provide some liquidity to retailers
- Government allows retailers to delay VAT & Energy taxes (25% together) for the bills unpaid until the recovery of the money
- Freelances and SMEs can delay their bills during 'alarm status'
- Companies and consumer can renegotiate power contracted without any cost, reducing the fix costs of the bills

Australia

- Western Australia Government has announced relief package to offers support households that are unable to pay utility bills due to COVID economic crisis
- Australian Capital Territory Government have launched initiatives for economic survival during the COVID-19 crisis including additional rebate on consumer electricity bills & freezing of utilities network facilities tax paid by utility providers
- Australian Competition & Consumer Commission grants interim authorisation to the Australian Energy Market Operator to ensure uninterrupted energy supply & integrity of wholesale energy markets

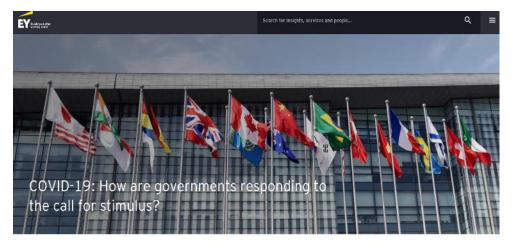


EY has developed a number of tools and resource to support its clients navigate their response to COVID-19

The Government Economic Interventions Dashboard is a tool designed by the Government and Real Estate Knowledge Team to provide a deep dive into the economic stimulus packages of the world's top economies. The tool provides a quick snapshot of the health and GDS related impact of COVID, followed by a map based summary per country of stimulus packages, and summary of official country closures.



https://eygb.sharepoint.com/sites/GRE-Coronavirus/SitePages/Government-Economic-Interventions-Dashboard.aspx EY Tax: <u>COVID-19 Stimulus Tracker</u>. EY-produced document covering government policy and stimulus responses to COVID-19. Global coverage, with jurisdictions added as information becomes available.





The regularly updated EY global tax policy tracker helps you monitor rapidly emerging government policy and stimulus responses to COVID-19.

https://www.ey.com/en_gl/tax/how-covid-19-is-causing-governments-to-adopt-economic-stimulus--



We are building a list of opportunities across all EU countries and five sectors in order to fuel the discussion on investments needed in Europe

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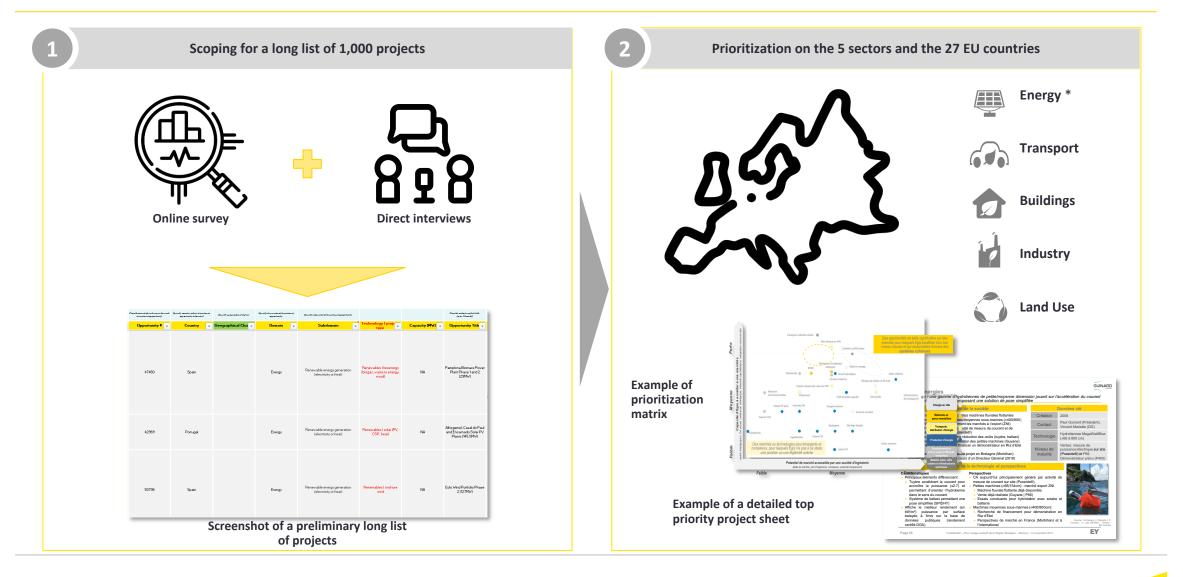


Project on a pre-financing stage will be analysed based on the main hurdles encountered or foreseen by the project/technology developer and the key environmental and social benefits.

The goal is to identify the current need for a project and the potential impact of its integration to the green recovery plan.



We will collect information on projects an online survey and on the basis of interviews with Governments, project developers, investors, corporates and other key stakeholders



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Why do we need your help on this important project?



Next steps

O May 2020

Commission proposal for the Revised Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 and Own Resources Decision, and sectoral legislation

O by July 2020

European Council: Political agreement on Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 and Own Resources Decision

O by summer 2020

European Parliament's consultation on Own Resources Decision

early autumn 2020

Adoption of the revised Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 and corresponding sectoral legislation

October 2020

European Council

December 2020

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Adoption of the revised Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 (European Parliament's consent); Adoption of the Own Resources Decision (Ratification by all Member States in line with their constitutional requirements)

O January 2021

Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 implementation starts



How can you help us?



You can propose projects by responding to the survey we are launching

- 1) User-friendly survey tool
- Possibility to provide information on several projects

Link to the survey

https://eyfrance.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2b7VSitZE3J09L

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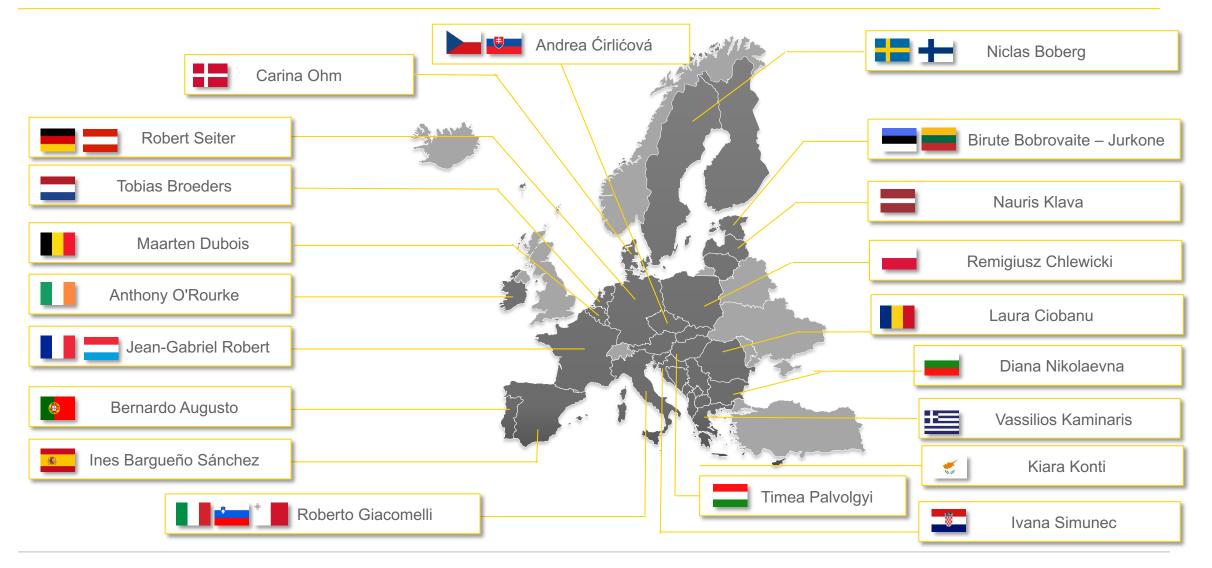
This survey has been developed as part of a project that aims to give shovel-ready green recovery projects visibility at European and National level, to support the transition to a climate neutral economy. Please help by responding!

The EU Green Deal placed climate change and circular economy in the centre of the future vision for Europe. Further, as EU and Member States shape their recovery and resilience plans for economic sectors impacted by covid-19, it is critical that **we focus on raising the visibility of projects that have the potential to stimulate jobs, generate new markets and deliver environmental value**. A large part of the **€750 billion New Generation EU recovery fund** will support and accelerate the transition to a sustainable carbon neutral economy, and we need to together ensure green projects are visible and competitive.

Screenshot from the survey's landing page



To elaborate this long list of green opportunities, EY has launched a pan-European survey with its network of specialists





We need you!

Fill in the online survey and disseminate it to potential respondents

Contact national EY or ECF teams if you have any questions or comments



Participate in the outreach of the project to the decision makers in Europe





Q&A session







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