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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 4 February 2025, the Commission sent the Italian authorities a letter in the framework of pre-infringement dialogue DLGE(2024)10804. The Italian authorities replied on 15 April 2025.

As the explanations provided by the Italian authorities did not adequately address the Commission's concerns regarding compliance with EU law, on 4 June 2026 the Commission decided to open infringement procedure INFR(2026)4004 by sending Italy a letter of formal notice. The Italian authorities replied to the letter of formal notice on 28 July 2026.

The Commission is currently assessing the Italian authorities' reply. As the exchange with Italy in the context of the infringement procedure is still ongoing, the Commission cannot disclose details concerning the arguments put forward by the Italian authorities, as such disclosure could undermine the relationship of mutual trust between the Commission and the Member State concerned and the ongoing dialogue between them.

The Commission will take a position on the appropriate follow-up to the infringement procedure once it has completed its assessment of the Italian authorities' reply.