



## The Merits of a **Clean COVID-19** Recovery

Prosperity stimulus for the Americas

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#### How could COVID-19 fiscal recovery packages accelerate progress on climate change?



Reviewed **+400 stimulus policies** from 2009 Global Financial Crisis

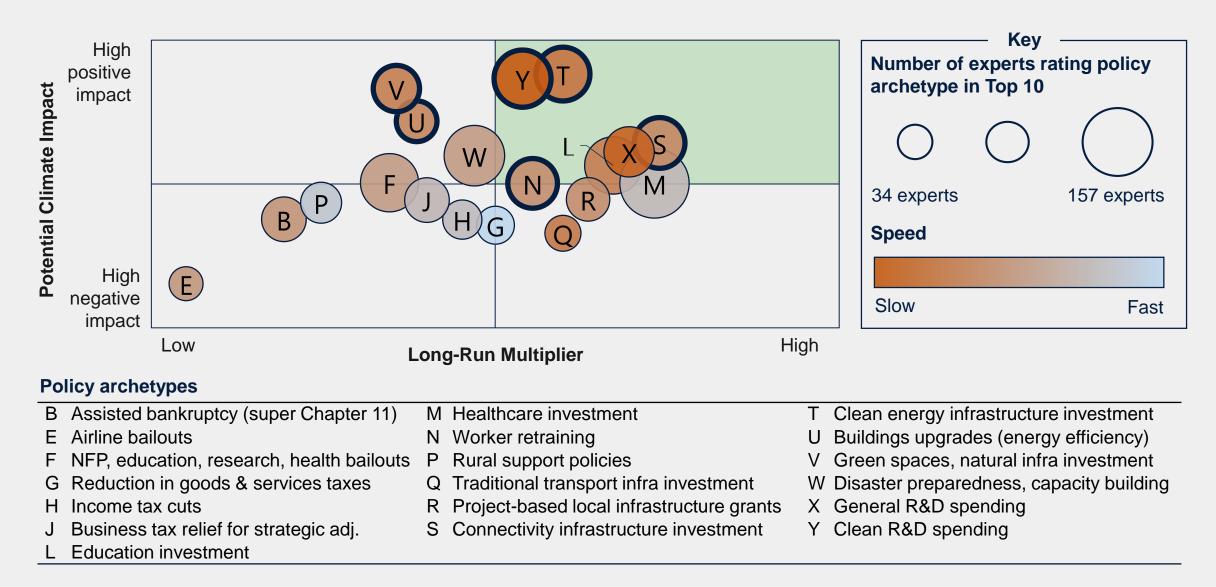
Surveyed **+230 leading economists** (covering all G20 countries)



Analysed past green policy studies (both public and private)

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# Global survey identifies a subset of policies that perform well on both economic and climate metrics



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Three key findings for policy makers



## Recovery policies can deliver both climate and economic goals – five emerge above others

- 1. Clean physical infrastructure investment
- 2. Building efficiency spending
- 3. Education and training investment
- 4. Natural capital investment
- 5. Clean R&D spending



**Co-benefits are ripe for the picking** and include social, environmental, health and political benefits



The devil is in the detail – green policy success/failure can be determined by the details





### Are the Americas unique?



Rich clean energy resources

Extreme employment vulnerability



#### **Limited Fiscal Space**

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# How we can help policy makers with local clean recovery packages



- Types of Engagement
- 1 Direct high-level advisory



**20+ nations** Finance Ministers, Environment Ministers, COVID response teams

Examples

2 Parliamentary submissions



Spain United Kingdom Canada

Deep-dive national assessments



Green job and national income multipliers at a regional level

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#### Breve guía para contribuir a la reconstrucción y recuperación 'verde' tras la crisis de la COVID-19 en España



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#### **Questions and discussion**