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In its Communication ‘NextGenerationEU – The road to 2026’¹, the Commission has encouraged Member States to explore all available options to safeguard their grant envelope under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), while ensuring that the supported reforms and investments continue to deliver on EU priorities and comply with the requirements of the RRF Regulation².

The Communication outlined a number of options, such as the use of financial instruments, equity injections in national promotional banks and institutions, as well as voluntary contributions to EU Satellite programmes or to other projects serving digital priorities.

Voluntary national contributions from the RRF to the future European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP) can also be an option that helps to address the urgent needs to strengthen military capabilities and increase the defence readiness of the EU. The Commission has therefore encouraged the co-legislators to introduce a provision to allow for such contributions during the EDIP trilogues. Such contribution would be in line with the objective of the RRF to increase the level of the EU’s crisis preparedness and enable a quick and effective EU response in the event of major emergencies. Similar to contributions to the Member State compartments under the InvestEU Programme, such voluntary contributions to EDIP would constitute the investment under the RRF, to be achieved by 31 August 2026 in line with the deadline set in the RRF legal framework. The supported projects would be identified through the EDIP work programmes and under the governance of that instrument.

The Commission is working with Member States to ensure a smooth and successful closure of the RRF.

¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, NextGenerationEU - The road to 2026, COM(2025) 310 final/2.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17.