



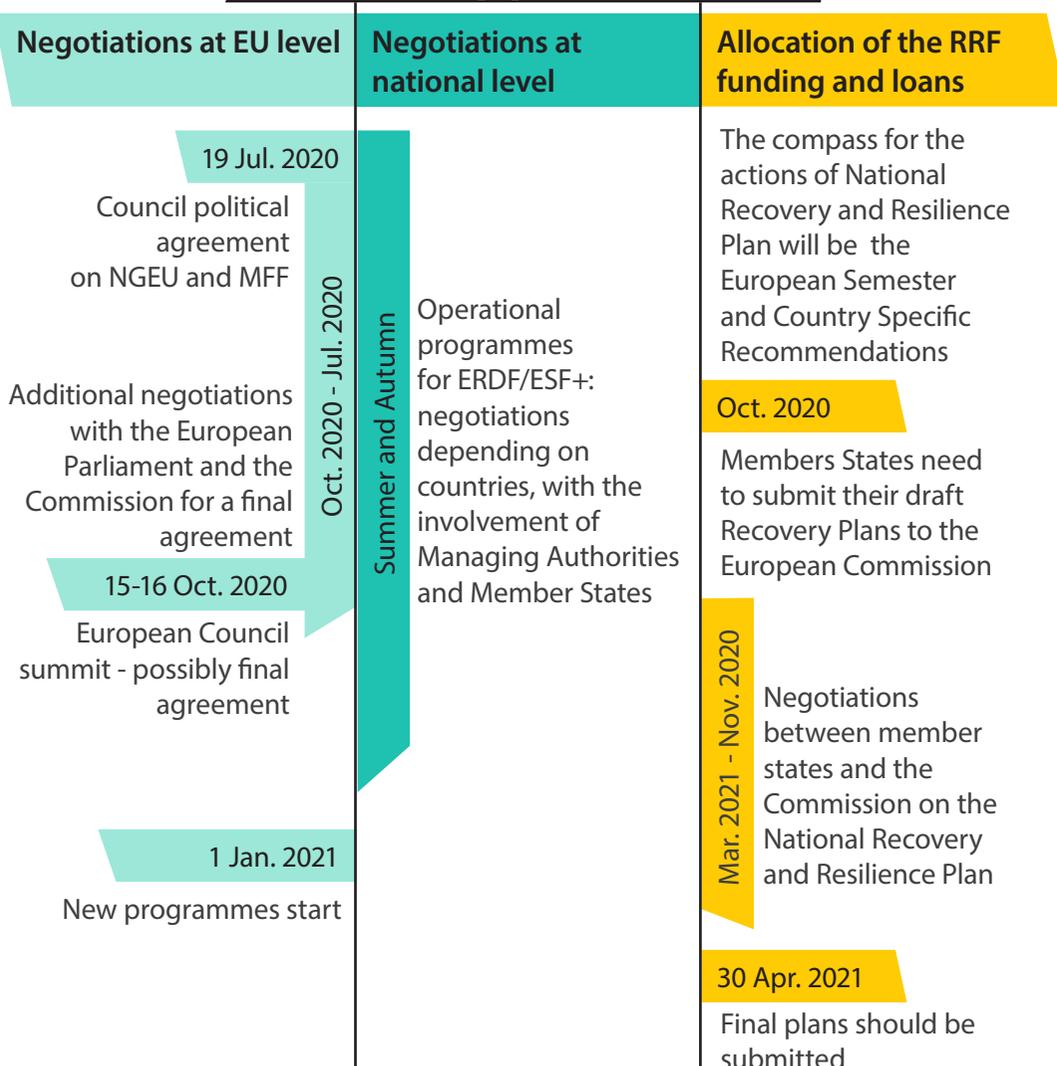
EURO CITIES

AN EU BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR RECOVERY: HOW WILL FUNDING REACH CITIES?

The European Commission has proposed the biggest EU budget ever to support recovery in Europe. A lot of the money will be channeled to member states. If adopted, the budget will be composed of a new temporary funding instrument, Next Generation EU (NGEU), which will provide up to €672.5 bn via the so called Resilience and Recovery Facility (RRF), and the longer term Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

Here's what cities need to know to get a fair share of the money to drive a green and fair recovery locally. Above all: the time for action is now!

What happens when?



What to do?



July is the new September! Act now to ensure that the investment plans and priorities for the coming years match the needs of your city:

- ➔ Meet your national ministry in charge of the national recovery plan to influence the investment plans for your country.
- ➔ Meet your national ministry in charge of the cohesion policy funding and the managing authority in charge of developing and implementing the operational programme relevant for you.
- ➔ Form coalitions with other cities nationally.
- ➔ Engage with the press.

The Mayor of Florence met with the Italian minister in charge of recovery in June to discuss and define a joint investment plan for metropolitan areas.

French cities have joined forces through France Urbaine to make their voice heard around the National Recovery and Resilience Plan

Spanish cities are sending joint letters now to national and EU institutions, asking for a real implementation of the partnership principle.

German cities are sending joint letters to the Chancellor, calling for a strong urban dimension in the National Recovery and Resilience Plan

What to say?



National recovery plans

- » Cities are the level of government closest to citizens, providing effective infrastructures to reach many citizens and drive recovery.
- » Across Europe, cities are the hardest hit by the pandemic and economic crisis.
- » Cities are also the drivers of the green, digital and just transition which Europe needs for recovery.
- » There is a need to invest in the resilience of cities to stand stronger in the face of future crises.

Cohesion policy

- » ERDF: Earmarking for sustainable urban development (SUD) at minimum 10% and safeguarded from flexibility measures. Investing through integrated strategies allows a holistic, goal-oriented approach which delivers visible results for people locally.
- » ESF+: Match the programmes' priorities with the social urban challenges such as rising homelessness and new urban poverty. Focus on integrated measures for local communities, including tackling child poverty according to the needs on the ground.

Bring project ideas - make investment needs concrete

- » Implementation of the circular economy.
- » Green infrastructure and building efficiency retrofitting.
- » Sustainable, efficient and inclusive mobility.
- » Digital transformation of public (city) services.
- » Tackling social challenges.

BASICS ABOUT THE BUDGETS

€540 bn

SURE/ European Stability Mechanism (ESM)
Pandemic Crisis Support /
EIB Guarantee Fund for Workers and Businesses

€750 bn

Next Generation EU, an emergency European recovery instrument available for two years:

- » Recovery and Resilience Facility (€672.5 bn, 312.5 for grants, 360 for loans)
- » REACT-EU (€47.5 bn+ 5 bn from MFF 2014-2020)
- » Just Transition Fund (€10 bn + €7.5 bn from MFF)

€1.074 bn

Multiannual Financial Framework 2021 – 2027:

- » Cohesion policy (€323 bn), including ESF+
- » Horizon Europe (around €80 bn), including a mission for climate neutral cities
- » Digital Europe Programme, LIFE+, COSME, Erasmus+, Asylum and migration fund

WHAT CAN BE FINANCED?

Next Generation EU - via the Resilience and Recovery Facility

- » Green transition – projects that can implement the EU Green Deal
- » Digital Transformation - projects that can support a deeper and more digital single market
- » Inclusive recovery - projects that can support a fair and inclusive recovery



Cohesion policy - five policy objectives

- » Smarter Europe
- » Greener, carbon free Europe
- » Connected Europe: strategic transport and digital networks
- » Social Europe
- » Europe closer to citizens: locally-led development strategies and sustainable urban development

* Through national reform programmes with priorities identified through the European Semester