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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The total European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) amount included in payment applications submitted by the Romanian regional development agencies to the Commission up to 30 November 2024 is EUR 113 million. Together with the additional amount of EUR 25 million which was submitted in December, the total amount of EUR 138 million has already been reimbursed to the Romanian regional authorities.

2. The Commission has supported the eight regional development agencies, in close coordination with the Romanian central services. Until now, the focus was on the first phase of programme implementation, in particular preparation of transparent and non-discriminatory selection criteria and respect for EU horizontal principles¹. This has contributed to timely publishing of adequate project guidelines and has created the conditions for a smooth start of the programmes, with evaluation and selection procedures either completed or currently well advanced. The good performance of the regional programmes is also shown by the projects selection rate of 34.4% of total allocation which is above the EU average of 30.9%.

¹ To ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities, gender equality, and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the principle of sustainable development and of the Union policy on the environment, including the DNSH (Do Not Significant Harm).