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Answer given by Commissioner Dombrovskis
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission recognises the importance of tackling regional disparities in Italy regarding access to healthcare, and monitors these issues, especially within the framework of the European Semester.

In line with the objective of supporting access to primary healthcare services, especially in regions where access is more difficult, Mission 6 of the Italian recovery and resilience plan (NRRP)¹ includes, amongst others, several measures aimed at improving territorial healthcare assistance. In particular, it establishes a new organisational model for the territorial healthcare network and it further supports the investments needed for its full implementation.

The Commission services are in constant dialogue with the Italian authorities regarding the implementation of the Italian NRRP. While the Commission assesses the fulfilment of the milestones and targets envisaged in the Council Implementing Decision (CID) for the Italian NRRP and ensures coordination, monitoring, and support in implementing its measures, the national authorities remain primarily responsible for implementing their Plan as detailed in the CID Annex.

¹ Annex to the Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy,
<https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-15106-2025-ADD-1/en/pdf>.