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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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Within the Italian Resilience and Recovery Plan¹, 5G connectivity is supported under Measure Mission 1 Component 2 Investment 3: Fast Internet Connections (Ultra Broadband and 5G). This includes investment in 5G networks to ensure adequate coverage across the Italian territory.

On 25 April 2022, the Commission adopted State aid decision SA.100557² – Italian 5G Plan – declaring compatible with the internal market a measure to support, among others, the deployment of 5G networks providing speeds of at least 150 Megabit/second download speeds under usual peak times conditions. According to the Commission decision, the aid can only be granted for the deployment of such performant 5G networks in areas where existing or planned mobile networks, including 5G networks, do not provide, or were not expected to provide by 2026, at least 30 Megabit/second download speeds under usual peak times conditions.

The Italian authorities carried out a comprehensive mapping exercise and a public consultation to determine the target areas for the measure. The mapping was conducted between 10 June and 31 August 2021, followed by a public consultation from 15 November to 15 December 2021. Stakeholders were invited to comment on the results of the mapping, including the list of intervention areas.

The Commission decision approving the measure was not appealed, and the State aid covered by that measure is considered as existing aid. The Commission, together with the Member States, keeps existing aid systems under constant review.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/italys-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en.

² <https://competition-cases.ec.europa.eu/cases/SA.100557>.