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The documents listed under Article 22(2) points (b), (c) and (d) of the National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Regulation¹ aim to inform the programming process of the NRP Plans with a view to ensuring close alignment with EU priorities. In its assessment of the NRP Plans, the Commission will take due account of the specific national, regional and territorial needs and challenges of each Member State, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity.

The NRP Plans aim to ensure high value for money by linking payments with the achievement of milestones and targets measuring the progress achieved in the implementation of measures, for both investments and reforms. The payments will take place based on the number of milestones and targets achieved at each payment request and their attached payout value². This system will ensure that investments and reforms are delivering the desired outcomes, while relying on a strong management and control system.

The design of the NRP Plans builds on lessons learnt from the implementation of cohesion policy, the Common Agricultural Policy and other programmes including the Recovery and Resilience Facility³ (RRF), while keeping the partnership principle at its heart. For example, one of the elements where the design of the two instruments differ is that the NRP Plans are implemented in shared management compared to direct management for the RRF. The responsibility to assess fulfilment of milestones and targets therefore lies first with the Member States' authorities. Moreover, Member States will have more flexibility to allocate funds throughout the programming period and adjust their plans. The single audit principle will be applied as a basic rule.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0565>.

² Determined in advance based on the associated EU contribution.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0241&qid=1694608910859>.