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**Priority question for written answer P-003177/25
to the Commission
Arkadiusz Mularczyk (ECR)
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Subject: News reports on compensation paid to Italian Second World War victims from RRP funds

According to media reports ⁽¹⁾, Italy is funding the payment of compensation for crimes committed by Germany during the Second World War from recovery and resilience plan (RRP) funds. The total amount of compensation paid in this way is estimated to be around EUR 55 million ⁽²⁾, or EUR 25-50 000 for each victim.

The aforementioned process was to be agreed as part of an agreement between Germany, Italy and the Commission.

In light of the above:

1. Are the aforementioned media reports accurate — has the Commission agreed to allocate German funds from the RRP to pay compensation to Second World War victims in Italy?
2. If so, can the Commission disclose the content of this agreement and when will it do so?
3. What was the legal basis for the Commission's decision and can this same legal basis be used for other victims of German aggression during the Second World War, including victims in Poland?

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**Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis on behalf of the European Commission
(8 September 2025)**

1. The Italian recovery and resilience plan does not contain any measure for the compensation of Second World War victims in Italy. The media reports quoted by the Honourable Member appear to refer to the 'Fondo per il ristoro dei danni subiti dalle vittime di crimini di guerra e contro l'umanità', a fund established by Italian national legislation through Decree-Law n. 36, of 30 April 2022, converted with modifications by Law n. 79 of 29 June 2022. This fund aims to provide reparations for damages sustained by victims of Second World War crimes and crimes against humanity committed on Italian territory or suffered by Italian citizens.

While this Law indeed mainly contains provisions related to the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the fund falls under Chapter VII on Justice Measures and is explicitly not part of measures under the RRF. The financial resources allocated to this fund derive from two national sources specified in the law, with no involvement of the RRF.

2. Similarly, no agreement was made between the Commission and the German and Italian authorities regarding the use of RRF funds for such a compensation. The RRF focuses on making European economies more sustainable and better prepared for the green and digital transitions. Consequently, compensation related to historical events falls outside the scope of the RRF. All Member States' plans are publicly available via the Commission website ⁽¹⁾.

3. Since no RRF funds are allocated for this purpose, the question regarding the legal basis does not arise.

¹ <https://news.az/news/italy-court-orders-germany-to-pay-compensation-for-nazi-massacre-victims>

² <https://gospodarka.dziennik.pl/news/artykuly/8630461,kpo-gospodarka-wlochy-niemcy-gospodarka-ii-ws-odszkodowania.html>

⁽¹⁾ Country pages — Commission: https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages_en.