

DRAFT PROGRAMME

NextGenerationEU *First year of the Finnish Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRF)*

8 February 2023 9.00 - 12:30

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European Commission Representation in Finland, Malminkatu 16, 00100 Helsinki, Finland
(+ web-streaming)

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and opening

- Maria BLÄSSAR, Head of European Commission Representation in Finland

9:15 – 9:45 Current state of implementation of RRP of Finland

In this session, the representatives in charge of the RRF Plan in Finland and at the Commission will provide insights on the first year of the implementation

- Marketta HENRIKSSON, Director, Secretariat for EU Affairs at the Ministry of Finance
- Eric VON BRESKA, Director, Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission

9:45 - 10:45 Green technology and technology for green – future proofing of the Finnish economy

Investments in green transition constitute a major part of the Finnish RRP. In line with Finland's ambitious goal to be world's first fossil-free welfare society and carbon neutral by 2035, the RRP's green transition measures will support structural adjustment of the economy and help to build a carbon-neutral welfare society. In this session, the related investments in different areas and policy measures are discussed together with the recipients of RRF funding. A moderated discussion will follow, including also a Q&A with the audience and the EC representatives.

Moderator: Marjut LESKINEN, Economic Counsellor, Commission Representation in Finland

- Juho KORTENIEMI, Chief Specialist, Energy Technology Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
- Outi HAANPERÄ, Project Director, Nature and the economy, SITRA
- Katja KOPONEN, Business Development Manager, [Ilmatar Energy Oy](#)
- Pasi VAINIKKA, CEO of [Solar Foods](#)
- Petri ALAVA, CEO of [Infinited Fiber](#)
- Eric VON BRESKA, Director, Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15 **Boosting digital transition for sustainable growth**

The Finnish RRP will also channel investments in digitalisation and digital economy, related research and skills. Key enabling technologies, like 5G/6G, artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum, are crucial for the competitiveness of Finnish companies – both in Finland and globally. This session will discuss digital transformation as a driver for change, the fundamental role of R&D as a catalyst for innovation and the need to ensure the availability of highly skilled human capital. After an initial round of interventions, a moderated discussion will follow, including also a Q&A with the audience and the EC representatives.

Moderator: Liina MUNARI, Economic Counsellor, Commission Representation in Finland

- Erja TURUNEN, Executive Vice President, digital technologies, Technical Research Center VTT Oy
- Arto PUSSINEN, Senior Director, Ecosystems Digitalization, Business Finland
- Jussi VAUHKONEN, Development Director, Academy of Finland
- Jarkko PELLIKKA, Program Director, Industrial 5G, Nokia: [Competitive edge](#)
- Minna HELLE, Deputy CEO and Executive Director, Work, Skills and Innovation, Technology Industries of Finland
- Luc THOLONIAT, Director, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

12:15 – 12:30 **Closing and next steps**

- Mikko VÄHÄ-SIPILÄ, Director, EU Recovery and Resilience Facility, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
- Luc THOLONIAT, Director, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission