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1. In its Commission Implementing Decision of 28 May 2025, the Commission concluded that milestone 215 was not satisfactorily fulfilled and, as a result, EUR 231 million was suspended in relation to that milestone¹.

2. The Commission concluded that milestone 215 could not be considered satisfactorily fulfilled because, following the Romanian Constitutional Court's Decision 724/2024 of 19 December 2024², the new legislation on special pensions does not strengthen the contributory principle of the system and does not correct the inequities between beneficiaries of special pension categories and beneficiaries of the public pension system from the point of view of the contributory aspect.

3. Following the Commission Implementing Decision of 28 May 2025, Romania had six months to address the shortcomings identified by the Commission. On 28 November 2025, the Romanian authorities submitted documentation on four suspended milestones, including milestone 215, which the Commission is currently assessing. Pursuant to Article 24(8) of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation³, once the Commission has completed its assessment, it will communicate its findings to the Romanian authorities. Romania will then have two months to submit its observations before the Commission proceeds with any final decision. No decision to reduce the financial contribution has been taken at this stage.

¹ See the Commission Implementing Decision of 28.5.2025 on the authorisation of the disbursement of the third instalment of the non-repayable support and the third instalment of the loan support for Romania https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/647a956c-b008-4a82-9651-9f87286a2ad1_en?filename=C_2025_3487_1_EN_ACT_part1_v3.pdf. The relevant assessment and conclusions related to milestone 215 are in recitals 9, 121-129, and 155-158.

² See the Romanian Constitutional Court's Decision 724/2024 of 19 December 2024 https://www.ccr.ro/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Decizie_724_2024.pdf.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj/eng>.