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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Addressing the need to enhance administrative capacity remains a top priority under the proposal for a National and Regional Partnership Fund¹. Under Article 3(1)(e)(III) the proposal includes a specific objective on enhancing the efficiency of public administration and the institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders at national, regional and local level. All National and Regional Partnership Plans should contribute to that objective and set out measures to enhance the quality of governance and reinforce the administrative capacity of public administrations.

2. In addition to investments, the plans will incentivise reforms, including for enhancing the quality of governance to address the identified needs and challenges at national, regional and local level. The framework for programming and implementing reforms has incentivising effects through payments for fulfilled milestones and targets including for governance-enhancing measures.

3. Member States are encouraged to use their technical assistance from the funds to enhance the administrative capacity of plan authorities, stakeholders and beneficiaries, which is necessary for the effective implementation of the Plan. The Commission will continue to support EU-wide networks of Member States' authorities and other relevant stakeholders, including for the purposes of exchanging good practices and promoting good governance. In addition, Member States can request technical support from the EU Facility under the National and Regional Partnership Fund to prepare reforms at national or sub-national level included in their National and Regional Partnership Plans.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0565>.