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# ESTONIA'S RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

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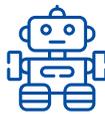
## KEY FIGURES

**EUR 953.5 million** in grants  
*2.81 % of GDP<sup>1</sup>*

**>53 %** value of **payments requested**  
*corresponding to  
35 % of milestones/targets*



**Climate Target**  
**59 %**



**Digital Target**  
**24 %**



**Social Spending**  
**11 %**

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

### GREEN

With almost 60% of the total amount dedicated to green objectives, it boosts Estonia's move towards a greener and more sustainable economy.

### BUSINESS ORIENTED

Nearly half of the Plan's budget is directed to modernising companies and helping them make use of green and digital technologies.

### HUMAN CENTRED

Implementation of measures to modernise health and long-term care systems, support for youth to secure employment and for more energy efficient dwellings will help improve the quality of life in Estonia.

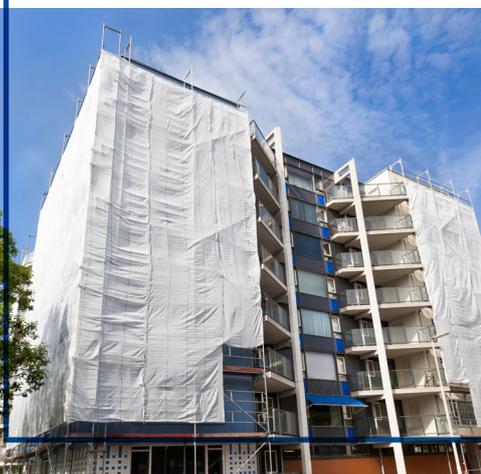
<sup>1</sup> Based on GDP in current prices for 2021.

## HOW DOES THE ESTONIAN PLAN HELP CITIZENS?

It improves people's **quality of life** by contributing to **energy efficiency** and **energy security** and addressing longstanding **healthcare** and **long-term** care problems.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Secure and green electricity and improve the energy efficiency of buildings



The Plan includes steps to strengthen energy security and foster uptake of renewable energy:

- ▶ A new radar will be built in West-Estonia to alleviate height restrictions enabling more on- and off-shore wind energy in the area;
- ▶ The electricity grid in West-Estonia will be strengthened to reduce the risk of power cuts;
- ▶ Funding will be provided for energy-efficient renovations of apartment buildings and private residences, and renovation-related advisory services for citizens.

#### Supporting youth employment



The Plan includes measures to help make it easier for young people to find jobs, contributing to the reduction of youth unemployment:

- ▶ The scheme 'My first job' will support 3,178 young people aged 16-29 to gain work experience and to improve their skills so they can secure employment.

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

It improves the competitiveness of Estonian companies hit hard by the energy crisis and the war by investing in their **digitalisation** and overall **greening**.

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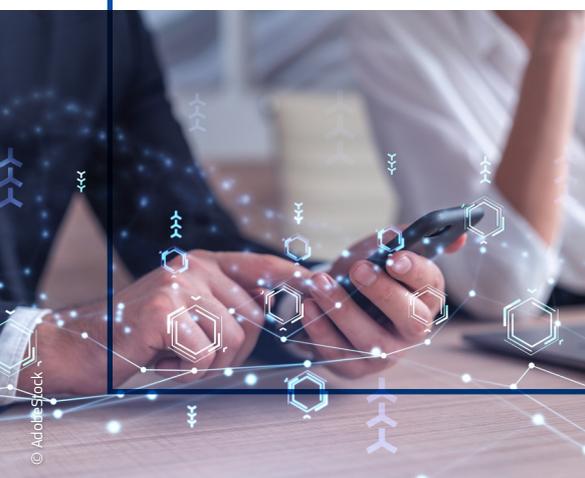
#### Green transition of companies: from skills to production processes



The Plan dedicates over 25% of its total budget to measures boosting the transition to greener economic models, by:

- ▶ Supporting companies in developing and introducing new green and resource efficient technologies in their production;
- ▶ Providing employees with green skills enabling them to work with the new green technologies;
- ▶ Making EUR 90 million available to companies via an innovative Green Fund for green tech ideas;
- ▶ Fostering the uptake of green hydrogen through investments in the production and consumption of hydrogen with a focus on the transport and chemical industry.

#### Digitalisation of SMEs



Estonia is a digital leader, with a very high rate of digitalisation of the public sector and large companies, but smaller companies lag behind. The Plan includes:

- ▶ A new digital gateway to give entrepreneurs an overview of their main obligations to the state and allow them to easily access various public services;
- ▶ Support to at least 230 SMEs and microenterprises to adopt digital technologies, develop industrial data clouds, and advisory and support services, or train their staff.

## HOW DOES THE ESTONIAN PLAN **STRENGTHEN OUR UNION?**

It helps to **fight corruption** and **money laundering** and creates missing **transportation links** within the region with positive impacts for the whole Union.

### FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

#### Investments into Rail Baltic infrastructure



Currently the Baltic States are not connected by railway with the rest of Europe. It constitutes a missing transport link and a security concern. A new railway connection, Rail Baltic, is being developed, starting in Tallinn, Estonia, and crossing the three Baltic States to connect to the European rail network. The Plan supports the construction of several viaducts in Estonia as part of the Rail Baltic project.

#### Improved control systems against money laundering



The Plan includes measures to step-up fight against money laundering in Estonia by:

- ▶ Strengthening the capacity of the Financial Intelligence Unit to identify early money laundering and terrorist financing schemes and channels;
- ▶ Financing a new IT system to analyse real time data from different authorities and identify possible money laundering schemes and channels.

For more information: [Estonia's recovery and resilience plan — European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/estonia-recovery-and-resilience-plan)