



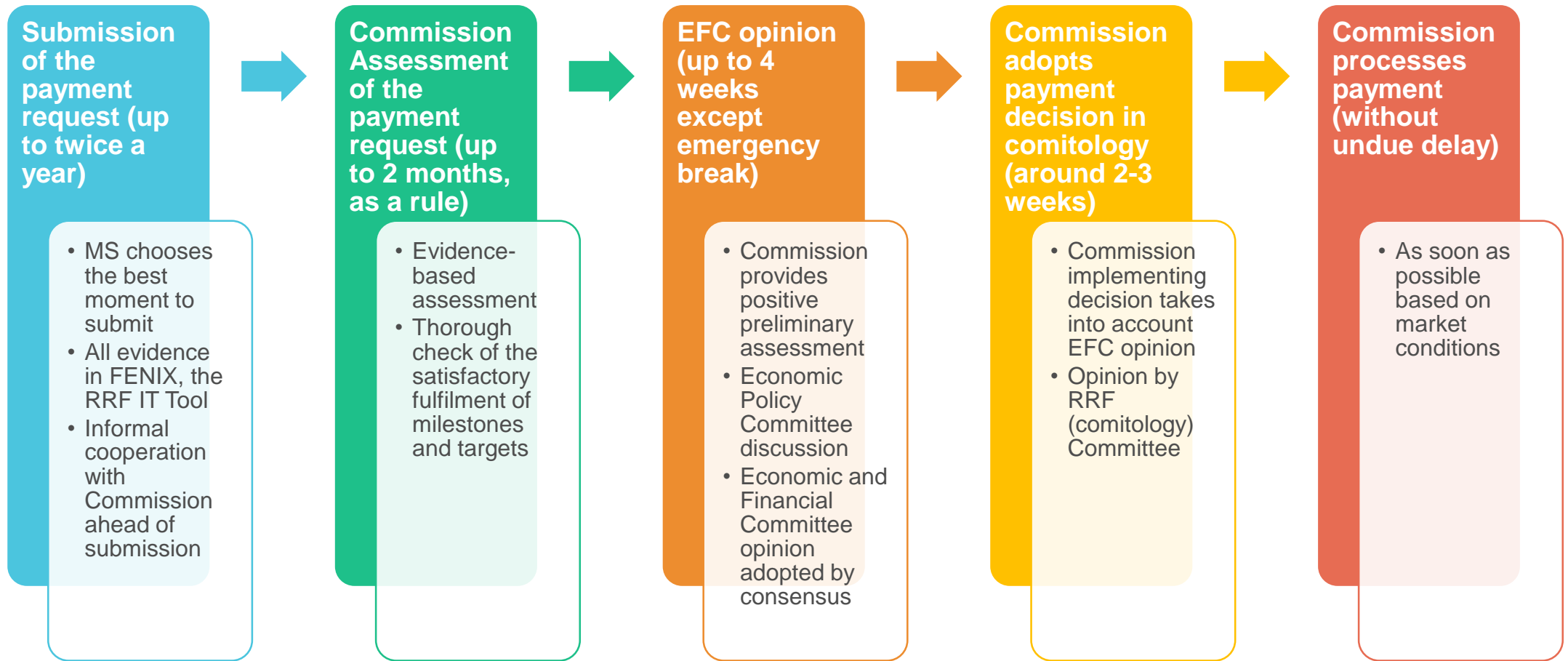
# RRF 1<sup>st</sup> Payment request – Bulgaria

Positive preliminary assessment by the Commission

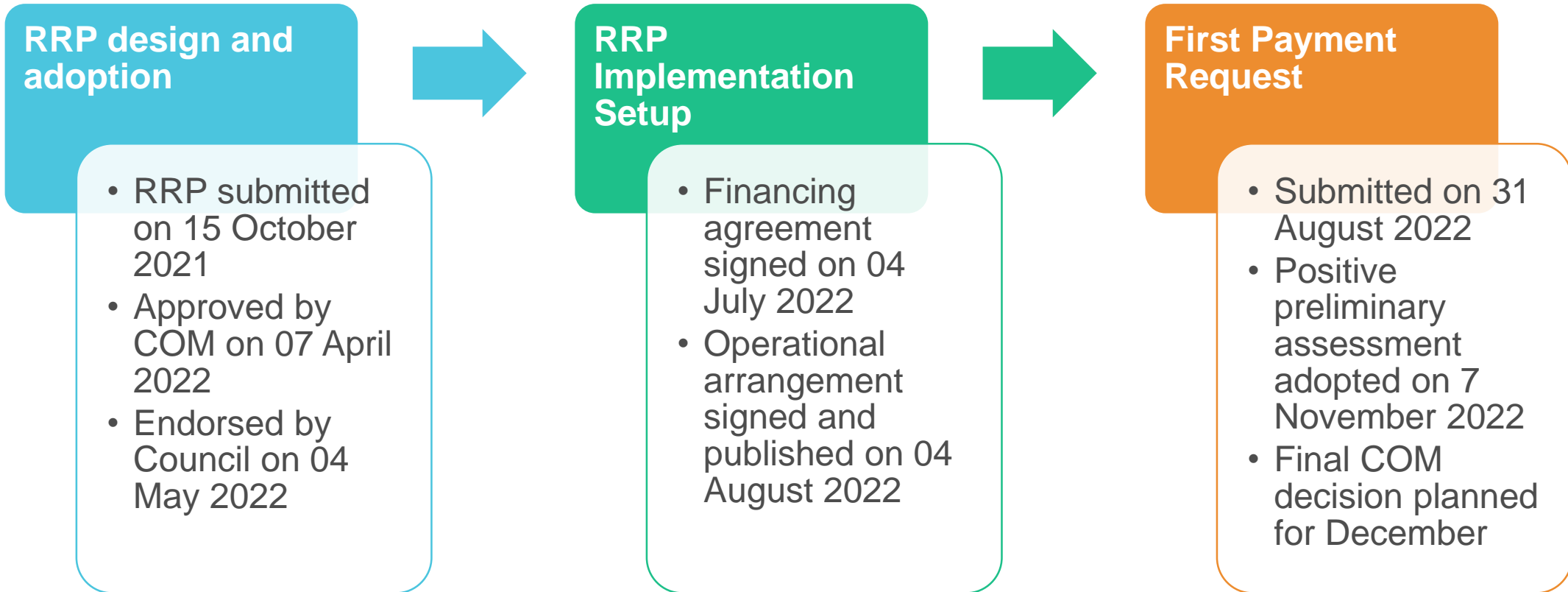


# Process and state of play

# Timeline and process of payment requests



# Timeline of Bulgaria's RRP implementation



# Structure of the document to be adopted

- The Communication invites the Commission to:
  - ✓ Endorse the overall positive preliminary assessment
  - ✓ Authorise ECFIN Director General to transmit the assessment to the EFC
  - ✓ Take note that the assessment will be made available to the EP
- The **Annex to the Communication** presents the summary of the positive preliminary **assessment of each relevant milestone and target**, including:
  - ✓ Context (short description of measure and of milestone/target)
  - ✓ Description of the evidence provided by the Member State
  - ✓ Analysis on how the evidence provided duly justifies that the milestone/target is satisfactorily fulfilled
  - ✓ Final Commission preliminary assessment for each milestone/target:

# First payment request: overview

# Bulgaria's first payment request: overview

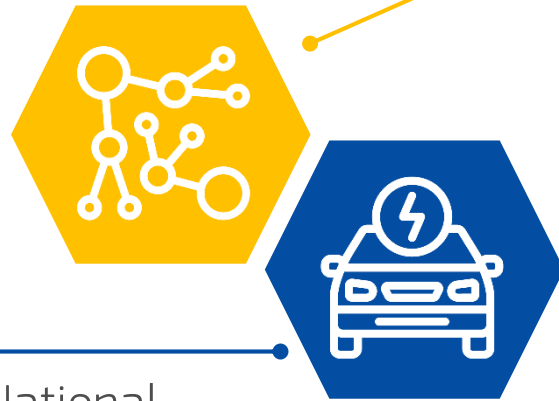
	M/Ts related to investments	M/Ts related to reforms	Total
Non-repayable support	6	16	22

- The first payment request concerns 21 milestone and 1 target out of 346 milestones and targets in Bulgaria's plan
- The first instalment (**non-repayable support**) amounts to EUR **1.37 billion**.
- The milestones are linked to key steps in the implementation of reforms and investments
- **Key reforms and investments** covered concern the areas of decarbonisation of the energy sector, promoting large-scale deployment of digital infrastructure, reforms of the judicial system, anti-money laundering, digitalisation of public sector, strengthening the adequacy and coverage of the minimum income scheme, as well as Bulgaria's audit and control system for the implementation of the RRF.

# Green transition – 4 milestones

## Low-carbon economy

- M[113] Establishment of a Green Energy Transition Commission



## Sustainable transport

- M[161]: Entry into force of the National Plan for the Development of Combined Transport in Bulgaria by 2030
- M[169]: New road safety strategy and its action plan
- M[199]: Contracts on the construction of new sections of line 3 of Sofia metro following open and competitive tender



# Digital transition – 3 milestones

## Digital connectivity

- M[137]: Entry into force of the decree on the reduction of spectrum fees
- M[140]: Entry into force of legislative changes implementing recommendations under the Connectivity Toolbox
- M[148]: Award of contracts for development of TETRA system and radio relay network



# Resilience – 11 milestones

## Education

- M[1]: Amendments to the **Pre-school and School Education Act** and to secondary legislation
- M[5]: Amendments to the **Higher Education Act**
- M[6]: **National Map of Higher Education**

## Healthcare

- M[315]: **National Strategy for the Mental Health of Citizens** of the Republic of Bulgaria 2021-2030 and action plan for the implementation of the strategy



## Social inclusion

- M[286]: Amendments to the secondary legislation of the **Social Assistance Act**
- M[290]: Ordinance on the **Quality of Social Services**

# Resilience – 11 milestones

## Local development

- M[207]: Amendments to the regulatory framework regarding management of EU funding



## Smart industry

- M[35]: New Industrial Parks Act

## Business environment

- M[213]: Roadmap for the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
- M[238]: Action plan to mitigate the money laundering and terrorist financing risks identified in the national risk assessment
- M[241]: Rules for the organisation and the activity of the National Assembly

# Audit and control



- **Three milestones** and **one target on A&C** are included in the Council Implementing Decision

In particular:

- An **information system** was set up for monitoring and management of the implementation of the plan ('repository system').
- A **Management and Control System** was approved and includes the ministries and bodies responsible for carrying out controls on the implementation of the plan. It also specifies measures to combat fraud, corruption, double funding and conflict of interest and arrangements for reporting and correcting serious irregularities.
- To ensure adequate administrative capacity, a **workload analysis** was carried out for the National Funds Directorate, for the Central Coordination Unit and for the Executive Agency 'Audit of EU Funds' and relevant recommendations were implemented.
- **Video guides** were developed to cover in full all the business processes of the RRP information system.

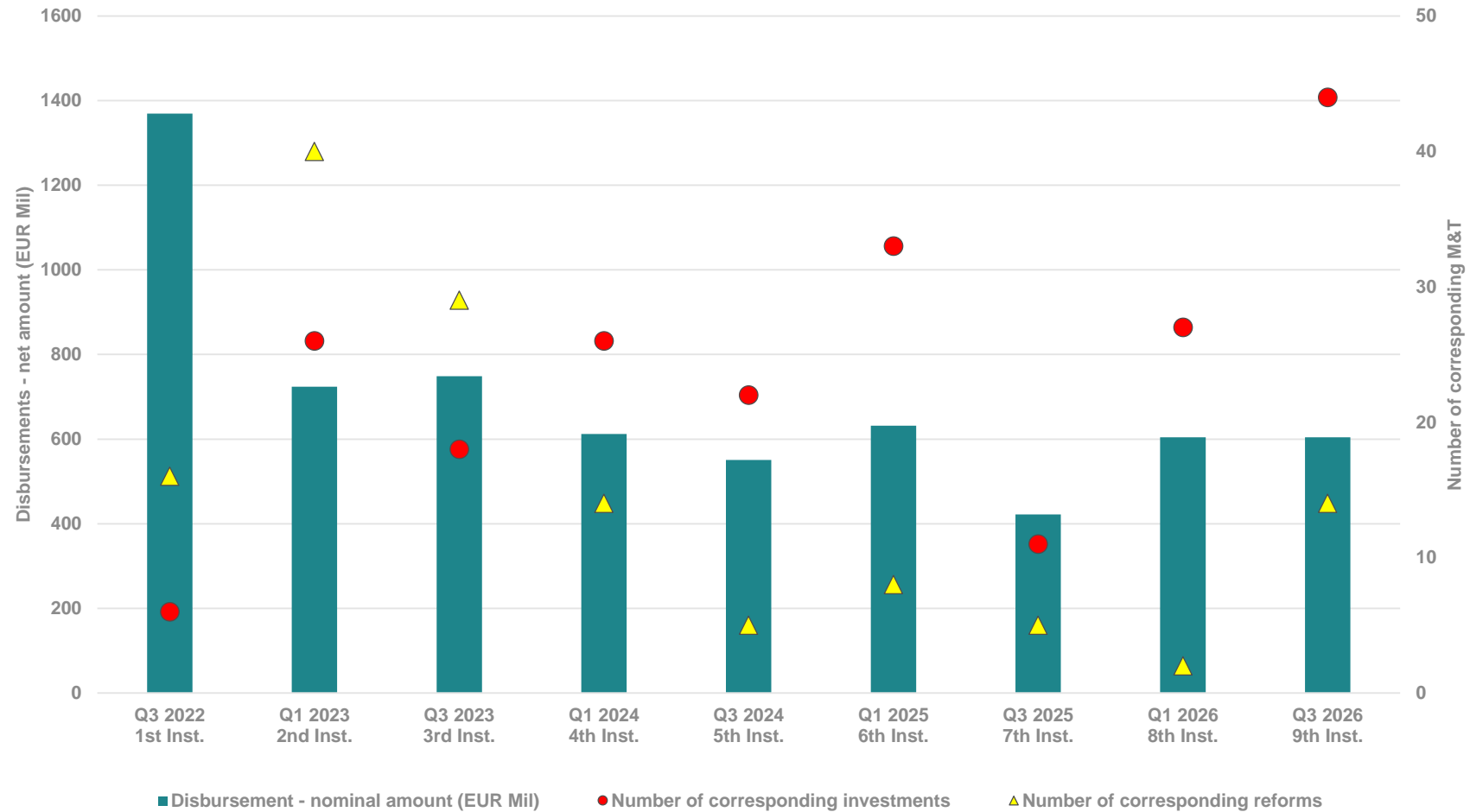
# Next steps on the first payment request

BG payment request – planned calendar	
EPC and EFC discussions	17 November and 29 November
Comitology	7 December
COM written adoption (expected)	9 December
Payment (expected)	16 December

# Next steps

In the implementation of the Bulgarian RRP

# Milestones & targets and instalments



# Bulgaria's second payment request: overview

	Milestones	Targets	Total
Non-repayable support	61	5	66

- The second payment request is expected to be submitted in Q1-2023 and covers 66 milestones and targets out of the 346 in the Bulgarian plan. 40 relate to reforms and 26 relate to investments.
- The second instalment (**non-repayable support**) amounts to **EUR 724 million**.
- The milestones are linked to key steps in the implementation of reforms and investments. Notably, they concern several important legislative reforms in the areas of energy, rule-of-law, judiciary reform, as well as important first steps for energy efficiency renovations and the economic transformation programme (financial instruments and grants).
- Further steps in the investment and reforms related to sustainable transport, health care reform, social inclusion and other areas are also covered.



# Thank you

More information: [Commission webpage on the RRF](#)

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