### Public consultation questionnaire for the Recovery and Resilience Facility mid-term evaluation

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#### Introduction

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) was set up in February 2021 under <u>Regulation (EU) 2021/241</u> to help the EU recover from the COVID-19 crisis. The Facility was created to be an innovative, demanddriven performance-based instrument and to provide direct financial support to Member States to carry out reforms and make investments. The implementation of the RRF is now fully underway and, to date, EUR 144 billion has already been paid out to Member States.

In line with the Regulation (Article 32), the European Commission is carrying out a mid-term evaluation to assess if and to what extent the objectives of the RRF have been achieved, how efficiently resources have been used, and what has been the EU added value.

The objective of this public consultation is to gather your views on how the RRF is working and use them to feed into this evaluation. The results of this consultation will be analysed and summarised in a synopsis report that will be part of the evaluation report.

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- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
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I. Familiarity with the RRF / involvement in the RRF: the following questions seek to assess how familiar you are with the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and if you have been involved in any activity related to the RRF.

1. Are you aware that NextGenerationEU and the Recovery and Resilience Facility exist?

	Yes	No
NextGenerationEU	۲	$\odot$
Recovery and Resilience Facility	۲	0

- 2. How familiar are you with the Recovery and Resilience Facility?
  - I have never heard about the RRF
  - I only have a general understanding of the RRF's goals, scope and how it works
  - I have a good understanding of the RRF's goals, scope and how it works
  - I don't wish to answer
- 2a. Have you ever consulted the Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard?
  - Yes
  - No
  - I don't wish to answer

3. Member States prepared national recovery and resilience plans outlining the reforms and investments that they commit to carry out through 2026. Are you aware that payments under the Facility are conditional on the satisfactory implementation of these pre-agreed reforms and investments ("performance-based" instrument)?

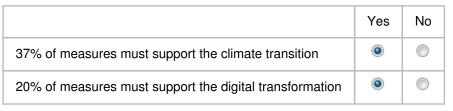
- Yes
- No
- I don't wish to answer

3a. In your view, to what extent is the "performance-based" nature of the Facility a positive feature?

- To a large extent
- To some extent

- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

4. Are you aware of the green and digital "targets" below, which Member States are required to meet under the Recovery and Resilience Facility?



5. Have you or your organisation been directly involved in an activity related to the Recovery and Resilience Facility?

- Yes
- No
- I don't wish to answer

# **II.** The RRF's visibility: the following questions seek to assess how well the Recovery and Resilience Facility has been communicated to the general public.

6. Did you know that the EU is financing a programme of reforms and investments under a "recovery and resilience plan" adopted in your country?

Yes

No

I don't wish to answer

7. In your view, how visible has financing from the Recovery and Resilience Facility been in your country?

- Very visible
- Somewhat visible
- Not visible at all
- I don't know

8. In your view, how important has the Recovery and Resilience Facility been for the recovery of the EU economy from the COVID-19 crisis?

Very important

- Somewhat important
- Not important at all
- I don't know

## III. Evaluation criteria: the remaining questions seek to collect your views on some specific aspects of the RRF to feed into its mid-term evaluation.

9. In your view, please indicate to what extent the Recovery and Resilience Facility has contributed (or will contribute) to the following objectives:

	To a large extent	To some extent	To a limited extent	Not at all	Do not know
Supporting the economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis	۲	0	O	0	0
Strengthening social and territorial cohesion	۲	0	0	0	0
Increasing health, economic, social, educational and institutional resilience	0	0	۲	0	٢
Supporting the green transition	۲	0	0	0	0
Supporting the digital transition	0	۲	0	0	0
Fostering the growth potential of the EU economy	0	۲	0	0	0

10. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility contributed (or will contribute) to initiating and/or implementing reforms that would not have been implemented otherwise?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

10a. Please give an example of such contribution

11. Did you know that the Recovery and Resilience Facility can only support measures that do not harm the environment (respecting the 'do no significant harm'

principle)?

- Yes
- No

11a. In your view, to what extent has respecting the 'do no significant harm' principle contributed (or will contribute) to the green transition in your country?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

12. In their recovery and resilience plans, Member States had to explain how their proposed measures contribute to gender equality and equal opportunities for all. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility contributed (or will contribute) to gender equality and equal opportunities for all in your country?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

13. In their recovery and resilience plans, Member States had to explain how their proposed measures promote policies for children and young people. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility promoted (or will promote) policies for children and young people in your country?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

14. In your view, to what extent are the following features of the RRF valuable and important?

	To a large extent	To some extent	To a limited extent	Not at all	Do not know
"Performance-based instrument" (i.e. payment against the achievement of pre-agreed milestones /targets)	۲	O	0	O	0
Speed of payments from the Commission to Member States	۲	0	0	۲	۲
Support for reforms	۲	0	0	0	0
Support for cross-border/multi-country projects	۲	0	0	0	۲
Other feature	0	O	0	0	۲

15. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility created unnecessary administrative burden and complexity for Member States' administrations?

#### To a large extent

- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

15a. At which stages have you identified unnecessary administrative burden and complexity?

	Yes	No
Preparation of the national recovery and resilience plans		۲
Implementation of the plans	۲	۲
Reporting on the plans	0	۲
Monitoring the plans	0	۲
Audits and controls	$\odot$	۲
Other	0	0

- 16. Do you see possibilities for simplification?
  - Yes
  - No

16a. Please specify:

Direct management of the facility by the European Commission in the implementation phase could reduce administrative burden and bureaucracy linked to the disbursement of funds, and thus improve overall effectiveness.

17. In your view, to what extent has it been beneficial for the EU to support reforms and investments together under one instrument (the Recovery and Resilience Facility)?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

18. The Recovery and Resilience Facility was set up in the COVID-19 context. In your view, to what extent does it continue to be an appropriate way to support Member States beyond COVID-19?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

19. REPowerEU is the Commission's strategy to reduce the EU's dependence on Russian fossil fuels and accelerate the green transition ; the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is the vehicle for implementing REPowerEU. In your view, to what extent is the RRF appropriate to support Member States in increasing the resilience, security and sustainability of the EU's energy system (REPowerEU objectives)?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

20. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility supported (or will support) the implementation of other EU policies and initiatives?

	To a large extent	To some extent	To a limited extent	Not at all	Do not know
European Green Deal	۲	0	0	0	0
Biodiversity strategy	۲	0	0	0	0
Circular economy	۲	0	0	0	0
Sustainable transport	۲	0	0	0	0
Digital Agenda	۲	0	0	0	0
European Semester	۲	0	0	0	0
European Pillar of Social Rights	۲	0	O	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

21. Did you know that some Member States' recovery and resilience plans seek to improve the rule of law (for example on anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, independence of the judiciary or transparency in law making)?

- Yes
- No
- I don't wish to answer

21a. In your view, to what extent will the Recovery and Resilience Facility contribute to strengthening the rule of law in the EU/in your country (through improvements in anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, independence of the judiciary, transparency in law/decision making, etc.)?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

22. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility complemented the measures put in place by your country to support the economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all

Do not know

23. In your view, to what extent has the Recovery and Resilience Facility produced more results than what Member State action and funding could have produced alone?

- To a large extent
- To some extent
- To a limited extent
- Not at all
- Do not know

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