

EU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) *National Recovery and Resilience Plans & Digital Uptake*

31 March 2022 | 16:00 - 19:00 CET

Event Description

[PromethEUs](#) network organizes a private event to initiate discussions and exchange of views amongst stakeholders from Southern European countries -Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain- regarding the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). Stakeholders include representatives from the public administration, academia, private companies, industry associations, and think tanks.

The event is framed within the joint paper that the PromethEUs network is elaborating on the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and the respective Recovery and Resilience Plans of Southern EU countries, focusing in digital transition. In this line, this event will have a policy analysis perspective focusing on the following areas:

- *Spain's Recovery and Resilience Plan*
- *Italy's Recovery and Resilience Plan*
- *Portugal's Recovery and Resilience plan*
- *Greece's Recovery and Resilience Plan*

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AGENDA

16:00 PARTICIPANTS TO CONNECT

16:05 OPENING

Nikos VETTAS, General Director, IOBE and Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

16:10 PANEL DISCUSSION

Key issues to be discussed:

Digital Transformation in Southern Europe: The role and impact of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans

- The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRP) and its integration to the National Policies combining the EU policy objectives
- General goals and financing principles at the EU and national level
- Institutional and infrastructure weaknesses or challenges identified in each country, focusing on the digital transition and resilience
- Progress of each country regarding the specific milestones required for disbursements

Invited Speakers:

- **Steffen HOERNIG**, Professor Nova School of Business and Economics
- **Stefano DA EMPOLI**, President, I-Com – the Institute for Competitiveness
- **Raquel JORGE**, Policy Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute
- **Georgios GATOPOULOS**, Head of International Macroeconomics and Finance, IOBE

[17:10] Q&A WITH PARTICIPANTS

17:20 KEY INTERVENTION: Leonidas CHRISTOPOULOS, Secretary General of Digital Governance and Simplification of Procedures at Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece

17.40 PANEL DISCUSSION

Key issues to be discussed:

Digital transformation: The business sector as a catalyst for digital growth

- The level of readiness of the business sector to participate in RRP
- Problems and potential obstacles that need to be addressed
- Reforms and changes to improve the implementation of RRP at EU and national level

Invited Speakers:

- **George STEFANOPOULOS**, General Manager at Greek Mobile Operators Association
- **Roberto LISCIA**, President, Netcomm, Board Member, E-Commerce Europe
- **Paloma BAENA**, Senior Director, NextGenerationEU, Llorente y Cuenca
- **Pedro CILÍNIO**, Diretor, IAPMEI Agência para a Competitividade e Coesão I. P.

18.40 Q&A WITH PARTICIPANTS

18.50 CONCLUDING REMARKS

- **Aggelos TSAKANIKAS**, Scientific Advisor, IOBE and Associate Professor, National Technical University of Athens

19.00 END OF EVENT