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***Latvian social partners on Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Plan of Latvia***

On 4 February 2021 the Cabinet of Ministers of Republic of Latvia mandated the Ministry of Finance to ensure the start of negotiations with the European Commission on the European Union Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) draft Plan of Latvia.

Social partners - the **Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS)** and **Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK)** - have reviewed the Recovery and Resilience Plan Facility (RRF) draft Plan of Latvia (in the wording of January 20, 2021) and concluded that the draft Plan of Latvia needs conceptual adjustment and improvement.

For your consideration please find enclosed position documents of the national social partners LBAS and LDDK that were submitted to and discussed at the National Tripartite Cooperation Council meetings of 18 December 2020 and 29 January 2021. The parties agreed that the social partners should be fully involved in the next phase of development of the RRF Plan of Latvia, and proposals of the LDDK and LBAS have to be attached to the draft RRF plan of Latvia when submitted to the European Commission.

Due to insufficient consultation of Latvian social partners by the government institutions during development of the Plan, we address the European Commission. We ask you during assessment of draft Plan of Latvia to take into account the position of the national social partners and to inform us about European Commission's opinion on the draft Plan of Latvia.

We have recognized that there is a lack of clear vision on how to integrate the funding RRF provides with the goals of National Development Plan and EU Structural funds. In our opinion RRP is not focussing enough on skill development, research and development and education goals that would help to increase competitiveness, job creation and to reach the green and digital transition goals that are in line with NDP and country specific recommendations provided by the European Commission and could support innovations and productivity in Latvia.

Furthermore the European Commission should communicate to the Member states the importance of social partner involvement in the next steps of RRF plan development to ensure that the views of the social partners are adequately represented in the final draft of the RRF plan of Latvia.

In addition, we would like to inform you that on January 14, 2021, the Nordic and Baltic employers' organizations prepared a statement calling on the European Commission to monitor more closely the use of Next Generation EU funds. In order to ensure that the available funding is used for sustainable development and job creation, employers' and industry organizations in eight countries are calling upon European Commission to monitor the results of the economic recovery, based on clearly defined quantitative targets for economic recovery.

*Annexes:*

- 1. LDDK position for a meeting of the National Tripartite Cooperation Council (NTSP) on December 18, 2020 On Latvia's Recovery and Resilience Facility (unofficial translation from Latvian, 5 pages);*
- 2. LDDK position for a meeting of the National Tripartite Cooperation Council (NTSP) on January 29, 2021 On Latvia's Recovery and Resilience Facility (unofficial translation from Latvian, 2 pages).*
- 3. LBAS position for a meeting of the National Tripartite Cooperation Council (NTSP) on January 29, 2021 On Latvia's Recovery and Resilience Facility (unofficial translation from Latvian, 5 pages).*
- 4. Statement by the Nordic and Baltic employers' organizations on 14 January 2021, in English on 2 pages.*

Yours sincerely,

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