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As part of its Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)¹, Greece committed to boost the supply and quality of irrigation water and to rationalise its consumption through the construction of irrigation networks infrastructure and a reform of the institutional, organisational and operational framework of the collective irrigation networks (measure 16285). The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)² supports irrigation projects, with the Greek CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 providing up to EUR 260 million³, while the EU Cohesion Policy does not finance irrigation projects as such.

In 2023 and 2025, Greece requested to revise the scope of the RRP measure, in line with the rules of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)⁴, and the number of irrigation networks to be supported was reduced. The reason for this revision was higher than expected costs, delays due to technical or legal impediments, and a lack of market interest. The Commission understands that some of these projects are now pursued outside the scope of the RRP.

According to the latest version of the RRP⁵, five irrigation network projects are to be completed through public-private partnership schemes (milestone 316). This is the only milestone related to this RRP measure (16285), and it is part of the final RRP payment request, which is expected by mid-2026. The Commission has thus not yet assessed this milestone, nor disbursed corresponding funds, at this stage.

In addition to this measure, the RRF and EU Cohesion Policy also support Greece to improve its water infrastructures to enhance sustainable water management.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/greeces-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en#repowereu-measures-in-greeces-plan.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2115/oj/eng>.

³ EU contribution for interventions P3-73-1.1 and P3-73-1.4 <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/>.

⁴ eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0241.

⁵ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/372bdb38-3fd1-47f6-8047-8e21a8a38533_en?filename=COM_2025_367_1_EN_annexe_proposition_cp_part1_v3.pdf.