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To the kind attention of Mr. Erik Von Breska

Please, find attached a document prepared by the Forum on Inequalities and Diversity (<https://www.forumdisuguaglianzediversita.org/>) that analyzes the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (thereafter, the Plan), sent by the Italian Government to the European Commission on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

Following the principles established by the European code of conduct on partnership and by the Guidance to Member States Recovery and Resilience Plans, first in July 2020 and then again last January, the Forum presented its observations on the Plan and suggested some corrections and integrations. They were based on the best possible interpretation of the EU recommendations and were aimed at guaranteeing the most effective use of the resources made available through the NGEU.

After the adoption of the Plan by the Italian Government, we prepared this new document in which we appreciate some of the progress made, point out some serious shortcoming and present specific proposals, in terms of method and content. The document takes a particular relevance due to the fact that the consultation process did not had that general and in-depth nature as established by the Guidance. This failure is demonstrated by the absence in the Plan of the summary of the consultation process, its scope, its type and its timing and the description of how stakeholders' inputs have been taken into account and reflected in the Plan.

In order to enhance the principle of partnership, we are confident that our evaluations and proposals could successfully contribute to the debate now open between the Italian Government and the European Commission in order to achieve the final adoption of the Plan.

As argued in the attached document, a key feature to improve the Italian Plan, that we hope will be carried out in the next weeks, is the commitment to enact a full and appropriate consultation process during the implementation of the Plan as, again, established by the Guidance. In order to achieve this result, it is essential that the monitoring system envisaged by the Plan – that should enable verification of “Target and Milestones” but should also make it possible to know in a timely manner the stages of the implementation process that lead from the Plan to actions – is made available in a timely and usable manner to all citizens and to all organizations of citizenship, labor and business. In terms of format, “OpenCoesione”, used for cohesion policies, represents a good reference.

A full and transparent information on all the implementation steps of the Plan would make possible a widespread civic monitoring. This would be instrumental not only to ensure a timely and effective implementation of the Plan but also to bridge the gap between citizens and national and European institutions, as it is essential for the success of the European policies.

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