



FIFTH INTERNATIONAL ASTRIL CONFERENCE

THE MACROECONOMIC, STRUCTURAL AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN **JANUARY 20 - 21, 2022** 

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## CALL FOR PAPER

In Europe, recovery after the Covid-19 crisis is still uncertain, is below the previous income trend, and is strictly related to implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs) in each country. These plans are intended to foster labour productivity and the pace of economic growth as well as ecological transition and social cohesion, facing therefore, in addition to the pandemic crisis, also the long-term processes of social polarisation and secular stagnation that had already taken place over the last decades in the major industrialised European countries. However, concerns have been advanced about the adequacy of the amount of resources planned by the Next Generation EU, a future lack of coordination between fiscal and monetary policies, and the effects on the labour market of the structural changes caused by the ecological transition and automation in industrial and service sectors of the economy. The Fifth International ASTRIL Conference aims to bring together contributions in these fields on possible policy measures capable of reducing income and wealth inequality.

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Contributions in the following themes are particularly welcome on both theoretical and empirical grounds:

- 1) Macroeconomic effects: the adequacy of the fiscal stimulus planned by the European Union as well as the values of the fiscal multipliers are still under discussion. A debate is also open on if and how a change in the European Treaties is needed in order to implement coordinated expansionary monetary and fiscal policies and overcome trade imbalances between core and periphery European countries. Finally, mission-oriented public policies are recommended to face these imbalances, the ecological crisis and the slowdown in labour productivity.
- 2) Structural changes and the labour market: The implementation of the Next Generation EU will lead to structural changes in the European economies whose effects on the labour markets have still to be investigated. Changes will occur in the weights of the various sectors, the type and amount of skill and unskilled jobs and the amount of labour unemployment and underemployment.
- 3) The reshaping of the welfare systems: the Covid-19 pandemic crisis has shown the centrality of public health and income support measures. This implies rethinking the relationship between the private and public supply of essential services.
- 4) Work organisation and industrial relations: modifications to the labour process fostered by technological changes will change the content of jobs and degree of workers' autonomy and speed up new forms of work organisation. These changes require new industrial relations to regulate smarter working practices, hours worked and part-time jobs. Moreover, work contracts and the structure of wage bargaining should change to overcome the decoupling of changes in labour productivity and real wages in Europe in recent decades. In this respect, a new institutional wage setting is needed especially in Italy where real wages and labour productivity have stagnated over the last few decades.

Please write the theme that the paper refers to (1, 2, 3, 4) in the abstract and send abstract and session proposal (4 papers at least) to: astril@uniroma3.it

## **Deadlines:**

Abstracts and session proposals (300-500 words): 20 November 2021

Notification of acceptance: 30 November 2021 Submission of papers: 30 December 2021

