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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Recovery and Resilience Facility¹ (RRF) Regulation sets out that payments to Member States are solely based on the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets. It is for Member States to organise the delivery of reforms and investments and to ensure that milestones and targets are completed. The Commission will assess the evidence submitted against the requirements of the Council Implementing Decision² (CID) endorsing the Portuguese Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP).

Member States must meet all milestones and targets by 31 August 2026. The strict deadlines of the Facility reflect its temporary nature and purpose to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Any action taken after 31 August 2026 to fulfil milestones and targets cannot be taken into consideration in the assessment of payment requests.

In June 2025, the Commission invited Member States to review, streamline and simplify their RRP to ensure implementation by the deadline. The Commission provided options for amending the Plans and engaged closely with Member States. Taking into account objective circumstances affecting implementation, including the impact of storms in early 2026, Portugal submitted a revision request on 31 March 2026. This was assessed by the Commission on 18 May 2026 and is now under review by the Council.

The primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with EU and national law, including public procurement and State aid rules, lies with the Member State. The Commission has put in place an effective control system to monitor implementation of the Facility in line with the RRF Regulation.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0241>.

² https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/document/download/8d297dc2-ac38-4720-8440-52c0137b22da_en?filename=COM_2026_248_1_EN_ACT_part1_v3.pdf.