



EUROPEAN SEMESTER & RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY

Timeline for EU and national lobbying (2021)

		
	EU level	National level
	EU lobbying actions	National lobbying actions
	EU interlocutors	National interlocutors
September 2020	Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy (ASGS)	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>European Commission (EC) decides the EU's priorities for 2021, based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› the four pillars of the European Green Deal (green, digital, fairness, economic).› the Recovery and Resilience Facility (emergency fund for Covid-19 and aftermath).	<p>This is primarily an EU level activity. National organisations can disseminate the input statement.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Input statement (before the ASGS is released).★ Assessment of the ASGS once out.★ Input to the European Parliament (EP) report on the ASGS.★ Joint lobbying with Brussels partners.★ European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) / Committee of the Regions (CoR) events or opinions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Ursula von der Leyen, Nicolas Schmit, other Commissioners.★ DG EMPL, DG ECFIN (European Semester units and desk officers).★ EP.★ EESC, CoR.★ Social Platform, other NGO alliances.★ Other stakeholders, trade unions (ETUC), local authorities (Eurocities) etc.
		<p>European Semester Officers.</p>
October 2020 – April 2021	National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs)	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>Member states draft their NRRPs, which describe proposed reforms and investments for each country. These are based on a Guidance and template prepared by the EC. Governments may organise public consultations and other stakeholder engagement activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify who is in charge of drafting the Plans.Identify what consultation processes are in place; if none—ask to be involved.Prepare key messages and disseminate them through media, social media, events, partnerships, alliances.Seek alignment between: NRRPs, MFF Programmes, National Roma Strategic Frameworks.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Support national organisations in engaging with the consultation process.★ Lobby the EC to put pressure on Governments to carry out stakeholder consultations.★ Disseminate the joint assessment of the ASGS (media, social media, events etc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ DG EMPL, DG ECFIN (European Semester units and desk officers).★ RECOVER Task Force.★ EP.★ EESC, CoR.★ Social Platform, other NGO alliances.★ Other stakeholders, trade unions (ETUC), local authorities (Eurocities) etc.
		<p>European Semester Officers.</p> <p>National Roma Contact Point.</p> <p>Friendly contacts in the Government.</p> <p>Friendly Members of Parliament.</p> <p>Other NGOs and NGO alliances, trade unions, local authorities etc.</p> <p>Friendly contacts in the media.</p>
30 April 2021 (indicative)	Submission of National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs)	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>Member states submit their final NRRPs to the EC, who will make them public. Some countries may do so slightly earlier or later.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read your country's Plan and assess it.Compare the Plan with your own submission.Confer with other stakeholders to enrich your own analysis.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Prepare a template for national organisations to evaluate their Plan and compile a synthesis assessment.★ Joint advocacy towards EU institutions and Brussels stakeholders, to promote the synthesis assessment.★ Disseminate the synthesis assessment (media, social media etc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ DG EMPL, DG ECFIN (European Semester units and desk officers).★ RECOVER Task Force.★ EP.★ EESC, CoR.★ Social Platform, other NGO alliances.★ Other stakeholders, trade unions (ETUC), local authorities (Eurocities) etc.
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May – July 2021	Council Implementing Decisions (proposal)	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>Member states will submit the NRRPs at different times. The EC will assess each Plan within two months of receiving it, and it will propose draft Council Implementing Decisions (evaluating the Plans), accompanied by a Staff Working Document (explaining the reasoning behind the evaluation). The assessment procedure is described in the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use your NRRP assessment to influence the EC's evaluation.Attend lobbying meetings with desk officers in the EC.Disseminate your assessment to national contacts.Use media and engage in joint advocacy (common statements, speaking in events etc).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Use the synthesis assessment of the NRRPs to influence the EC evaluation.★ Organise lobbying meetings with desk officers, involving national organisations.★ Reach out to friendly MEPs to put political pressure on the EC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ DG EMPL, DG ECFIN (European Semester units and desk officers).★ RECOVER Task Force.★ EP.★ EESC, CoR.★ Social Platform, other NGO alliances.★ Other stakeholders, trade unions (ETUC), local authorities (Eurocities) etc.
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July – September 2021	Council endorsement of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>The NRRPs will be approved on a case-by-case basis, within a month from the issuing of the proposals for Council Implementing Decisions, Staff Working Documents, and the operational & financial documentation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Read your country's Council Implementing Decision and annexes and assess them.Compare it with your own NRRP assessment.Confer with other stakeholders to enrich your own analysis.Disseminate your assessment to national contacts.Use media and engage in joint advocacy (common statements, speaking in events etc).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Prepare a template for national organisations to evaluate the Council Implementing Decision and annexes for their country and compile a synthesis assessment.★ Joint advocacy towards EU institutions and Brussels stakeholders, to promote the synthesis assessment.★ Disseminate the synthesis assessment (media, social media etc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ DG EMPL, DG ECFIN (European Semester units and desk officers).★ EP.★ EESC, CoR.★ Social Platform, other NGO alliances.★ Other stakeholders, trade unions (ETUC), local authorities (Eurocities) etc.
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October 2021	Lessons learned and input into the next Semester	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>The European Semester ends in the Summer, followed by the National Semester, when member states implement what was agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Engage in the process of reflection and lessons learned, including with other stakeholders, to compare experiences.Reach out to key stakeholders at national level to find out what the European Semester 2022 will look like.Disseminate the input statement.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Reflect on the process—lessons learned and key messages for the next cycle.★ Prepare an input statement / letter for the next ASGS, building on your learning.★ Reach out to key stakeholders at EU level to find out what the European Semester 2022 will look like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Ursula von der Leyen, Nicolas Schmit, other Commissioners.★ DG EMPL, DG ECFIN (European Semester units and desk officers).★ EP.★ EESC, CoR.★ Social Platform, other NGO alliances.★ Other stakeholders, trade unions (ETUC), local authorities (Eurocities) etc.
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November 2021	Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy (ASGS) and Joint Employment Report (JER) 2022	
	<p>What it means:</p> <p>The ASGS launches the new European Semester 2022 and clarifies how it will work.</p>	<p>As above—see the 2020 ASGS process.</p>
Throughout the Semester	<p>Link lobbying and advocacy efforts to other ongoing processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ The EU Strategic Framework for Roma Equality, Inclusion, and Participation.★ Cohesion Policy and other EU funds.★ The European Pillar of Social Rights.★ Covid-19 pandemic and recovery.★ The Sustainable Development Goals.★ Any other relevant policy domain that you are active on.	<p>All actors above, and others specific to the policy files you are linking up to.</p>
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		<p>All actors above, and others specific to the policy files you are linking up to.</p>