RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY

32nd RRF Working Group meeting

REPowerEU chapters and the progress of their adoption, with a focus on decarbonisation efforts and the involvement of stakeholders

18 July 2023
### State of play on implementation: EUR 153 bn disbursed

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*No pre-financing requested.*

Prerequisite to request pre-financing: CID was adopted by 31 December 2021.
Speed of disbursement

- €153.4 bn disbursed so far including pre-financing.
- Ongoing payment requests for additional €23 bn.
Speed of completing milestones and targets

Milestones and targets status as declared by MS in the bi-annual reporting

- **Fulfilled**
- **Completed (not assessed)**
- **Delayed**
- **On track**
- **Not completed**
Summer 2021
First 16 RRPs positively assessed by COM and endorsed by Council

End of 2021
• Pre-financing was paid to all 21 Member States who requested it
• First 4 Member States submitted their payment request
• First disbursement took place

May 2022
COM proposes REPowerEU package and amendments to RRF Regulation

December 2023
Legal deadline for committing remaining 30% RRF funds

1/2 of RRF lifetime

December 2026
End of the RRF lifetime
→ All milestones and targets have to be completed by 31 August 2026 and all payments have to be made by 31 December 2026

Member States implement their RRP and submit payment requests until August 2026

August 2023
Legal deadline for Member States to submit a request for remaining RRF loans

Loans available under the RRF:
• EUR 225 billion at favourable conditions

Grants available under RRF / REPowerEU:
• EUR 20 billion in new grants under ETS
REPowerEU objectives & overview

1. Additional EUR 20bn & BAR transfers
   - To meet the objectives of REPowerEU to reduce dependence on Russian fossil fuels (Reduction of gas imports from RU by 167 bcm by 2027 and 194 bcm by 2030)

2. Encouragement to use add. loans
   - MS encouraged to also use additional funding in the form of loans to finance RePowerEU measures

3. Limited DNSH derogations
   - For infrastructure measures (gas and oil) aimed at meeting immediate security of supply needs (but cannot rely on grants and cannot exceed 30% of total investments)

4. Cross-border
   - MS should include in REPowerEU chapters measures having a cross-border or multi-country dimension or effect representing at least 30%
Investments & reforms in submitted REPowerEU chapters

1. **Estonia**: Creating necessary regulatory, organizational, & financial conditions to increase the production & use of biogas & biomethane (complemented by investment in biomethane & biogas).

2. **Slovakia**: Supporting education and skills development for the green transition.

3. **Malta**: Review of the existing permitting system to streamline processes & accelerate procedures, as well as to phase-in solar roof-top obligation for new buildings that reach maximum allowable height.

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1. **Estonia**: Increasing the production of sustainable biomethane by 4 million m$^3$ to increase the production and uptake of sustainable biomethane.

2. **Slovakia**: Scale up of existing energy efficiency schemes for energy poor households - supporting the renovation of households at risk of energy poverty.

3. **France**: Projects for production of hydrogen and transport, contributing to the uptake of hydrogen production and hydrogen-based technology (IPCEI).
Examples of IPCEI and cross-border measures in REPowerEU chapters

**IPCEI**

1. **France**: The measure aims to support projects contributing to the uptake of hydrogen production and hydrogen-based technology:
   - Help produce the first hydrogen light commercial vehicles by end of 2025.
   - Develop advanced materials for mobility necessary for the manufacturing of new generation membranes for fuel cells.
   - Produce a new generation of hydrogen tanks for storing hydrogen in cryogenic form.
   - Research and development on the production of pressurised alkali electrolysis.

**Cross-border/Multi-country**

1. **Estonia**: Programme to increase the access of renewable energy production to the electricity distribution system.
2. **Slovakia**: Strengthening and modernising the transmission system and distribution systems of the electricity grid.
Strengthened stakeholder consultation

**Stakeholder Consultations**
Member States have to explain how the relevant national stakeholders have been involved in preparation of RRPs.

**Improvements observed for REPowerEU consultations:**
- Setting-up online public consultation platform
- Dedicated meetings with local and regional authorities

**REPowerEU chapter FRANCE:**
- Organised several meetings with local and regional authorities to gather their input and exchange views on draft measures
- Discussions with social partners on draft measures
- Consultations with the national Economic, Social and Environmental Council
Transparency: Map of RRF projects

- Citizens can consult the **Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard** and track the progress of implementation in their Member State live.

- Commission recently published a **new interactive map** of RRP measures with concrete achievements from investments.

- With the entry into force of the **amending Regulation** on REPowerEU chapters, a new element of scrutiny was added on final recipients.

- Member States are required to establish a **public portal** containing data on the **100 final recipients** receiving the highest amount of RRF funding.

**Visibility requirements:**
Member States are obliged to communicate about the origin of EU funding → requirement to ensure the visibility of Union funding under the RRF.

> Bi-annual reporting: 2 updates per year

> Final recipients are the last entity receiving funds (not contractors)

> COM has centralised all reported data together on the Scoreboard with links to MS portals

→ **First reporting round in April 2023:** 14 Member States submitted data
Thank you!

More information:
- Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard
- Annual Report on the RRF
- Review Report on the RRF
- Communication: 2 years of the RRF

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