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Question for written answer E-001364/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Extension of the RRF deadlines and implementation of the European Parliament resolution of 18 June 2025

The current global context has created major obstacles for Member States in meeting the deadlines relating to projects to which they have committed under the NRRPs, hence jeopardising strategic investments and the stability of the SMEs involved. The European Parliament adopted, on 18 June 2025, the resolution on the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility in which it called, in paragraph 42, for an 18-month extension of mature RRF projects through an amendment of the regulation. This would enable ongoing projects to be completed by means of other funding schemes, hence avoiding the decommitment of funds.

Given the limited time remaining for the implementation of the RRF (2026), and for a decision to implement the European Parliament resolution of 18 June 2025, what concrete measures has the Commission planned in this regard?

The reforms and investments programmed through the RRF contribute directly to increasing resilience and reducing dependency in the EU, hence strengthening the Union's strategic autonomy.

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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission acknowledges the call in the European Parliament's implementation report for an 18-month extension of the deadline for mature projects under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) ⁽¹⁾.

However, the RRF was established as a temporary instrument with a clear end date in 2026. The RRF Regulation does not allow any flexibility regarding the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets beyond August 2026 ⁽²⁾.

In line with these legal deadlines, the Commission must make all final payments by 31 December 2026 and cannot proceed to new net borrowing beyond that date.

Any modification to these deadlines would require an amendment of the RRF Regulation, the European Union Recovery Instrument Regulation ⁽³⁾ and the Own Resources Decision ⁽⁴⁾.

The latter, in particular, would require unanimity in the Council, as well as ratification by many national parliaments. Given the tight timelines, a proposal by the Commission to extend these deadlines would carry significant procedural and legal risks, alongside considerable uncertainty.

The Commission remains committed to supporting Member States in addressing implementation bottlenecks. In the communication NextGenerationEU — The road to 2026 ⁽⁵⁾ and in the Commission Notice — Guidelines for Member States on operational aspects related to the final phase and closure of the Recovery and Resilience Facility ⁽⁶⁾, the Commission has set a clear path forward guiding Member States to take all the necessary actions to ensure a smooth implementation of the RRF in its final months.

In particular, the RRF Regulation ⁽⁷⁾ allows Member States to request targeted amendments to their plans, and the Commission will support such revisions within the framework of the RRF Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ European Parliament legislative initiative procedure (INI) of 18 June 2025 on the Implementation Report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility (2024/2085(INI)).

⁽²⁾ Article 20(5)(d) Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (OJ L 057, 18.2.2021, p. 17).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2020/2094 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2020 establishing a European Union Recovery Instrument to support the recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis (OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 23).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom (OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1);

⁽⁵⁾ COM(2025) 310 final.

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Notice — Guidelines for Member States on operational aspects related to the final phase and closure of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (OJ C 2647, 4.5.2026).

⁽⁷⁾ Article 21 of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation (please see footnote 2).