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The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Regulation¹ precludes the Commission from controlling the actual costs incurred by the Member States². While the Commission has no legal mandate to systematically request information on actual costs, Member States can submit actual cost data when revising their Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs). In such situations the Commission duly considers this data and requests clarifications when needed. Where the Commission has been informed of major cost savings under a specific measure, it has requested the respective Member State to address this when revising its RRP. In this context, it should be noted that in its report, the European Court of Auditors has not identified deficiencies in the Commission's application of the binding RRF legislative framework.

The principle of efficiency, among the principles of sound financial management under the Financial Regulation³, requires the best relationship between the resources employed, the activities undertaken and the achievement of objectives. Accordingly, the efficiency of the RRF must be assessed by comparing the payments to the Member States against the achievement of the relevant milestones and targets, and the underlying reforms and investments, as set out and approved by the Council.

The recast Financial Regulation⁴ (adopted in September 2024) widens the scope of the data collection and transparency requirements at EU level. Furthermore, under the Commission's proposal for future National and Regional Partnership Plans⁵, information on beneficiaries, recipients, final recipients, contractors and sub-contractors, including the amount of the EU contribution committed, as well as operations, will be collected and published.

¹ 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, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj>.

² Recital 18 of the RRF Regulation.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/eu-financial-regulation_en.

⁴ See footnote 3.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0565>.