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**The Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan:
Discussing the theoretical framework and collecting empirical evidence**

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The Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) is by far the largest in Europe. Italy has decided to use its entire national allocation under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, including its loan component. Besides the investments, it envisages a consistent reform package encompassing several areas. In the intentions of the Italian government, the RRP should constitute a game changer to shake the inertia which has characterized the past twenty years of Italy's economy. In the short-term, the aim of the Italian RRP is to support the economy and society to recover from the damages caused by the health crisis; however, in the medium and long-term, the Plan should tackle the structural weaknesses that have been weighing down on Italy's economy and society for decades, for instance the long-standing inequalities between the country's geographical areas, gender inequality, weak productivity growth and low rates of investment in human and physical capital, as well as drive a comprehensive ecological transition.

We welcome contributions aimed at analysing the multifaceted aspects of the Italian RRP, also in comparison with other national RRP currently being implemented across European countries. In particular, we encourage contributions on:

- The economic rationale underlying the Italian RRP and its desired transformative impact;
- The main challenges related to the implementation of the Italian RRP “on the ground”;
- The relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the reforms presented in the Italian RRP as well as their assessment;
- The governance structure and its appropriateness;
- The territorial dimension of the plan: to what extent it is addressed as well as the impact of the Italian RRP on regional cohesion;
- The complementarity between the Italian RRP and other European Union programmes.

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