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RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY

37th RRF Working Group meeting

*RRF control and audit, fraud prevention, penalties,
recoveries*

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State of play of implementation



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Implementation is progressing



- **€311.5 billion disbursed** so far, including:
 - **€201** billion in RRF **grants** (i.e. 56% of envelope)
 - **€110** billion in RRF **loans** (i.e. 38% of envelope)
- Over **2 150 milestones and targets** (M/Ts) assessed by the Commission as **fulfilled** (i.e. 30%)
- In addition: a further **22%** of M/Ts reported by Member States as completed
- Each year, an increasing number of payment requests are submitted and paid

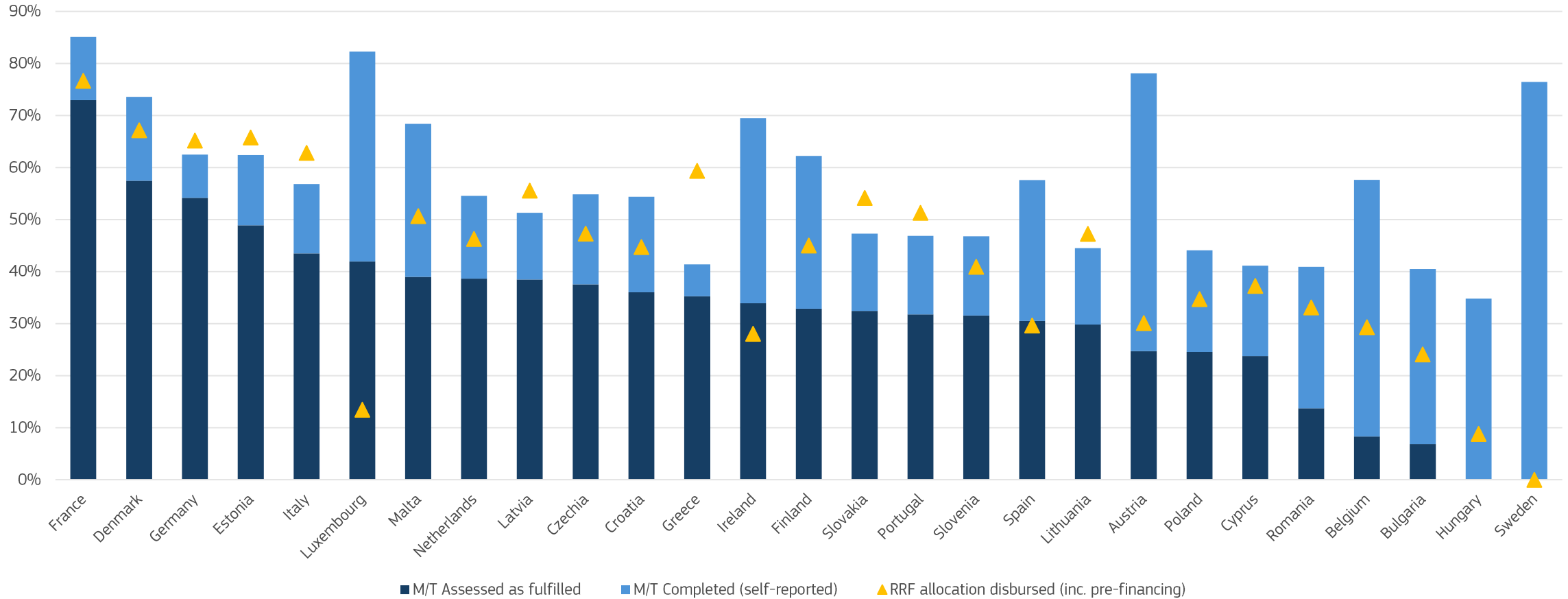


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Implementation is uneven across Member States

% of M/Ts assessed as fulfilled or reported as completed
and % of RRF allocation disbursed (inc. pre-financing), per Member State

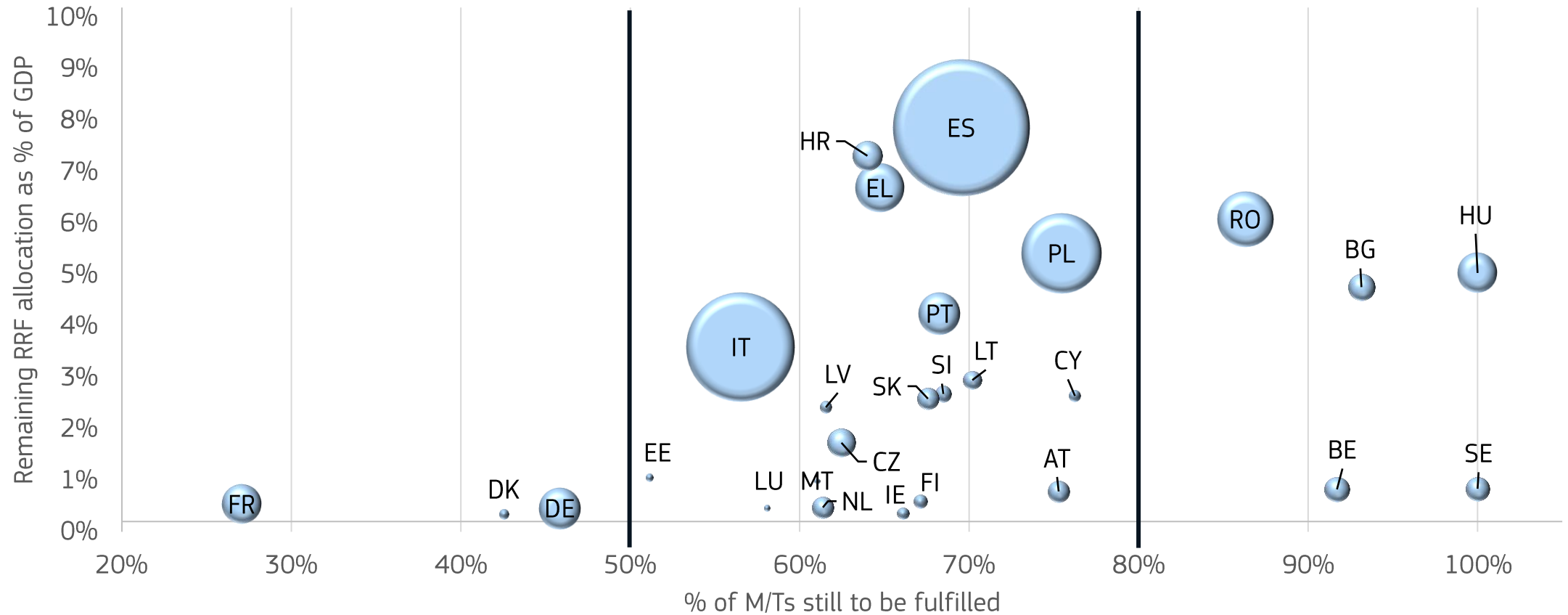




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Challenges for the remainder of the Facility



The size of the bubble corresponds to the remaining RRF funds per Member State



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Protecting the financial interest of the Union: the RRF control framework



The RRF control framework to protect the financial interest of the Union

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Prevention



Detection



Correction

Member States

Primary responsible

Commission

- Assessment of **MS control systems**
- **A&C milestones**
- **System and compliance audits**

- **Comprehensive audit** work by the Commission
- Referral of all suspected cases to **OLAF**
- Close cooperation with **OLAF and EPPO**

- Framework for **reductions and recoveries**



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Prevention: continuously strengthened

- Control framework **continuously improving**.
- At least one system audit in each Member State.
- Systematic check on public procurement and State aid rules, in all audits (M&T, system, compliance).
- Regular capacity building activities with national audit authorities.
- Active use of Audit & Control (A&C) milestones: 83 in 24 Member States (50 satisfactorily fulfilled).



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Detection: a critical element of our approach

- First line of defence: control system of Member States. Majority of irregularities picked up by national systems.
- Referral of cases of **suspected fraud, corruption, or conflict of interest** to OLAF and/or EPPO:
 - 74 potential irregularities reported at Commission level (40 closed/ dismissed),
 - 7 financial and 2 administrative recommendations received from OLAF,
 - 64 ongoing cases notified by EPPO.

➡ National and EU level control systems are effective in detecting fraud and corruption



Correction: action taken when necessary

- Legal framework: The Commission has the **power to reduce or recover funds** if Member States fail to correct cases of fraud, corruption, or conflict of interest, or serious irregularities
- **Publication of the reductions and recoveries Framework in 2024**
- **Five cases opened so far**, with the adoption last week of the first Commission Implementing Decision on the reduction of support for one Member State
- **New cases expected to be launched** as OLAF and EPPU investigations progress

Thank you!

More information:

- [Recovery and Resilience Facility | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard](#)
- [Mid-term evaluation](#)
- [Annual Report on the RRF](#)



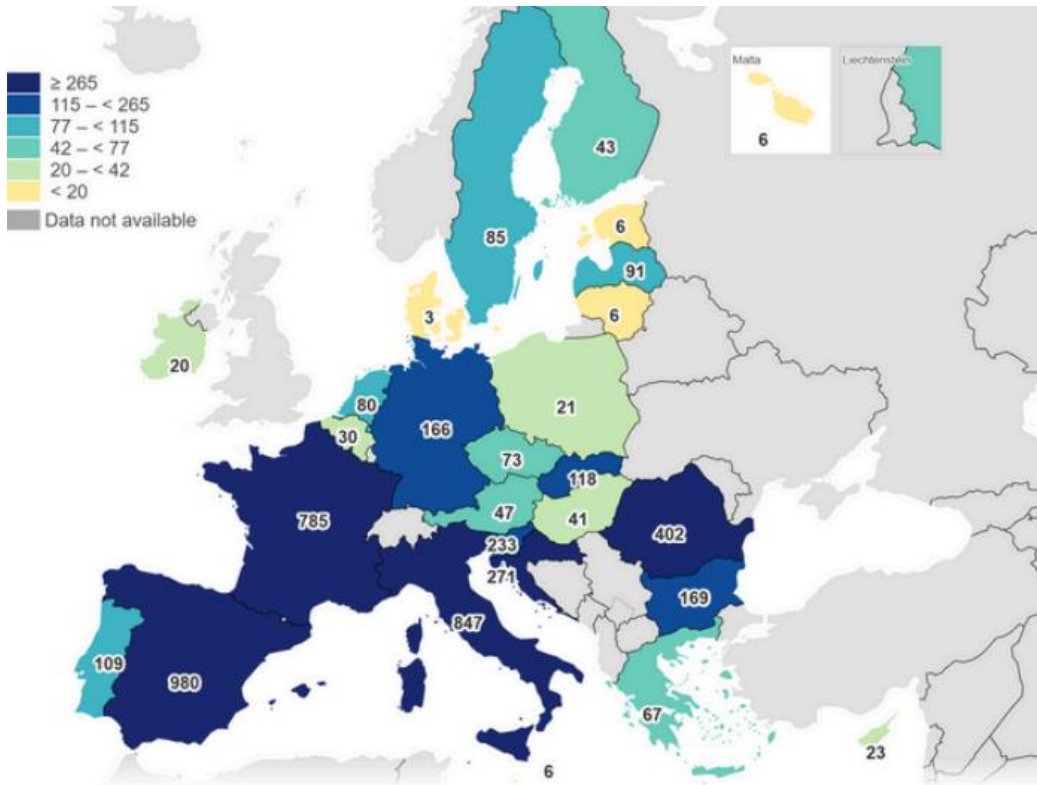
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Transparency on implementation

Map of projects supported by RRF



https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en#map

Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard

Latest news

- 2025-04-22 Slovenia submits a modified recovery and resilience plan
- 2025-04-17 Czechia submits a modified recovery and resilience plan
- 2025-04-16 Bulgaria submits a modified recovery and resilience plan
- 2025-04-16 Croatia submits a modified recovery and resilience plan
- 2025-04-16 Malta submits a modified recovery and resilience plan

100 largest final recipients per country Export all

The table provides the list of the 100 final recipients receiving the highest amount of funding for the implementation of measures under the RRF per country as reported by the Member State, as well as the link to the national public portals where they are displayed. Clicking on "More" displays the individual list per country. A full list for all countries can be downloaded via "Export all".

Country	Reporting date	Link to the national portal	
Austria	14/10/2024	https://transparenzportal.gv.at/tdb/tp/menu_persbezVeroeffentlichungArfTop100	More
Belgium	24/10/2024	https://nextgenbelgium.be/fr/beneficiaires	More
Bulgaria	09/10/2024	https://nextgeneration.bg/14	More

https://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/recovery-and-resilience-scoreboard/