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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The investments targeted by the legislative proposal¹ are intended as long-term development efforts aimed at promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion.

The implementation data submitted by the Member States indicates that parts of the 2021-2027 allocations remain unallocated. The Commission expects that where Member States choose to direct resources toward the specific objectives outlined in the legislative proposal, they will mostly consider using these unallocated funds that would otherwise risk to remain unspent.

2. The indicators are defined in Article 1(7) of the legislative proposal. The proposal does not modify the existing provisions for monitoring programme implementation. The monitoring committee will continue to assess progress, including the achievement of milestones and targets related to the defence-specific objectives.

3. Investments in the thematic areas addressed by the legislative proposal were already permitted. The proposal now introduces incentives and flexibilities to accelerate their uptake.

¹ COM(2025) 123 final.