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Introduction

The newsletter “Recovery, Inclusiveness, Sustainability” is part of the project “Recover4Sustainability”. This project aims to promote a Green Agenda perspective in the future recovery packages, monitor the implementation of incentive measures and provide a useful way for citizens to get involved in the discussion by taking advantage of information technology. The project also aims to advance the conditions under which current and future recovery packages support the most hit sectors of the economy and communities affected by the pandemic.

This serie of newsletters aims to inform citizens about the measures of the Economic Recovery Package, monitor their implementation and the beneficiaries of these measures. Moreover, through these newsletters, the citizens will have the opportunity to be informed about the amounts that will be allocated for each measure foreseen through this package and the upcoming packages. The main purpose of these measures is undoubtedly to reduce the negative impacts caused by the pandemic on the economy of Kosovo, and

through these measures is intended to restore economic normalcy.

The first edition of the newsletter contains a complete description of the measures set out in the Economic Recovery Package. By monitoring the implementation of this package and other subsequent packages, this newsletter and subsequent newsletters, INDEP will inform the public about the implementation of the package, thus increasing transparency and accountability between relevant institutions and the citizens of Kosovo. Through these newsletters we will reveal the details about these opportunities offered in order to restore the economic state. They will provide summaries and necessary information to key stakeholders as well as citizens about the status of implementation of the measures resulting from the previous Recovery Package. Furthermore, the newsletters will serve to inform and guide these relevant stakeholders about the new elements added to the Recovery Barometer 2.0.

→ Economic Revival Package

The damage imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic has left its mark on the economic development of the country and, unfortunately, still remains irreparable. The damages caused mainly from the total lockdown and other preventive measures against the spread of the virus are huge. Various sectors have suffered large losses which are difficult to recover. As a result of all these developments, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, respectively the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers has drafted the 3rd package in a row which supports growth of economic activities, and thus the correction of the existing distortions in the structure of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, on 16th of July 2021, approved in principle the Draft Law no. 08 / L-016 on amending and supplementing the Law no. 07 / L-041 on budget

allocations for the budget of the Republic of Kosovo for 2021. Whereas on July 28, 2021, the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo held a plenary session, in which part of the agenda was also the second reading of the Draft Law no. 08 / L-016 on amending and supplementing Law no. 07 / L-041 on budget allocations for the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo for 2021. The Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, on the same date, approved Law no. 08 / L-016 on amending and supplementing Law no.07 / L-041 on budget allocations for the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo for 2021.

This package contains measures through which assistance will be provided to sectors affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In total these measures are categorized into five (5) categories which include different sectors. These measures include:

1. Employment Support



2. Recovery of Economy and Production



3. Family support



4. Support for the public



5. Investment in infrastructure and environment



The total amount of the Economic Recovery Package is 420 million Euros. This package will be financed from the Kosovo's budget through 190 million Euros, while another 230 million Euros are presented as financing from borrowing. Within these measures and actions for the economic recovery of the country is the issuance of Diaspora Bonds, which funds will be used to finance these measures.

Measure 1 → Employment support

Through this measure, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo aims to support citizens who have lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and those who have sought jobs. This will be achieved by creating new jobs and creating conditions for the return of workers to previous positions. In total, this measure has 50 million Euros, a lot which will be divided into several categories.

50 MILLION EUROS FOR
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT



MEASURE 1

10 mil
EUR

10 mil
EUR

10 mil
EUR

5 mil
EUR

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1.1. Return to work of those who lost their jobs during the pandemic

1.2. Support for formalized employees

1.3. Employment support for women

1.4. Guaranteed employment scheme for young people

1.5. IT training and employment

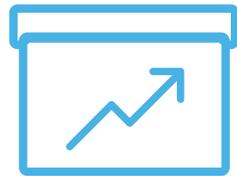
1.6. Employment support for people with special needs

1.7. Craft grant scheme

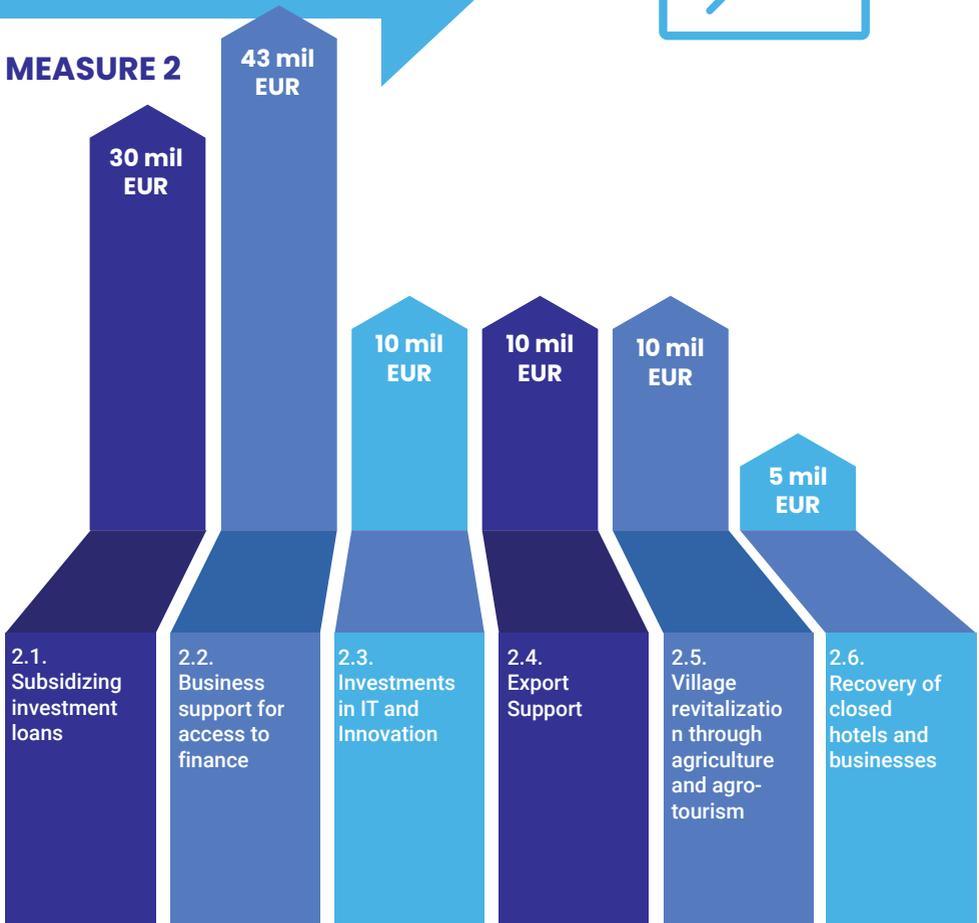
Measure 2 → Recovery of Economy and Production

The second measure of the Economic Recovery Package aims to support and encourage investment in technology and innovation, manufacturing and exports, thus helping in various ways businesses affected by the pandemic. This measure foresees to allocate 108 million Euros, with the sole purpose of pushing forward these affected and damaged categories. Through this measure, very important categories will be supported, which in this case will facilitate the economic recovery of the country.

108 MILLION EUROS FOR
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
ECONOMY AND PRODUCTION



MEASURE 2



30 mil
EUR

43 mil
EUR

10 mil
EUR

10 mil
EUR

10 mil
EUR

5 mil
EUR

2.1.
Subsidizing
investment
loans

2.2.
Business
support for
access to
finance

2.3.
Investments
in IT and
Innovation

2.4.
Export
Support

2.5.
Village
revitalization
through
agriculture
and agro-
tourism

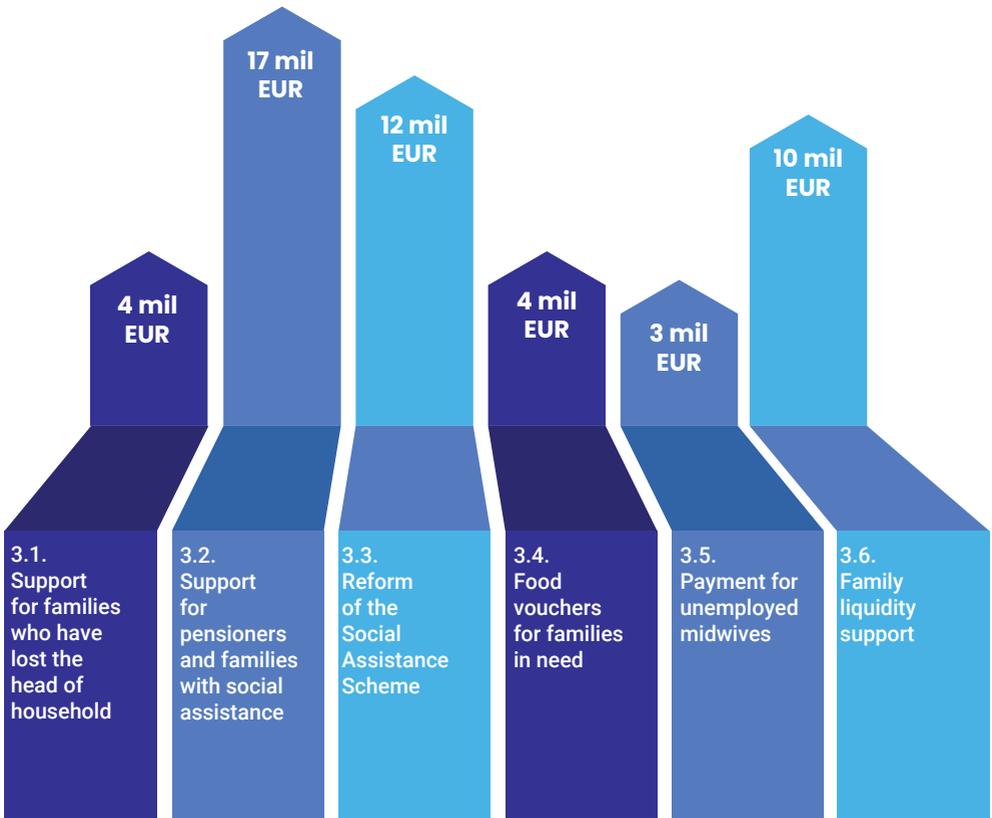
2.6.
Recovery of
closed
hotels and
businesses

Measure 3 → Family support

The COVID-19 pandemic has damaged social welfare. Many families have been affected and damaged economically but also morally and physically. All this has brought damage which without outside help will hardly be able to be restored as before. This has led to the Economic Revival Package to include the measure which is dedicated to helping families, especially those most affected. This aid tends to alleviate some of the damage caused by the pandemic.

50 MILLION EURO
SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

MEASURE 3



Measure 4 → Support for the public

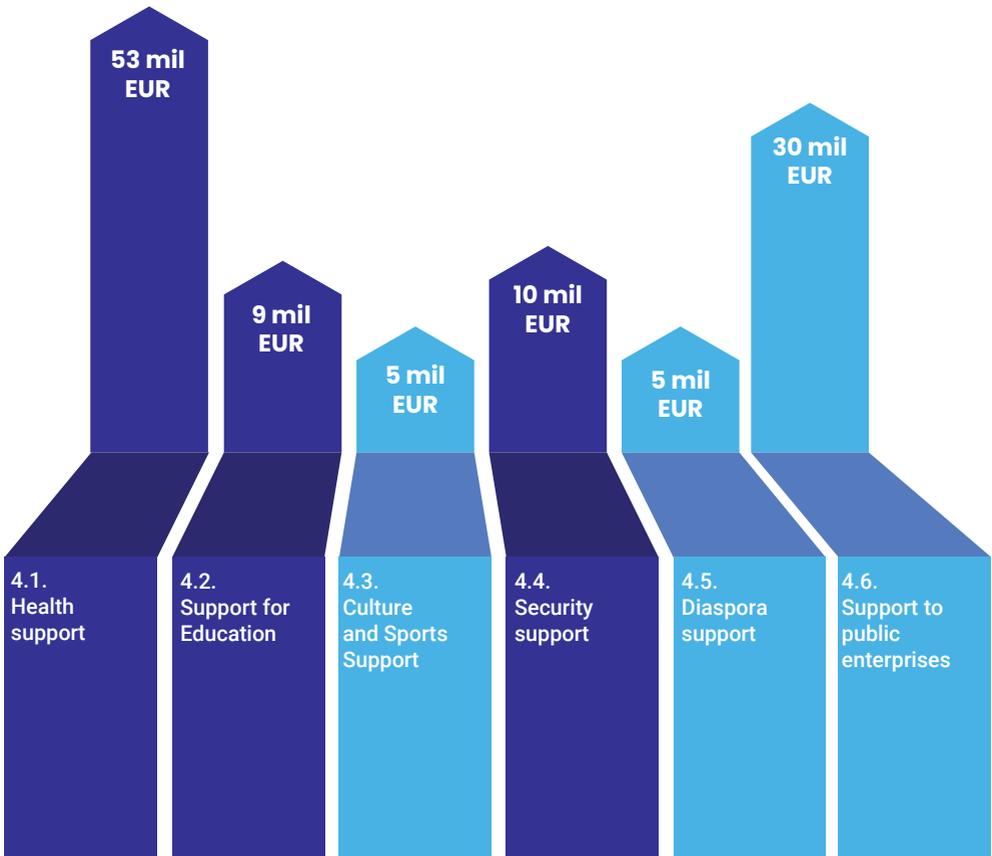
Social welfare greatly affects civic productivity and achievement. With the onset of the pandemic and during it, this sector was greatly affected, which consequently stagnated in many directions. Health, education, culture and sports, but also safety are among the most affected areas. Therefore, it was decided that this package will include the above-mentioned sectors, with assistance in the amount of 112 million Euros.



112 MILLION EUROS FOR
PUBLIC SUPPORT



MEASURE 4



Measure 5 → Investment in infrastructure and environment

The Economic Recovery Package also provides support for the infrastructure and the environment. In total, this measure contains 100 million Euros of investments. These investments are related to projects in road infrastructure, railways as well as in environmental protection. As for investments in environmental protection, they will focus on efficiency and electricity. Within the environment, it is stated in the Economic Recovery Package that they are still negotiating with various actors and investors to bring investments in this direction.

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**INVESTMENT IN
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AND ENVIRONMENT**



**SUPPORT FOR
THE PUBLIC**

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