THE ROLE OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN EUROPE’S RECOVERY

Julien Guerrier, Director A, DG R&I
‘Next Generation EU’: a €750 b plan

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INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ARE KEY FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY

R&I are critical levers to ensure a sustainable and inclusive recovery, while boosting the resilience of our production sectors, the competitiveness of our economies and the transformation of our socio-economic systems. There are a number of key strategic areas where R&I initiatives can assist the recovery, and assist in the short term.

€13.5 billion proposed increase of Horizon Europe budget through Next Generation EU, a €750 billion recovery plan

“Our renewed commitment to modernize our economies, making them greener, more digital and more resilient, will ensure that we come out stronger from this crisis. Research and innovation are vital to ensure a sustainable recovery for all.”

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth
Horizon Europe proposed increase

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Amendments to Horizon Europe

- The recovery and resilience measures under the European Recovery Instrument will be carried out through the already existing instruments, including via Horizon Europe.

- That is why it was necessary to amend the Commission proposals to include references to the European Recovery Instrument where additional amount of EUR 13.5 b (in 2018 (constant) prices)/ EUR 14.6 b (current prices) is foreseen for Horizon Europe (article 9a of the Regulation and article 4a of the Specific Programme).

- On 29 May 2020 changes in Horizon Europe Regulation and Specific Programme were adopted.
Amendments to Horizon Europe

These amendments aim at:

• Enabling the implementation of the measures laid down in the proposal for Regulation establishing a European Recovery;

• Enabling financing from the European Recovery Instrument as external assigned revenues in accordance with Article 21(5) of the Financial Regulation;

• Ensuring compliance with the targeted deadlines laid down in Article 4 of the proposal for Regulation establishing a European Recovery Instrument through proper cross referencing
€13.5 b proposed budget increase in a

- Support to health and climate-related R&I:
  - **Health cluster**: clinical trials, protective measures, virology, vaccines, treatments and diagnostics, and translation of research into public health
  - **Climate Energy and Mobility + Digital Industry and Space clusters**: scale up R&I resources and strengthen competitiveness of EU industry
  - Promote a recovery consistent with the **European Green Deal**
  - **EIC**: additional means for emerging and breakthrough innovations

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R&I boosts growth and competitiveness

- **Positive fiscal stance**: public investments in R&I should be prioritised
- Investments in innovative **SMEs, start-ups and midcaps** are critical
- Incentives for firms’ activity and to invest in people and R&I **build resilience**

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R&I accelerates Europe’s transformation

• Horizon will be strengthened to support a truly transformative recovery

• HE’s missions have all direct links to the sectors mostly hit by the crisis

• HE’s new Partnerships ensure long term strategic cooperation in areas that are key for Europe’s sustainability

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R&I is key to battle the coronavirus outbreak

- Over €1 b from H2020 mobilised for Coronavirus Global Response to develop and universally deploy diagnostics, treatments and vaccines

- Adjusted EU State Aid rules facilitate COVID-19 relevant R&I

- R&I contributes to common standards e.g. for diagnostics tests, health data, product approvals, joint innovation procurement and clinical guidelines

- HE’s health R&I activities will be complementary to EU4Health, which will focus on testing, approval, uptake and deployment

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