FROM Deregulatory Pressure to LAISSEZ FAIRE

THE SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE EU RECOVERY STRATEGY

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WHAT APPROACH TO LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICIES?

Social innovations in the NGEU

Which paradigm?

Mapping the social and labour policies in the RRPs

EU and social objectives: close but far
SOCIAL INNOVATIONS IN THE RECOVERY STRATEGY

ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC (SOCIAL) INVESTMENTS

- SURE and 2020 CSRS: job retention schemes and income protection.
- RRF: €723.8 bil for investments and reforms. Changing nature of Semester.
- General escape clause SGP and adjusted state aid rules
- No strong link RRF and social objectives
- Temporary framework

MORE NUANCED MACROECONOMIC AND FISCAL CONDITIONALITY

- RRF: just link with CSRs and fiscal safeguard in Art.10.
- Once the SGP fully back, fiscal safeguards may lead to spending cuts (already in 2022 CSRs)

EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

- RRP s need to consider EPSR. Social Scoreboard section in Commission analysis
- Reflected in 2022 CSRs: inclusive labour market & social assistance
- All RRP s: score ‘A’?
- EPSR: labour market more than employment protection
LAISSEZ FAIRE APPROACH

POTENTIAL ROOM FOR REDISTRIBUTIVE AND PROTECTIVE POLICIES

STILL, THEY ARE NOT ACTIVELY PROMOTED
## Social & Labour Policies in the RRP:

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**Commission:**
- **Reservation for social and labour costs**
  - AT, BE, CZ, DE, EE, FI, FR, LU, MT, SI, SP, SK (IT), LU
- **Social spending**
- **Labour costs**
EU SOCIAL OBJECTIVES: NOT YET THERE

A ROADMAP

- Structural forms of financial assistance
- Economic governance and SGP reform
- Introduction of social conditionality
THANK YOU!