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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
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1. As regards pillar II of the Just Transition Mechanism (JTM) the project 'Kozani 230 megawatt photovoltaic', which is receiving EUR 40 million, consists of setting up three solar photovoltaic powerplants, of which the first is already operational. The European Investment Bank (EIB) also finances another investment worth EUR 195 million, to be partially implemented in the region, which supports the development of photovoltaic plants and battery energy storage systems.

Concerning pillar III of the JTM, one project is being implemented in the region – 'Socioeconomic Transition of Western Macedonia[1]'. The project comprises 15 sub-projects in five different areas of investments, including energy efficiency, renewable energy sources integration, measures upgrading buildings or urban renewal. The project is implemented by the region, acting as coordinator for six municipalities. The EU grant and the EIB loan for the project amount to EUR 14 million and EUR 58 million, respectively. The project started on 1 November 2023 and is due to end on 31 October 2026. 15 permanent jobs are expected to be created.

2. The EIB Advisory is assisting Western Macedonia with the preparation of a second investment worth around EUR 110 million. The envisaged loan scheme includes various types of investments across sectors, such as transport, energy efficiency, education, environment, health and digitalisation.

[1] https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/44773066/101137296/JTM?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=10&sortBy=es_SortDate&frameworkProgramme=44773066.