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To date, France has submitted four out of the five payment requests under its recovery and resilience plan (RRP)¹. All related milestones and targets were positively assessed, and the Commission paid France a total of EUR 34.1 billion², including prefinancing, out of the EUR 40.3 billion of total non-repayable support committed under the French RRP.

The comprehensive set of reforms and investments under the French RRP are expected to have a significant positive economic impact, improving gross domestic product (GDP) growth and increasing productivity and potential GDP in the medium and long run³. Furthermore, French companies also benefit from the economic activity triggered by the RRP of other Member States, further increasing the positive impact of the overall implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) on the French economy⁴. Overall, the direct and indirect impact of the RRF on France's economy is estimated to reach EUR 57.5 billion, largely exceeding the size of the French RRP.

The funds made available to Member States for the RRF are financed from NextGenerationEU (NGEU)⁵. The repayment of NGEU grants is borne by the Union budget and the current Own Resources decision sets out legal requirements that must be complied with, including a complete repayment by 2058. Within these legal parameters, the Commission proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2028-2034) proposes a fixed annual debt of EUR 21.3 billion on average in 2025 prices for the EU budget to cover both interest costs and capital repayment. To cater for the repayment of NGEU and ensure the sustainable funding of EU common policies, the Commission also proposed the introduction of new own resources which will help modernise and diversify the sources of revenue for the EU budget.

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

² Further information can be found on the RRF scoreboard: https://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/recovery-and-resilience-scoreboard/index.html.

³ Further information can be found in the mid-term evaluation of the RRF: https://commission.europa.eu/about/departments-and-executive-agencies/economic-and-financial-affairs/evaluation-reports-economic-and-financial-affairs-policies-and-spending-activities/mid-term-evaluation-recovery-and-resilience-facility-rrf_en.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/8b16b77c-3a92-40eb-b540-eaef8bf16e13_en?filename=250620_RRF_impact_France_v11.pdf.

⁵ With the exemption of the REPowerEU chapters which are also financed from Emission Trading Scheme allowances and Brexit Adjustment Reserve transferred by the Member States.