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The Commission welcomes the Court's analysis, which confirms that around two-thirds of business-environment challenges were addressed in the recovery and resilience plans (RRP) and that almost all completed reforms delivered their expected outputs, with some already showing significant results.

The Regulation establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF Regulation)¹ does not require every business-environment challenge to be fully covered. Each plan must address 'all or a significant subset' of country-specific recommendations, taking into account each Member State's allocation, structural challenges and national context. Member States may therefore have prioritised addressing other policy challenges while improving the business environment through national measures.

The Commission supports and closely monitors RRP implementation, with business-environment reforms generally well advanced. Further implementation will provide additional evidence, although structural reforms typically take time to translate into measurable outcomes, and many relevant measures have only recently been completed. Gaps in observable results to date therefore reflect timing rather than lack of progress.

The Commission will continue to assist Member States in delivering RRF measures and will follow up beyond 2026 through the European Semester.

Looking to the next multiannual financial framework, the Commission has proposed instruments that continue coherently linking reforms and investment, supporting a more competitive and resilient EU business environment.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj/eng>.