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The Commission has received on 27 December 2024 Poland's third payment request under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). This payment request brings together a total of 41 milestones and targets from the fourth and fifth instalments (both loan and grant parts) identified in the Council Implementing Decision Annex¹.

The payment request covers reforms aimed at matching skills with labour market needs, advancing hydrogen technology development, and improving public employment services. In the field of public health, reforms include the entry into force of the Act on the National Cardiological Network, and the introduction of low-emission zones for the largest and most polluted cities. The request also covers investments aiming to shorten the supply chain of agricultural and food products, investments in the replacement of heat sources and the improvement of energy efficiency in single family residential buildings, as well as projects improving road safety.

The Commission has generally up to two months to share its preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets with the Economic and Financial Committee (EFC), asking for its opinion. This period can be extended upon request of the Member State, in particular in case where the Member State decides to revise its plan. In case of a positive preliminary assessment, and following the EFC's opinion, the Commission will adopt the final decision on the disbursement of the financial contribution, in accordance with the Comitology examination procedure. Following the adoption of the decision by the Commission, the disbursement to Poland can take place.

¹ See p. 212 – 251 of the Council Implementing Decision Annex, available through the following link:
https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/3a4cd838-426b-449d-98fb-49d33ba854db_en?filename=COM_2024_284_1_EN_annexe_proposition_cp_part1_v4.pdf