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Recovery

Recovery and Resilience Plans

Germany / France

- French Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire and German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz [unveiled](#) their national recovery and resilience plans at a joint press conference on 27 April.
- France plans to invest €100 billion through '[France Relance](#)', a strategy based on ecology, competitiveness and social and territorial cohesion. 50% of the French budget allocated to economic recovery should be directed towards ecological transition with "the objective of reducing by 2030 gas emissions by 55% compared to the 1990 levels.
- For Germany, a total of 90% of the planned spending in the [DARP](#) is targeted towards climate action and the digital transformation.
- The plan's first priority, which has around 40% of the total financial volume, is climate policy and the energy transition. A second focus of the DARP is on the digitalisation of the economy and infrastructure and digitalisation in the education system.

Portugal

- Portuguese Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva said on Tuesday he expected Portugal's Recovery and Resilience Plan to be up and running in the second half of the year.

Italy

- The Italian parliament approved the resolutions of the government majority on the national recovery plan on Tuesday. The Council of Ministers is scheduled to approve the final text this week which will be sent to Brussels.

COVID-19 Vaccine

- Reportedly, the first hearing in the legal action announced by the European Commission against AstraZeneca [will take place](#) on Wednesday 28 April before the Court of First Instance in Brussels.

Member States

Belgium

- Belgium [decided](#) to temporarily ban all passenger traffic from India, Brazil and South Africa.

Greece

- More than 60,000 Greeks aged 30 to 39 booked an online vaccination appointment for the AstraZeneca vaccine within a few hours after the booking platform became available for them.

Finland

- Finland [should end](#) its COVID-19 state of emergency as infection rates decline, Prime Minister Sanna Marin said on Tuesday, adding that the issue would go before parliament.

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