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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of ...

**amending the Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021
on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility¹, and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

¹ OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj>.

Whereas:

- (1) Following the submission of the national recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') by Italy on 30 April 2021, the Commission proposed its positive assessment to the Council. On 13 July 2021, the Council approved the positive assessment by means of an implementing decision² (the 'Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021'). The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 was amended by the Council Implementing Decisions of 19 September 2023³, 8 December 2023⁴, 14 May 2024⁵, 18 November 2024⁶, 20 June 2025⁷, 27 November 2025⁸ and 30 March 2026⁹.
- (2) On 11 June 2026, Italy made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 on the grounds that the RRP is partially no longer achievable because of objective circumstances. On that basis, Italy has submitted an amended RRP.

² See documents ST 10160/21, ST 10160/21 ADD 1 REV 2 and ST 10160/21 ADD 1 REV 2 COR 1 (sk) at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

³ See document ST 12259/23 INIT at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

⁴ See documents ST 16051/23, ST 16051/23 ADD 1 and ST 16051/23 ADD 1 REV 1 (ga) at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

⁵ See documents ST 9399/24, ST 9399/24 ADD 1 and ST 9399/24 ADD1 COR 2 (sv) at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

⁶ See documents ST 15114/24 and ST 15114 ADD 1 REV 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

⁷ See documents ST 9587/25 and ST 9587/25 ADD 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

⁸ See documents ST 15106/25, ST 15106/25 ADD 1 and ST 15106/25 ADD 1 and COR 1 (sv) at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

⁹ See documents ST 7138/26 and ST 7138/26 ADD 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

Amendments based on Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241

- (3) The amendments to the RRP submitted by Italy because of objective circumstances concern 118 measures.
- (4) Italy has requested that two measures be removed due to objective circumstances. This concerns the following measures: M3C1-11 under Investment 1.3 (Diagonal connections) under Mission 3, Component 1 and M5C3-14 under Investment 1.5 (Tax Credit Scheme for Investments in Southern Italy and the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) under Mission 5, Component 3. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.
- (5) Italy has explained that three measures are partially no longer achievable because of lack of or change in demand. This concerns the following measures: M2C1-8 under Investment 2.3 (Innovation and mechanization in the agricultural and food sectors) under Mission 2, Component 1; M2C2-45 under Investment 1.1 (Development of agri-voltaic systems) under Mission 2, Component 2; M3C2-5bis under Investment 2.1 (Digitalisation of the logistic chain) under Mission 3, Component 2. On that basis, Italy has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

- (6) Italy has explained that five measures are partially no longer achievable due to changes in market conditions, including unforeseen delays in supply affecting procurement procedures. This concerns the following measures: M1C2-15 under Investment 2 (Innovation and technology of microelectronics) under Mission 1, Component 2; M2C1-9 under Investment 2.2 (Agri-Solar Park) under Mission 2, Component 1; M2C2-29 under Investment 4.3 (Installation of charging infrastructures); M7-27 under Investment 8 (Sustainable, circular and secure supply of Critical Raw Materials); M7-41 and M7-42 under Investment 15 (Transizione 5.0) under Mission 7. On that basis, Italy has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.
- (7) Italy has explained that two measures are partially no longer achievable due to technical impediments delaying their implementation. This concerns measures M3C1-26 and M3C1-27 under Reform 1.3 (Boosting the efficiency of railway infrastructure in Italy) under Mission 3, Component 1. On that basis, Italy has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

- (8) Italy has explained that two measures are partially no longer achievable due to inflation and operational issues of technical nature. This concerns the following measures: M3C1-5 and M3C1-6 under Investment 1.1 (High-speed railway connections in the Centre and South for passengers and freight) and M3C1-9 under Investment 1.2 (High speed lines in the North connecting to the rest of Europe) under Mission 3, Component 1. On this basis, Italy has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.
- (9) Italy has explained that one measure is partially no longer achievable due to the occurrence of extreme weather events triggering the adoption of a Declaration on the State of Emergency¹⁰ in 2025 and 2026 that affected the territories of Calabria, Sardinia and Sicily. This concerns measure M2C4-38 under Investment 4.4 (Investments in sewerage and purification) under Mission 2, Component 4. On that basis, Italy has requested that this measure be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

¹⁰ Deliberation of the Council of Ministers of 4 June 2025 declaring the State of Emergency for the Metropolitan Cities of Catania and Messina; Deliberation of the Council of Ministers n. 157 of 26 January 2026 declaring the State of Emergency for the territories of Calabria, Sicily and Sardinia.

- (10) Italy has explained that nine measures have been amended to implement better alternatives in order to achieve their original ambition. This concerns the following measures: M1C2-34 under Investment 9 (Scale-up measure: Transition 4.0) under Mission 1, Component 2; M2C2-35bis under Investment 4.4.2 (Strengthening of the regional public transport railway fleet with zero emission trains and universal service); M2C2-43 under Investment 5.4 (Equity injection into the Green Transition Fund ('GTF') managed by CDP Venture Capital SGR) under Mission 2, Component 2; M2C2-47 under Investment 1.2 (Promotion of renewable energy sources for energy communities and jointly acting renewables self-consumers); M2C4-39 and M2C4-40 under Investment 4.5 (Grant scheme for investments on water infrastructure) under Mission 2, Component 4; M3C1-20 under Investment 1.8 (Upgrading railway stations) under Mission 3, Component 1; M7-31 under Investment 11 (Scale-up: Strengthening of the regional public transport railway fleet with zero emission trains and universal service); M7-44 under Investment 16 (Support to SMEs for self-production from renewable energy sources) and M7-49 under Investment 17 (Financial instrument for energy renovations of public residential housing) under Mission 7. On that basis, Italy has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

- (11) Italy has explained that 93 measures have been amended to implement better alternatives that allow the administrative burden to be reduced and simplify the implementation of the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021, while still achieving the objectives of those measures. This concerns the following measures: M1C1-26 under Investment 1.1 (Digital Infrastructure); M1C1-45 under Reform 1.4 (Reform of civil justice); M1C1-46 under Reform 1.5 (Reform of criminal justice); M1C1-59ter and M1C1-63 under Reform 1.9 (Public employment reform and simplification reform); M1C1-66 under Investment 1.9 (Provide technical assistance and strengthen capacity building for the implementation of the Italian recovery and resilience plan); M1C1-117 under Reform 1.15 (Reform of public accounting rules); M1C1-119 under Reform 1.14 (Reform of the subnational fiscal framework); M1C1-121 bis under Reform 1.12 (Reform of the tax administration); M1C1-122 under Reform 1.13 (Reform of the spending review framework); M1C1-148 under Investment 1.4.1 (Citizen experience – Improvement of the quality and the usability of digital public services); M1C1-151 under Investment 1.4.5 (Digitalization of public notices); M1C1-152 under Investment 1.6.1 (Digitalization of the Ministry of Interior); M1C1-155 under Investment 1.6.3 (Digitization of National Social Security Institute (INPS) and National Institute for Insurance against Accidents at work (INAIL)) under Mission 1, Component 1; M1C2-13bis under Reform 2 (Annual Competition Laws); M1C2-14ter under Reform 3 (Rationalization and simplification of firms' incentives); M1C2-17, M1C2-18, M1C2-20 and M1C2-21 under Investment 3 (Fast internet connections (Ultra-Broadband and 5G));

M1C2-23bis under Investment 4 (Satellite Technology and Space economy) under Mission 1, Component 2; M1C3-3 under Investment 1.2 (Removal of physical and cognitive barriers in museums, libraries, and archives to enable wider access to and participation in culture); M1C3-16bis under Investment 2.1 (Attractiveness of Small Historic Towns); M1C3-17 under Investment 2.2 (Protection and enhancement of rural architecture and landscape); M1C3-19 under Investment 2.4 (Seismic safety of places of worship, restoration of FEC heritage and shelters for artworks (Recovery Art)); M1C3-21 under Investment 3.2 (Development of the film industry (Cinecittà project)); M1C3-29 under Investment 4.2 (Funds for the competitiveness of tourism enterprises); M1C3-36 under Investment 4.3 (Caput Mundi – Next Generation EU for touristic great events) under Mission 1, Component 3; M2C1-10 under Investment 2.1 (Logistics plan for the agri-food, fishing and aquaculture, forestry, floriculture and plant nursery sectors); M2C1-16quater under Investment 1.1 (Implementation of new waste management plants and modernisation of existing plants and circular economy flagship projects); M2C1-19 under Investment 3.1 (Green Islands); M2C1-21 under Investment 3.2 (Green communities) under Mission 2, Component 1; M2C2-10 under Investment 2.1 (Strengthening smart grids); M2C2-13 under Investment 2.2 (Interventions to increase the resilience of the power grid); M2C2-17 under Investment 3.4 (Hydrogen testing for railway mobility and road transport); M2C2-23 under Investment 4.1 (Investment in soft mobility (National Plan of Cycle Paths)); M2C2-26 under Investment 4.2 (Development of Rapid Mass Transport systems);

M2C2-30 under Investment 4.5 (Private and light commercial vehicle fleet renewal programme with electric vehicles); M2C2-35ter under Investment 4.4.1 (Strengthening of the regional public transport bus fleet with zero-emission buses); M2C2-40 under Investment 5.1 (Support to the production system for the Ecological Transition, Net Zero Technologies, and competitiveness and resilience of strategic supply chains); M2C2-49 under Investment 3.1 (Production of Hydrogen in brownfield sites (Hydrogen Valleys)); M2C2-53 under Investment 5.2 (Hydrogen) under Mission 2, Component 2; M2C3-6 under Investment 1.1 (Construction of new schools through building replacement); M2C3-10 under Investment 3.1 (Promotion of efficient district heating) under Mission 2, Component 3; M2C4-6bis under Investment 3.2 (Digitisation of national parks); M2C4-11bis under Investment 2.1a (Measures for flood and hydrogeological risk reduction – Interventions in Emilia-Romagna, Toscana, and Marche); M2C4-13 under Investment 2.1b (Measures for flood and hydrogeological risk reduction); M2C4-20bis under Investment 3.1 (Protection and enhancement of urban and peri-urban forests); M2C4-23 under Investment 3.3 (Re-naturification of Po area); M2C4-25 under Investment 3.4 (Remediation of orphan-sites soil); M2C4-29 under Investment 4.1 (Investments in primary water infrastructures for the security of water supply); M2C4-34bis under Investment 4.3 (Investments in the resilience of the irrigation agrosystem for better management of water resources) under Mission 2, Component 4;

M3C1-14 under Investment 1.4 (European Rail Transport Management System (ERTMS)); M3C1-28 under Investment 1.10 (Strengthening metropolitan nodes and regional railway lines) under Mission 3, Component 1; M3C2-6 under Investment 2.2 (Digitalization of air traffic management); M3C2-9 under Investment 1.1 (Green ports: renewable energy and energy efficiency interventions at ports); M3C2-12 under Investment 2.3 (Cold ironing) under Mission 3, Component 2; M4C1-14ter under Reform 2.1 (Teachers' Recruitment); M4C1-18 under Investment 1.1 (Plan for nurseries and preschools and early childhood education and care services); M4C1-20 under Investment 5 (Development of the tertiary vocational training system (ITS)); M4C1-21 under Investment 1.2 (Plan for the extension of full-time); M4C1-22 under Investment 1.3 (School Sports Infrastructure Enhancement Plan); measure description of M4C1-24 under Investment 1.6 (Active orientation in school-university transition); M4C1-26 under Investment 3.3 (School building security and structural rehabilitation plan); M4C1-30 under Reform 1.7 (Student Housing) under Mission 4, Component 1; M4C2-9 under Investment 1.4 (Creation of 'national R&D leaders' on Key Enabling Technologies); M4C2-14 under Investment 2.3 (Technology transfer centres); M4C2-16bis under Investment 3.1 (Research and innovation infrastructures); M4C2-18bis under Investment 1.5 ('Innovation ecosystems for sustainability', building 'territorial leaders of R&D') under Mission 4, Component 2; M5C1-4bis under Reform 1 (ALMPs and Vocational Training);

M5C1-7bis under Investment 1 (Strengthening Public Employment Services (PES)); M5C1-11 under Reform 2 (Undeclared Work); M5C1-14 under Investment 2 (Gender Equality Certification System) under Mission 5, Component 1; M5C1-16 under Investment 4 (Universal Civil Service) under Mission 5, Component 1; the measure description under Investment 3 (Housing First and Post Stations); M5C2-8 under Investment 2 (Autonomy Patterns for People with Disabilities); M5C2-12 under Investment 4 (Investments in Urban Regeneration Projects Aimed at Reducing Situations of Marginalisation and Social Degradation); M5C2-14 and M5C2-16 under Investment 5 (Urban Integrated Plans); M5C2-20 under Investment 6 (Innovation Programme for Housing Quality); M5C2-22 under Investment 7 (Sport and Social Inclusion) under Mission 5, Component 2; M5C3-13 under Investment 1.4 (Infrastructural Investments for the Special Economic Zone) under Mission 5, Component 3; M6C1-11 Investment 1.3 (Strengthening Intermediate Healthcare and its facilities (Community Hospitals); M6C2-6 and M6C2-9 under Investment 1.1 (Digital Update of Hospitals' Technological Equipment); M6C2-10bis under Investment 1.2 (Towards a Safe and Sustainable Hospital); M6C2-12 under Investment 1.3 (Strengthening the Technological Infrastructure and the Tools for Data Collection, Data Processing, Data Analysis and Simulation) under Mission 6, Component 2; M6C2-16 Investment 2.2 (Development of technical-professional, digital and managerial skills of professionals in the healthcare system);

M7-3 under Reform 1 (Streamlining permitting procedures for renewable energy at central and local level); M7-11 under Investment 1 (Scale-up measure: Smart grids); M7-12 under Investment 2 (Scale-up measure: Interventions to increase the resilience of power grid); M7-13 under Investment 3 (Scale-up measure: Production of Hydrogen in brownfield sites (Hydrogen Valleys)); M7-15 under Investment 4 (Tyrrhenian link); M7-17 under Investment 5 (SA.CO.I.3); M7-22 under Investment 7 (Smart National Transmission Grid); M7-37 under Investment 13 (Adriatic Line Phase 1 (Sulmona compressor station and Sestino-Minerbio gas pipeline)); M7-39 under Investment 14 (Cross-border gas export infrastructure) and M7-50 under Investment 18 (Scale-up measure: Private and light commercial vehicle fleet renewal programme with electric vehicles) under Mission 7. On that basis, Italy has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

- (12) Following the removal and decrease in the level of implementation of measures, Italy has requested in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 to use the resources freed up by the removal of measures and decrease in the level of their implementation to add two new measures and increase the level of implementation of eight measures. This concerns the following measures: M1C2-34 under Investment 9 (Scale-up measure: Transition 4.0) under Mission 1, Component 2; M2C2-35bis under Investment 4.4.2 (Strengthening of the regional public transport railway fleet with zero emission trains and universal service); M2C2-47 under Investment 1.2 (Promotion of renewable energy sources for energy communities and jointly acting renewables self-consumers); M2C2-54 under Investment 4.6 (Diagnostic trains); M2C2-55 under Investment 5.5 (Green Tax Credit) under Mission 2, Component 2; M2C4-39 and M2C4-40 under Investment 4.5 (Grant scheme for investments on water infrastructure) under Mission 2, Component 4; M3C1-20 under Investment 1.8 (Upgrading railway stations) under Mission 3, Component 1; M5C1-19bis and M5C1-20 under Investment 5 (Creation of women's enterprises) under Mission 5, Component 1; M7-31 under Investment 11 (Scale-up: Strengthening of the regional public transport railway fleet with zero emission trains and universal service); M7-44 and M7-45 under Investment 16 (Support to SMEs for self-production from renewable energy sources) and M7-49 under Investment 17 (Financial instrument for energy renovations of public residential housing) under Mission 7. On that basis, Italy has requested that the level of implementation of eight measures be increased and that two new measures be added. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

Corrections of clerical errors

- (13) Two clerical errors have been identified in the text of the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021, affecting two milestones and targets in two measures under two components. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be amended to correct those clerical errors that do not reflect the content of the RRP submitted to the Commission on 30 April 2021, as agreed between the Commission and Italy. Those clerical errors relate to measure M1C2-31 of Investment 7 (National Connectivity Fund) under Mission 1, Component 2 and measure M4C1-23 of Investment 3.4 (Teaching and advanced university skills) under Mission 4, Component 1. Those corrections do not affect the implementation of the measures concerned.

Commission's assessment

- (14) The Commission has assessed the amended RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

Contribution to the REPowerEU objectives

- (15) In accordance with Article 19(3), point (da), of, and criterion 2.12 of Annex V to, Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the REPowerEU chapter is expected to effectively contribute to a large extent (rating A) to energy security, the diversification of the Union's energy supply, an increase in the uptake of renewables and in energy efficiency, an increase of energy storage capacities or the necessary reduction of dependence on fossil fuels before 2030.

- (16) The amendments concerning Reform 1 (Streamlining permitting procedures for renewable energy at central and local level); Investment 1 (Scale-up measure: Smart grids); Investment 2 (Scale-up measure: Interventions to increase the resilience of power grid); Investment 3 (Scale-up measure: Production of Hydrogen in brownfield sites (Hydrogen Valleys); Investment 4 (Tyrrhenian link); Investment 5 (SA.CO.I.3); Investment 7 (Smart National Transmission Grid); Investment 8 (Sustainable, circular and secure supply of Critical Raw Materials); Investment 11 (Strengthening of the regional public transport railway fleet with zero emission trains and universal service); Investment 13 (Adriatic Line Phase 1 (Sulmona compressor station and Sestino-Minerbio gas pipeline); Investment 14 (Cross-border gas export infrastructure); Investment 15 (Transizione 5.0); Investment 16 (Support to SMEs for self-production from renewable energy sources); Investment 17 (Financial instrument for energy renovations of public residential housing) and Investment 18 (Scale-up measure: Private and light commercial vehicle fleet renewal program with electric vehicles) do not change the overall assessment that implementation of the measures included in the REPowerEU chapter are expected to contribute, in particular, to supporting the objectives in Article 21c(3), points (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), of Regulation 2021/241. The chapter effectively contributes to a large extent to energy security, the diversification of the Union's energy supply, an increased uptake of renewables and energy efficiency, and the reduction of dependence on fossil fuels before 2030. Therefore, the amended RRP effectively contributes to the objectives of Article 19(3), point (da), of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

Contribution to the green transition, including biodiversity

- (17) In accordance with Article 19(3), point (e), of, and criterion 2.5 of Annex V to, Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the amended RRP contains measures that contribute to a large extent (rating A) to the green transition, including biodiversity, or to addressing the challenges resulting therefrom. The measures supporting climate objectives account for an amount which represents 37 % of the amended RRP's total allocation and 71,9 % of the estimated total cost of measures in the REPowerEU chapter calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex VI to Regulation (EU) 2021/241. In accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the amended RRP is consistent with the information included in the National Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030.
- (18) The amendments to the contribution to the green transition relate to the decrease in allocation for a number of measures across several missions and components. The reduction was partially offset by a number of new investments and measures with an increased level of implementation. The decrease in allocation concerns Investment 2.2 (Agri-solar Park) under Mission 2, Component 1.

The increase in Investment 1.2 (Promotion of renewable energy communities and jointly acting renewables self-consumers), together with the increase in allocation for Investment 4.4.2 (Renewal of the regional public transport railway fleet with clean fuels trains and universal service), Investment 5.1 (Net Zero Technologies) and the creation of Investment 4.6 (Diagnostic trains), Investment 5.5 (Green Tax Credit) and the increase in green tagging also for Investment 5.4 (Equity injection into the Green Transition Fund ('GTF') managed by CDP Venture Capital SGR) more than compensated the decrease in Investment 1.1 (Development of agri-voltaic systems) and in Investment 4.3 (Installation of charging infrastructures) under Mission 2, Component 2. An increase in allocation concerned Investment 4.5 (Grant scheme for investments on water infrastructures) under Mission 2, Component 4. Additionally, under Mission 3, Component 1, the reduction in allocation for Reform 1.3 (Boosting the efficiency of railway infrastructure in Italy) under Mission 3, Component 1 was partially offset by an increase in allocation for Investment 1.8 (Upgrading railway stations). The decrease also concerned Investment 6 (Innovation Programme for Housing Quality) under Mission 5, Component 2; and in Investment 1.1 (Community Health Houses to improve territorial health assistance) under Mission 6, Component 1. Finally under Mission 7, the decrease in allocation concerning the contribution to the green transition in Investment 8 (Sustainable, circular and secure supply of Critical Raw Materials); Investment 15 (Transizione 5.0) under Mission 7 was more than off-set by the increase in allocation in Investment 11 (Scale-up: Strengthening of the regional public transport railway fleet with zero emission trains and universal service); Investment 16 (Support to SMEs for self-production from renewable energy sources); Investment 17 (Financial instrument for energy renovations of public residential housing).

- (19) Overall, the measures in the amended RRP continue to significantly contribute to Italy's green transition. Due to the differing climate tagging content of the increase measure and the decreased measures, the amendments to Italy's RRP entail a net decrease in the overall contribution to the climate target of the RRP from 37,1 % to 37 %. The scope of the amendments does not change the overall assessment of this criterion.

Contribution to the digital transition

- (20) In accordance with Article 19(3), point (f), of, and criterion 2.6 of Annex V to, Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the amended RRP contains measures that contribute to a large extent (rating A) to the digital transition or to addressing the challenges resulting from it. The measures supporting digital objectives account for an amount which represents 26,4 % of the amended RRP's total allocation calculated in accordance with the methodology set out in Annex VII to Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
- (21) The decrease in allocation concerns Investment 2 (Innovation and technology of microelectronics) under Mission 1, Component 2 and Investment 2.1 (Digitalization of the logistic chain) under Mission 3, Component 2.
- (22) Overall, the measures in the amended RRP continue to contribute to Italy's digital transition. Due to the differing digital tagging content of the decreased measures, the amendments to Italy's RRP entail a net decrease from 26,5 % to 26,4 %. The limited scope of these amendments does not change the overall assessment of this criterion.

Costing

- (23) In accordance with Article 19(3), point (i), of, and criterion 2.9 of Annex V to, Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the justification provided in the amended RRP on the amount of the estimated total cost of the RRP is to a medium extent (rating B) reasonable and plausible, is in line with the principle of cost efficiency and is commensurate with the expected national economic and social impact.
- (24) The amount of the estimated total cost of the amended RRP is in line with the nature and type of the envisaged reforms and investments. As a result, cost estimates for most of the measures in the amended RRP are deemed reasonable and plausible. Italy has provided sufficient information and evidence that the amount of the estimated total cost is not covered by existing or planned Union financing. Finally, the estimated total cost of the amended RRP is in line with the principle of cost efficiency and commensurate with the expected national economic and social impact. Therefore, a rating B is warranted for the amended RRP.

Any other assessment criteria

- (25) The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Italy do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3), points (a), (b), (c), (d), (db), (g), (h), (j) and (k), of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

Positive assessment

- (26) Following the positive assessment by the Commission of the amended RRP, with the finding that the RRP satisfactorily complies with the criteria for assessment set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/241, in accordance with Article 20(2) of and Annex V to that Regulation, the reforms and investment projects necessary for the implementation of the amended RRP, the relevant milestones, targets and indicators, and the amount made available from the Union for the implementation of the amended RRP should be set out.

Financial contribution

- (27) The estimated total cost of Italy's amended RRP is EUR 194 435 381 164. As the amount of the estimated total cost of the amended RRP is higher than the updated maximum financial contribution available for Italy, the financial contribution determined in accordance with Article 4a of Regulation (EU) 2021/1755 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹¹ and with Article 20(4) and Article 21a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 that is allocated for Italy's amended RRP should be equal to EUR 71 779 623 788. Therefore, the financial contribution made available to Italy remains unchanged.

¹¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 establishing the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (OJ L 357, 8.10.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1755/oj>).

Loans

- (28) The loan support made available to Italy amounting to EUR 122 601 810 400 remains unchanged.
- (29) The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should therefore be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity, the Annex to the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 should be replaced entirely.
- (30) This Decision is without prejudice to the outcome of any procedures relating to the award of Union funds under any Union programme other than the Recovery and Resilience Facility or to procedures relating to distortions of the operation of the internal market that may be undertaken, in particular under Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty. It does not override the requirement for Member States to notify instances of potential State aid to the Commission under Article 108 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Approval of the assessment of the amended recovery and resilience plan

The assessment of the amended recovery and resilience plan for Italy on the basis of the criteria provided for in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 is approved.

Article 2

Amendments

The Annex to the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy is replaced by the text appearing in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
