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In 2020, 2022 and 2023, Greece has received country-specific recommendations under the European Semester to ensure adequate and equal access to healthcare, notably for primary healthcare. In the 2025 Semester, Greece also received a recommendation to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the social protection system to address poverty and social exclusion.

Without prejudice to national responsibilities for the Greek health system (Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), the current grant component of the Greek Recovery and Resilience plan (RRP) includes measures with estimated costs equal to EUR 1,558 million to improve resilience, accessibility and sustainability of the healthcare system. One important measure concerns a reform of the primary health care system, including increased curricula in family medicine and renovation of primary healthcare health centres.

An additional EUR 276 million (EU allocation) has been allocated under the European Regional Development Fund to co-finance infrastructure and equipment at all levels of care in the Greek national health system. Moreover, around EUR 250 million are allocated by the European Social Fund Plus towards investments to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of Greek primary healthcare services.

The above measures are expected to support health services in Greece, including equal access, efficiency and social cohesion, also by strengthening primary care.