

Dear President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen,

Subject: *Extension of the implementation period of the Recovery and Resilience Facility until 31 August 2028*

The current state of the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) confirms that its initial allocation is far from being fully utilised and that the prospect of its full absorption has been steadily decreasing. This situation confirms the serious risks of delays in the absorption of funds by 31 August 2026, risks which had already been highlighted by Special Report No 13/2024 of the European Court of Auditors.

The implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs) across the different Member States has revealed uneven levels of implementation and multiple constraints, including difficulties in public procurement procedures, tenders receiving no offers, shortages of raw materials, disruptions in supply chains, a significant increase in costs in the construction sector and volatility in market prices.

Recent data show that by the end of January 2026, the total financial envelope of the RRF had been reduced by 11% compared to its previous level, decreasing from EUR 651 billion to EUR 577 billion (EUR 360 billion in grants and EUR 217 billion in loans). This situation results from the reduction of the loan component following the latest reprogramming exercises carried out by Member States as a consequence of the foreseeable difficulties in using these resources within the currently defined deadlines.

Of the total amounts made available under the RRF/RRPs, by the end of January 2026 only EUR 238 billion in grants and EUR 156 billion in loans had been disbursed.

These data confirm the high likelihood that available funds will remain unused if the August 2026 deadline is maintained. Maintaining the current time limits for the implementation of RRF/RRPs resources could jeopardise strategic investments that would contribute, in particular, to economic, social and territorial cohesion.

Extending the implementation period of the RRF/RRPs until 31 August 2028 would therefore constitute a necessary and appropriate measure to ensure the full use of the resources made available and to respond more effectively to the needs of the populations and to the development needs of the Member States.

In light of the above, the Members of the European Parliament undersigned hereby call on the European Commission to present, as soon as possible, a legislative proposal to amend Regulation (EU) 2021/241 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), with a view to extending its implementation period until 31 August 2028.

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