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Recovery

Recovery and Resilience Plans

Italy:

- The recovery plan received its final approval from the Council of Ministers Thursday and will be submitted to the European Commission on Friday.

Slovakia:

- The Commission [has received](#) an [official recovery and resilience plan](#) from Slovakia.
- The Slovak plan is structured around five key policy priorities. These are green economy, education, R&D and innovation, health, and public administration/digitalisation.
- It includes measures supporting green investments, particularly in renewables, transport and buildings, healthcare, schooling and the digitalisation of public administration.

Digital Green Certificate

- On Thursday, the European Parliament [adopted](#) its negotiating position on the proposal for a Digital Green certificate
- MEPs agreed that the new “EU COVID-19 certificate” should be in place for 12 months and not longer.
- Holders of an EU COVID-19 certificate should not be subject to additional travel restrictions, such as quarantine, self-isolation or testing, according to the Parliament.

Member States

France

- French President Emmanuel Macron charts four-stage plan to ease COVID-19 restrictions, announcing four major dates for the lifting of restrictions in France.
- As a first step, the ban on travelling more than 10km from one’s place of residence will be lifted on 3 May.
- On 19 May, the curfew will start at 9 pm instead of the current 7 pm, and terraces of restaurants, museums, theatres, cinemas and non-essential shops will open again, the president told regional newspapers on Thursday.
- The start of curfew will again be pushed back to 11 pm on 9 June, when sports centres, indoor restaurants and bars will be allowed to open again.

Ireland

- The Government has announced the gradual relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. From 10 May, hairdressers can open, close-contact services and click-and-collect retail can resume, and up to 50 people will be able to attend events such as weddings and funerals.

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