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Question for written answer E-002518/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Lack of effectiveness and transparency in Recovery and Resilience Facility investments in Greece

Greece was among the first four Member States to submit national recovery plans in April 2021,⁽¹⁾ securing through the Recovery and Resilience Facility — a critical tool for rebuilding its economy after the pandemic — resources totalling EUR 35.95 billion,⁽²⁾ a significant financing opportunity for its economic transformation. However, serious concerns have been raised regarding the way in which the resources are allocated, their accessibility, and the overall transparency of the process.⁽³⁾

According to analysts and independent bodies, a large part of the financing is directed to already strong businesses through banking tools with strict credit criteria, resulting in the exclusion of many small and medium-sized enterprises and social initiatives, especially on the periphery. There have been delays in the necessary reforms, proposals for the downgrading of projects and a lack of social consultation and accountability, as the process of evaluating and approving projects is carried out with limited publicity and without civil society playing an active role.

In view of the above, the Commission is asked:

1. What problems have been identified in the course of implementing the Greek recovery plan and what recommendations have been made?
2. Are there any indications of lack of transparency or exclusion of potential beneficiaries (such as SMEs, local authorities)?
3. What measures are being taken to strengthen civil society participation and democratic accountability in the management of European funds in Greece?

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Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis on behalf of the European Commission
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Greece's recovery and resilience plan (RRP), amounting to nearly EUR 36 bn and financed by the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), is the largest plan in the EU in terms of gross domestic product (circa 15%).

Greece has made solid progress in implementing this plan and, to date, has received five payments following the satisfactory fulfilment of related milestones (corresponding to 59.4% of the total RRF funds allocated to the country).

The specific challenges that have been identified in the course of implementing the Greek plan and the related recommendations are discussed in the 2025 Country Report on Greece⁽¹⁾ and the country-specific recommendations.⁽²⁾

The Commission is striving for a high level of transparency in the implementation of the national RRP. In the case of Greece, information can be found on the Commission's dedicated website⁽³⁾, which also contains an RRP map that provides details on a number of investments and reforms⁽⁴⁾.

Further, the website of the Greek coordinating authority (EYSTA)⁽⁵⁾ publishes information on the 100 largest final recipients as required by the RRF Regulation⁽⁶⁾.

The RRP is designed in a way to benefit all segments of Member States' economy and society, including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and local authorities.

¹ <https://greece20.gov.gr/to-plires-sxedio/>

² <https://greece20.gov.gr/me-mia-matia/>

³ <https://www.ot.gr/2025/06/02/tameio-anakampsis/tameio-anakampsis-se-anammena-karvouna-i-eyropi-ti-perimenei-i-ellada/>.

⁽¹⁾ https://economy-finance.ec.europa.eu/document/download/e4a67707-7a12-4af0-8f3a-9b01301e263f_en?filename=EL_CR_SWD_2025_208_1_EN_autre_document_travail_service_part1_v4.pdf (pages 6, 113-116).

⁽²⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/85a2084c-36ee-4495-9258-bde3413aec8f_en?filename=COM_2025_208_1_EN_ACT_part1_v3.pdf (recommendation 2 and recitals 21-41).

⁽³⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/greeces-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en.

⁽⁴⁾ For Greece the RRP currently includes details on 92 investments and 5 reforms.

⁽⁵⁾ <https://greece20.gov.gr/>.

⁽⁶⁾ This information is updated twice a year.

In the case of Greece, SMEs benefit from a wide range of measures. For instance, nearly half of the loans approved to date through the loan facility have been signed by SMEs.

According to the RRF Regulation ⁽⁷⁾, it is also mandatory that Member States provide a summary of the consultation process they did, in accordance with their national legal frameworks, when submitting initial and revised plans ⁽⁸⁾.

⁽⁷⁾ Article 18(4)(q).

⁽⁸⁾ Available at the Commission's website: https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/greeces-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en.