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Weekly Newsletter

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TO KEEP YOU IN THE BIG PICTURE

TRANSPARENCY ABOVE ALL: The Commission has introduced **new rules to ensure transparent reporting** under the **Recovery and Resilience Facility**, the key instrument at the heart of the **NextGenerationEU**, on investments and spending. The rules define common indicators for Member States to report on the overall performance of their recovery and resilience plans. A new recovery and resilience scoreboard will also go live before the end of the year, to show progress of the implementation of the national recovery and resilience plans in a transparent manner.



THINK GLOBAL: Last week the Commission launched a [Global Gateway](#), the new European Strategy to boost smart, clean and secure links in digital, energy and transport and strengthen health, education and research systems across the world. The Global Gateway stands for sustainable and trusted connections that work for people and the planet, to tackle the most pressing global challenges, from climate change and protecting the environment, to improving health security and boosting competitiveness and global supply chains. Global Gateway aims to mobilise up to €300 billion in investments between 2021 and 2027 to underpin a lasting global recovery, taking into account our partners needs and EU's own interests.

HELP WHERE IT'S NEEDED: Last week the Commission put forward a set of temporary [asylum and return measures](#) to assist Latvia, Lithuania and Poland in addressing the emergency situation at the EU's external border with Belarus. The proposal follows the invitation by the European Council for the Commission to propose any necessary changes to the EU's legal framework and concrete measures underpinned by adequate financial support to ensure an immediate and appropriate response in line with EU law and international obligations, including the respect of fundamental rights.

We Handpicked for You ...

- **Coronavirus disinformation never sleeps.** You may find it useful to look at the [Coronavirus disinformation monitoring programme](#) and the [latest reports](#) by online platforms on their actions taken between September and October.
- Here are the [results](#) from the **latest Eurobarometer survey** for you to consider in all relevant interactions with people on the ground. The results reveal strong public support for the euro, SURE and the Recovery and Resilience Facility.
- We are marking **2 years that President von der Leyen and this College have been at the Commission's helm.** Dive in the 'Von der Leyen Commission: two years on' [report](#) that recaps the past achievements and progress we made on all fronts – from addressing the pandemic, to economic recovery, to key initiatives on all 6 political priorities.



Don't hesitate to make known the latest Commission open consultation, this time on the rule of law. The targeted consultation aims to gather information about developments related to the rule of law in the Member States, in view of the 2022 Rule of Law Report. The consultation is addressed to stakeholders such as judges associations, civil society, NGOs, international organisations and EU agencies, among others.

CoFE ...

- Watch out for **the 3d interim report**, due to be released on the platform this Thursday.
- The next **Citizens' panel** is taking place in **Florence on 10-12 December** this year.
- Continue to **raise awareness about the platform** as the central hub of the Conference.



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