

**Opzet**

Taal: Engels

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Meeluisteren: DEU [redacted] (10)(2e)

Inbelgegevens: [redacted] (10)(2e) (secretariaat Korčok).

**Hoofdboodschap / doelstelling**

- **[MFK]:** SLW is een euro- en cohesieland. Doel outreach is SLW vocaler te maken tegen loans for grants en tegen schuldmutualisatie. [redacted] (10)(2g)

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**Spreekpunten**

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*Hoofdboodschap*

- COVID-19 has unprecedented impact on our citizens and economy. Clear that modifications to next MFF are needed. We are committed to speeding up the recovery and restoring growth across the EU.
- In coordination with [redacted] (10)(2a) we have put forward a proposal for a one-off temporary Emergency Fund to support economic recovery. For a sustainable

recovery, investments should be based on a clear needs assessment. Furthermore, to come out stronger, it is crucial that recovery efforts are coupled to a strong commitment by Member States to implement relevant structural reforms.

- Recovery support should be temporary and focused on growth-enhancing investments, including research, innovation, and the green and digital transition. In addition, as part of the recovery package, we should restore and deepen the Single Market.
- On the financing side of the recovery package, we have strong concerns about proposals whereby the Commission would issue debt to finance EU budget expenditures. This would create a legacy of repayment obligations for all member states. Our proposal is based on the concept of “loans-for-loans”. This would ensure that Member States have access to financial resources, while avoiding steps towards debt mutualisation.
- As Slovakia and NL are both nations that attach great importance to sound public finances, I hope we can cooperate to ensure EU budget is not debt-financed.
- Please tell me what is important for Slovakia and your thoughts on the CION proposals?

*Vervolg opmerkingen / tweede ronde*

- Our main points regarding the new MFF proposal are:
- **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. That is why we need a needs assessment. What will the money be used for?
- **Priorities:** If some additional investment is needed, these recovery efforts should be:
  - Limited in time.
  - Linked to structural reforms.
  - Focused on research & innovation, green recovery, strengthening of the internal market and crisis response capacity.
- Modifications should primarily be made by **adjusting** and **reprioritizing** the MFF proposal of 21 February 2020.
- In our view this 21 February MFF proposal already provides for appropriate means for CAP/Cohesion. However, we see room for **frontloading** of Cohesion funds during the first 2 years to kick-start economies and quickly support Member States’ actions.

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- **Funding:** If necessary we could consider loans to Member States (“loans for loans”, as in the SURE proposal), but:
  - Should only be temporarily (two years) and only in response to COVID-19.
- Conditions / principles should be laid down in Own Resources Decision.
- Financial liabilities for Member States should be limited and proportional.
- Again, EU borrowing cannot be used to finance the budget and can only be used to provide financial assistance in the form of loans.

#### Achtergrond

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- Het herstelfonds moet een duidelijk afgebakend volume en duur hebben en een helder terugbetalingsplan. Allocatie van middelen op basis van economische indicatoren en aan de hand van de langetermijneffecten van de coronacrisis op economische sectoren.
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