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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
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1. Under the regional programme ‘Sterea Ellada 2021-2027’ co-financed by the EU Cohesion policy, the regional authorities approved a EUR 13 million Integrated Territorial Investment strategy for Northern Evia on 24 July 2025, which includes actions for the reconstruction and resilience of the region[1]. A call for proposals was launched on 1 November 2025 and closes on 30 September 2026[2]. While selection and implementation of projects fall under the responsibility of the national and regional authorities, project data and progress are publicly available through national portals[3].

Under Greece’s Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), more than 5 000 hectares of degraded forest ecosystems in Attica, Thessaloniki and northern Evia are being restored with the aim to repair forest ecosystems and biodiversity, enhance infrastructure and create job opportunities.

In addition, based on information provided by the Greek authorities, the North Evia Reconstruction Plan with EUR 390 million of national funds and private donations is put in place[4].

2. Resilience is measured through programme indicators focusing on environmental restoration, social cohesion and development, such as population benefiting from flood protection and access to green infrastructure[5].

3. Cohesion as well as Recovery and Resilience policy funds are implemented under a robust multi-level control framework, including audits by national bodies, which provide assurance on their regularity and transparency. The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is a performance-based instrument, and the Commission releases funds after it has assessed that the milestones/targets linked to RRP reforms and investments have been satisfactorily fulfilled.

[1] https://www.stereaellada.gr/basiki-selida/ohe.
[2] https://www.stereaellada.gr/proskliseis/ylopoiisi-draseon-tis-stratigikis-ohe-boreias-eyboias.
[3] https://www.espa.gr/el/pages/default.aspx; https://greece20.gov.gr/.
[4] https://evoia-meta.gov.gr/.
[5] Reporting of indicators is publicly available at https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/programmes/2021EL16FFPR012#.