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Subject: European Court of Auditors report on RRF support to improve the business environment

According to the European Court of Auditors, the potential of the post-pandemic Recovery and Resilience Facility has not been fully exploited, in that one of its key chapters – improving the business environment to support EU companies after the pandemic – has been neglected.

The Commission has recommended, and the Member States have committed to, promoting private investment, improving access to finance and simplifying tax systems, as well as reducing the administrative burden. Although the requisite reforms and investments have been included in the national RRP, they have often remained a dead letter. Half of the problems facing the business environment in the EU have gone unaddressed and only a third of completed reforms have delivered results, according to the Court of Auditors.

The money allocated for the setting-up, development and smooth functioning of EU businesses, with the aim of leveraging a major impact on the economies affected by the pandemic, has not achieved its goal and there is now little time left, as the measures must be completed by August 2026.

What urgent action is the Commission considering taking to address the shortcomings identified by the European Court of Auditors in support for European businesses through Recovery and Resilience Facility funding?

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