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Recovery, Resilience and Reform:
post-2020 priorities for an Eastern
Partnership that delivers for all

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The **Eastern Partnership** aims to deepen and strengthen relations between the European Union, its Member States and partner countries, in line with the principles of inclusiveness and differentiation, including through tailor made approaches and incentive-based enhanced cooperation. Building on the '20 deliverables for 2020', the Joint Communication of March 2020 and the Council Conclusions of May 2020, the EU has proposed a set of post-2020 Eastern Partnership priorities. In line with the **five policy objectives**, these priorities will strengthen resilience of the partners countries by investing in **two pillars**.

Recovery, resilience and reform: post-2020 Eastern Partnership Priorities



INVESTMENT

To support post-COVID 19 socio-economic recovery and build back better through accelerating the green and digital transition in the partner countries. This includes an **Economic and Investment Plan** with country-specific flagship initiatives.

2 PILLARS

GOVERNANCE

Investing in **reforms** and **respect for shared fundamental values** are at the core of our partnership. This includes support for democracy, human rights, rule of law reforms, support for the fight against corruption, gender, support to civil society and independent media.

Economic and Investment Plan for the Eastern Partnership

The key new element is the Economic and Investment plan. It will mobilise **€2.3 billion from the EU budget**, in grants, blending and guarantees, to support the post-pandemic recovery and to **sustainably transform the economies of the Eastern Partnership** to make them more resilient and integrated. The plan could leverage up to **€17 billion** in public and private investments.

These include:

- ✓ Enhanced **transport** connectivity
- ✓ Access to finance for **Small and Medium Sized Enterprises**
- ✓ Investments in equity to strengthen competitiveness and **integration into EU value chains**
- ✓ Support to the **digital transition**
- ✓ Investment in **environment and climate resilience**, including energy efficiency
- ✓ **Health resilience** and **human capital development**



The plan contains a set of **flagship initiatives** for each of **the partner countries** with concrete priority projects with tangible results

Top 10 targets for 2025

As part of the **comprehensive agenda**, a selection of **top ten targets for 2025 with the highest transformational impact for citizens** and businesses have been identified as future priority actions - together with the country flagships.



Investing in competitive and innovative economies

500,000 SMEs supported



Investing in the rule of law

All high level officials declare their **economic assets** and these **declarations** are verified



Investing in security and cyber resilience

A strengthened framework in place for identifying and **addressing hybrid threats**; strengthened partners' capacities to increase **cyber resilience** and tackle cyber crime, including through fully implementing the Council of Europe Budapest Convention on cyber crime



Investing in sustainable and smart connectivity

3,000 km of priority roads and railways built or upgraded



Investing in people and knowledge societies

70,000 individual mobility opportunities

for students and staff, researchers, young people and youth workers



Investing in inclusive, gender equal and diverse societies, and strategic communication

2,500 local **Civil Society** organisations, **120** independent **media** outlets and **2,000** **journalists** supported



Investing in sustainable energy

250,000 households reduce energy consumption by at least 20%



Investing in health resilience

850,000 health workers vaccinated

and benefit from improved therapeutics, equipment and working conditions



Investing in digital Transformation

80% of households have affordable access to **high speed internet**



Investing in environment & climate

Another **3** million people gain access to **safe water** services; **air quality** monitored and improved in **300** cities