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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Council Implementing Decision under the Recovery and Resilience Facility - Bulgaria - Adoption

1. The Council Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022, as set out in documents 8091/22 + ADD1 approved the positive assessment of the recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') of Bulgaria accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
2. That Council Implementing Decision was later amended on 8 December 2023, pursuant to Article 18(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, as set out in documents 15837/23 + ADD 1.
3. On 16 April 2025, Bulgaria submitted a request in accordance with Article 21a(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 for the allocation of the revenue referred to in Article 21a(1) of that Regulation by including in its recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') reforms and investments referred to in Article 21c of that Regulation.
4. On the occasion of that submission, Bulgaria made a reasoned request to the Commission to propose to amend the Council Implementing Decision (EU) of of 4 May 2022 in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, considering the RRP to be partially no longer achievable due to objective circumstances.
5. To that end, Bulgaria submitted to the Commission an amended RRP, modifying 82 measures and including a REPowerEU chapter.

6. The Commission considered that the reasons put forward by Bulgaria justify amendments pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 and positively assessed the modified RRP, including the REPowerEU chapter, against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation 2021/241 regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the RRP.
7. Against this background, acting on the basis of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, and in line with Articles 21(2) and 21a(6), the Commission submitted to the Council on 2 July 2025, a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision (EU) of 4 May 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria, set out in documents ST 11200/25 and ST 11200/25 ADD 1.
8. The above-mentioned proposal indicates the adjusted amounts resulting from the amendment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria.
9. The Financial Counsellors Working Party examined the proposal on 15 July 2025 and reached an agreement on the text, subject to legal-linguistic revision.
10. The text of the Council Implementing Decision, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists, is set out in documents ST 11242/25 and ST 11242/25 ADD 1.
11. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the texts, as finalized by the lawyer-linguists, of:
 - a) Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 4 May 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria, as set out in document 11242/25, and
 - b) Annex to the Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Bulgaria, as set out in document 11242/25 ADD 1, and
 - recommend to the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Decision together with its Annex as an "A-item" at one of its forthcoming meetings.