

# Unit C.7 R&I towards a Green Recovery

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## Europe's moment: Repair & Prepare for the Next Generation #NextGenerationEU

- ...reflecting the crucial role of **research and innovation** in driving the shift towards a clean, circular, competitive and climate neutral economy.
- Research and innovation will be essential.... to strengthen our autonomy and leadership in value chains.
- ...datasets available for the common good through more open access for research, innovation and SMEs.
- As Europe sets off on its path to recovery towards a greener, digital and more resilient economy and society, the need to improve and adapt **skills**, **knowledge and competences** becomes all the more important.



## Europe's moment: Repair & Prepare for the Next Generation #NextGenerationEU

#### The European Green Deal as the EU's recovery strategy:



 A massive renovation wave of our buildings and infrastructure and a more circular economy, bringing local jobs;



 Rolling out renewable energy projects, especially wind, solar and kick-starting a clean hydrogen economy in Europe;



Cleaner transport and logistics, including the installation of one million charging points for electric vehicles and a boost for rail travel and clean mobility in our cities and regions;







#### MOBILISING RESEARCH AND FOSTERING INNOVATION

- At least 35% of Horizon Europe funding for climate solutions
- Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call of ca €1 billion
- Four 'Green Deal missions' (climate adaptation, oceans, cities and soil)
- Several European Partnerships with industry and Member States
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology support to young researchers and innovators
- European Innovation Council focused on radically new, breakthrough products, services and processes
- Data and digital infrastructure in support of the ecological transition



#### STRUCTURE OF THE GREEN DEAL CALL

Area 1:
Increasing
Climate
Ambition:
Cross
sectoral
challenges

Area 2: Clean, affordable and secure energy

Area 3: Industry for a clean and circular economy

Area 4: Energy and resource efficient buildings

Area 5: Sustainable and smart mobility

Area 6: Farm to Fork Area 7: Ecosystems and Biodiversity Area 8:
Zeropollution,
toxic free
environment

Area 9: Strengthening our knowledge in support of the European Green Deal

Area 10: Empowering citizens for the transition towards a climate neutral, sustainable Europe

Area 11: International cooperation



## Commission Work Programme 2020



- Strategy for smart sector integration (nonlegislative, Q2 2020);
- Renovation wave (non-legislative, Q3 2020);
- Offshore renewable energy (non-legislative, Q4 2020)

electrification, networks, infrastructure, carriers...





- The 2020 monitoring & reporting progress
- Powering the SET-Plan for the EU Green Recovery -**EUSEW - 26/6**
- The SET-Plan Conference under the German Presidency



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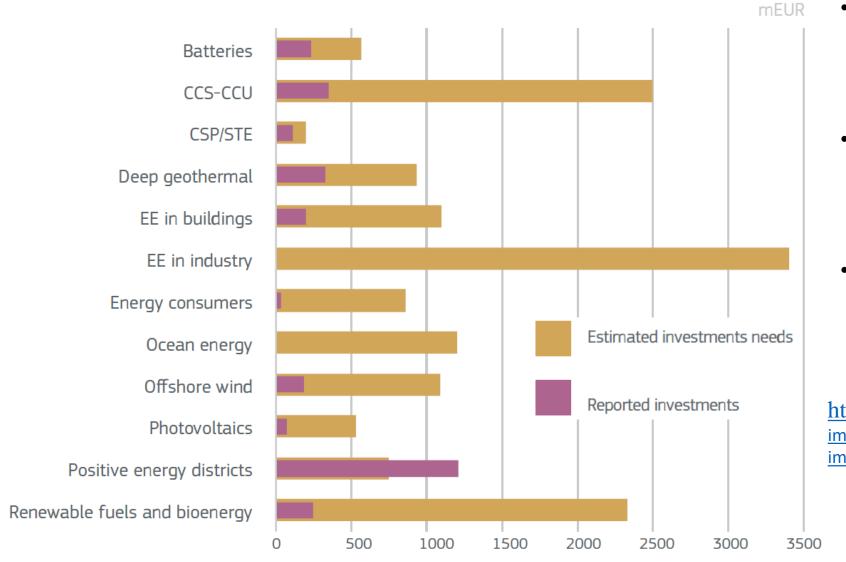
and Storage¶

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### Reported investments vs estimated needs (2019)





- Reported funds amount to 3.1 billion EUR, representing 15% of estimated R&I investments needs by IWGs (20 billion EUR)
- Positive energy districts R&I projects received funding in excess of the estimated 750 million EUR (161%)
- Energy systems IWG reported the lowest share of committed investments (2%) compared to the estimates stated in its IP.

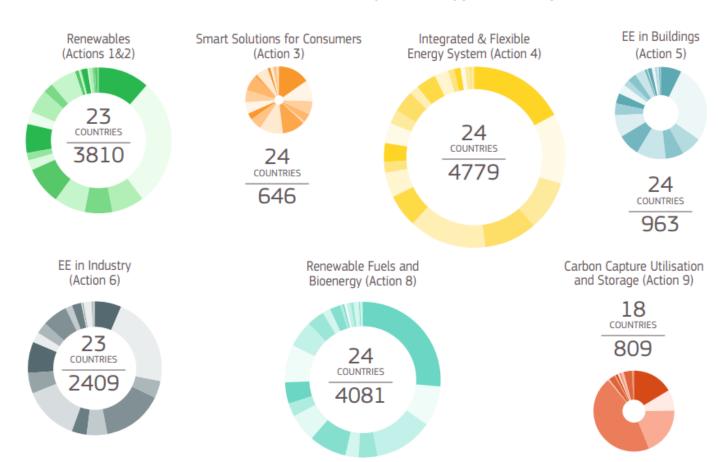
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#### Monitoring public investment in energy R&I



#### NATIONAL R&D EXPENDITURE PER SET PLAN ACTION (2012-2016) [EUR MILLION]



- Who is investing in low-carbon energy R&I?
- Are we investing enough?

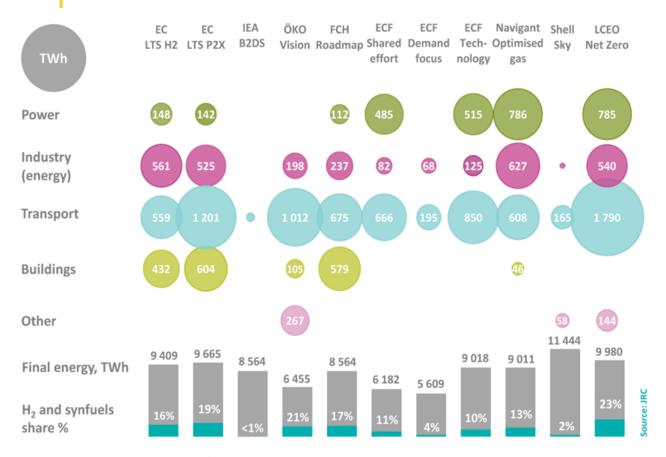
Leading up to 2030, an investment in excess of EUR 20 billion is expected in R&I activities that impact the clean energy transition, and the EU in low-carbon energy technologies.

Source: JRC based on IEA data and own data collection, in SET Plan delivering results (2018)



## The role of H2 in EU decarbonisation scenarios





- Great volumes of H<sub>2</sub> may be needed for the decarbonisation of the EU
- Transport and industry are the main end-use sectors; H<sub>2</sub> consumption in buildings shown in LTS
- H<sub>2</sub> may supply up to a quarter of the EU's final energy consumption

Consumption of hydrogen and share in final energy in EU decarbonisation scenarios in 2050 (JRC116452)



### The role of R&I in Europe's Recovery





"Our renewed commitment to modernize our economies, making them greener, more digital and more resilient, will ensure that we come out stronger from this crisis. Research and innovation are vital to ensure a sustainable recovery for all."

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

#### INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ARE KEY FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY

R&I are critical levers to ensure a sustainable and inclusive recovery, while boosting the resilience of our production sectors, the competitiveness of our economies and the transformation of our socio-economic systems. There are a number of key strategic areas where R&I initiatives can assist the recovery, and assist in the short term.



€13.5 billion proposed increase of Horizon Europe budget through Next Generation EU, a €750 billion recovery plan

The budget increase will be used to provide European support for health and climate-related research and innovation activities. The additional budget will go to:

- Horizon Europe's Health cluster to tackle challenges such as the coronavirus pandemic, the extension
  of clinical trials, innovative protective measures, virology, vaccines, treatments and diagnostics, and
  the translation of research findings into public health policy measures.
- Horizon Europe's Climate Energy and Mobility cluster and the Digital Industry and Space cluster
  to scale up R&I resources in climate-related domains and to ensure that European enterprises have access
  to the technologies and data they need. This will strengthen support for the competitiveness of EU industry
  in related economic sectors and promote a recovery consistent with the European Green Deal's goals.
- The European Innovation Council (EIC) to provide additional means for emerging and breakthrough innovations by small and medium-sized enterprises, start-ups, and midcaps. The EIC has a huge potential to support the recovery and the EU's ambitions on digitalisation and climate.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/research\_and\_innovation/strategy\_on\_research\_and\_innovation/documents/ec\_rtd\_covid19-recovery-factsheet.pdf





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