

Opzet

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Inbelgegevens: Ms Tytti Tuppurainen, Minister for European Affairs

Hoofdboodschap / doelstelling:

- **[COVID-19]** Belangstelling tonen voor COVID-19-situatie in FIN en aangeven dat ook NL vanaf 11 mei een aantal stappen gezet heeft in het versoepelen van maatregelen. U kunt eventueel aanbieden om *lessons learned* met elkaar te delen.
- **[Bilateraal]** Valt buiten reikwijdte wobverzoek
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- **[MFK/Recovery fund]** Benadrukken dat NL bereid is tot tijdelijk verhogen MFK om Corona impact op te vangen, maar voorkomen dat dit leidt tot een structureel hoger MFK. Daarnaast essentieel dat extra middelen afdwingbaar aan hervormingen en versterking van de interne markt bijdragen. Eerdere onderhandelingsprincipes blijven gelden: beperkte omvang, terughoudend op nieuwe eigen middelen en benadrukken belang behoud afdrachtenkorting.

Spreekpunten

[COVID-19]

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• **International trade policy:**

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- COVID-19 has unprecedented impact on our citizens and economy. Clear that modifications to next MFF are needed. EU needs a common recovery strategy. At the same time, necessary to keep long-term focus on broader policy priorities and the need for real reforms.
- Recognize the need for additional recovery measures. Main concern however is that there should be strong and enforceable guarantees that recovery funding contributes to **concrete reforms and completion of the internal market**. Should lead to more convergence to foster growth and competitiveness and make sure that Member States are better prepared for the next crisis. It will also be needed to explain to a critical public that this new money is well spent.
- Furthermore very concerned about proposed **funding mechanism** the CION is

considering, by issuing debt to finance the EU budget (“loans for grants”). This is not only a difficult legal question, but first and foremost a fundamental point as it runs counter to sound budgetary principles and might lead to debt mutualization.

- Undesired precedent that will then be used over and over again. Strong political concerns and almost unanimously critical parliament to take into consideration. That’s why strong link to reforms and conditionalities is so important. I am willing to pay a fair share for recovery and could agree to additional loans to MS, but certainly without reform proposals loans for grants is a bridge too far. Must not end up as budget aid.
- [Ambtelijke follow-up]: Let’s agree that we ask our MFF teams to **follow up** at their earliest possible convenience.

[Passief/in reactie]

- **Needs assessment:** NL budget deficit more than 10% this year, same for others. Figures we read of new MFF of 2-3% GDP are simply not realistic. Need to be clear about who is most affected and what form of recovery support leads to sustainable increase in competitiveness.. Also look at what has already been done (ECB, EIB, current EU budget, SURE).
- **Priorities:** If some additional investment is needed, these recovery efforts should be
 - limited in time,
 - linked to structural reforms (with appropriate conditions) and
 - focused on research & innovation, green recovery, strengthening of the internal market and crisis response capacity.
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- In addition, we see room for **frontloading** of Cohesion funds during the first 2 years to kick-start economies and quickly support Member States’ actions.
- Leaders will have to agree on a **package**, where additional MFF and recovery resources will have to be clearly linked to reforms, conditionalities and further strengthening Internal Market. In order to stimulate sustainable economic growth and convergence. We could use BICC methodology (national reform plans), that should be further strengthened.

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- **Rebates:** permanent rebates must be included in the upcoming CION proposal. I would

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