

EN

E-000794/2026

Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
(5.5.2026)

Italy's Recovery and Resilience plan (RRP)¹ includes reform 4.1 on the regulation ordering of the professions of tourist guides, linked to milestone M1C3-10 on the definition of a national standard for tourist guides, which does not cover the organisation of the examination.

The Commission approved the RRP² and its costing assessment, as per the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Regulation³.

The Commission positively assessed milestone M1C3-10 in its preliminary assessment of the sixth payment request⁴, which entailed a minimum national standard for the ordering of the profession of tourist guides⁵ that fully replaced the former fragmentation and the absence of a nation-wide applicable legislation. The implementing Decree⁶ provides for the elements considered as the minimum national standard. The current legislative framework as such is considered to comply with the requirements contained in the Council Implementing Decision⁷. The reform, within the framework of the RRP, did not provide for associated funding in the form of investment.

The Commission raised to Italy that any regulation affecting access to professions must be justified and proportionate under EU law and its impact monitored. While exams are a national responsibility, the Commission stresses that access to regulated professions should not face disproportionate or unjustified barriers and must comply with EU law.

Concerning employment and skills objectives, the Commission recalls that reforms supported under the RRF are expected to contribute to improving labour market participation and addressing skills shortages, in line with relevant EU law and initiatives⁸.

Beyond the Commission's role as Treaty guardian, Member States must ensure their laws comply with Union and national law.

¹ https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/italys-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en.

² <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-15106-2025-ADD-1/en/pdf>.

³ 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, pp. 17–75.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/837036ec-4d29-48cc-8877-30996d431669_en?filename=payment_positive_preliminary_assessment_of_the_sixth_payment_request_of_Italy.pdf.

⁵ Law no. 190 of 2023.

⁶ Decree of the Ministry of Tourism no. 88 of 26 June 2024.

⁷ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-15106-2025-ADD-1/en/pdf>.

⁸ Decision (EU) 2020/1512, European Skills Agenda and 'Union of Skills' Communication, 2025.