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The Commission is closely engaged in the monitoring of railway investments and their implementation progress through the assessment of Italy's payment requests for the completed milestones and targets under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). In this regard, the Commission published its preliminary assessment¹.

Based on the information available to the Commission, the Avellino project is not among those that Italy intends to report under the RRF payment requests. However, given the performance-based nature of the RRF, Italy has room to include these projects when submitting a payment request considering that for railway projects the performance is measured by the number of km built. The milestones and targets related to railway investments in Italy are part of payment requests to be submitted by Italy in 2026.

Member States remain primarily responsible for the implementation of their recovery and resilience plans as approved by the Council, as well as for verifying that the financing provided has been properly used in accordance with all applicable rules.

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