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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission understands that the questions relate to Hungary's Recovery and Resilience Plan ('RRP'). The Recovery and Resilience Facility ('RRF') Regulation¹ only allows disbursement of funds in case the Member State's audit and control framework effectively protects the financial interest of the Union. In the Hungarian RRP, Hungary committed to implement in total 27 audit and control milestones (or 'super milestones') to ensure this. This includes four reforms to strengthen judicial independence which aims at addressing the underlying challenges identified by a dedicated country-specific recommendation on the independence of the judiciary. On 15 December 2022, the Council of the European Union approved Hungary's RRP, including those milestones.

Hungary is yet to submit a payment request. In line with the RRF legal framework, the Commission will assess the fulfilment of all milestones and targets, including the 'super milestones', only thereafter. As for all Member States, that assessment will be carried out in line with the applicable rules and the methodology specified in Annex I to the Communication published on 21 February 2023². In particular, the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets is assessed on the basis of the criteria set out in the Council implementing decisions. In this context, the Commission has to base its assessment on the wording of each milestone and target, in light of its context and purpose, to determine whether, based on the justification provided by the Member State, those criteria are satisfactorily fulfilled or not.

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

² https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2023-02/COM_2023_99_1_EN.pdf.