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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 Facility[1], and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Following the submission of the national recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') by Slovenia on 30 April 2021, the Commission has proposed its positive assessment to the Council. The Council approved the positive assessment by means of the Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021[2]. That CID was amended on 17 October 2023[3].

(2) On 18 October 2024, Slovenia made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 28 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, Slovenia has submitted an amended RRP.

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

(3) The amendments to the RRP submitted by Slovenia because of objective circumstances concern five measures.

(4) Slovenia has explained that two measures are no longer partially achievable, because of an insufficient number of eligible project applications. This concerns, respectively, target 5 of investment D (Energy efficient restructuring of district heating systems with the use of renewable sources) under component 1 (Renewable energy and energy efficiency) and target 27 of investment B (Sustainable renovation of buildings) under component 2 (Sustainable renovation of buildings). On this basis, Slovenia has requested to remove target 27. Furthermore, Slovenia has requested to extend the

[1] OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17.
[2] ST 10612/21; ST 10612/21 ADD 1.
[3] ST 13615/23; ST 13615/23 REV 1 (en); ST 13615/23 ADD 1 REV1.

implementation timeline of target 5. The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(5) Slovenia has further requested to use the resources freed up by the removal of target 27 under Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 to increase the level of implementation of one measure. This concerns target 5 of investment D (Energy efficient restructuring of district heating systems with the use of renewable sources) under component 1 (Renewable energy and energy efficiency). On this basis, Slovenia has requested to increase the level of required implementation of target 5. The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(6) Slovenia has explained that one measure is no longer partially achievable, because of supply chain disruptions. This concerns, respectively, targets 24 and 25 of investment B (Sustainable renovation of buildings) under component 2 (Sustainable renovation of buildings). On this basis, Slovenia has requested to remove target 24. Furthermore, Slovenia has requested to amend target 25. The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(7) Slovenia has explained that one mesure is no longer partially achieavable, because of last year's floods in Slovenia leading to delays in the preparation and implementation of the projects. This concerns target 35 of investment F (Flood risk reduction and risk reduction for other climate-related disasters) under component 3 (Clean and safe environment). On this basis, Slovenia has requested to extend the implementation timeline of the aforementioned target. The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(8) Slovenia has explained that one measure has been amended to implement better alternatives in order to achieve the original ambition of the measure. This concerns targets 157 and 158 under investment E (The comprehensive transformation of green and digital education) under component 12 (Strengthening competences, in particular digital competences and those required by the professions of the future and the green transition). On this basis, Slovenia has requested to amend the aforementioned targets. The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(9) Slovenia has explained that one measure has been amended to implement a better alternative allowing to reduce the administrative burden, whilst still reaching the objectives of the respective measure. This concerns reform A (Structural measures to strengthen the resilience of the labour market) under component 10 (Labour market – measures to reduce the impact of negative structural trends). On this basis, Slovenia has requested to amend the reform description. The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(10) The Commission considers that the reasons put forward by Slovenia justify the amendment(s) pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, and the Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 should be amended accordingly.

***Distribution of milestones and targets***

(11) The distribution of milestones and targets in instalments should be modified to take into account the amendments to the plan and the indicative timeline presented by Slovenia.

***Corrections of clerical errors***

(12) Two clerical errors have been identified in the text of the Council Implementing Decision, affecting one milestone and one target under two measures and two different

components. The Council Implementing Decision should be amended to correct these clerical errors that do not reflect the content of the RRP submitted to the Commission on 20 April 2021, as agreed between the Commission and Slovenia. The clerical error relates to milestone 15 of investment E (Production of electricity from renewable energy sources) under component 1 (Renewable energy and energy efficiency). The other clerical error relates to target 106 of investment J (Digitalisation of education and science) under component 7 (Digital transformation of the public sector and public administration). Those corrections do not affect the implementation of the measures concerned.

***Commission's assessment***

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

(14) The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Slovenia do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision (ST 10612/21; ST 10612/21 ADD 1) of 28 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the RRP for Slovenia 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), (da), (db), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k).

***Positive assessment***

(15) 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 in the form of non-repayable financial support should be set out.

***Financial contribution***

(16) The estimated total costs of Slovenia's amended RRP is EUR 2 685 886 000. As the amount of the estimated total costs of the amended RRP is higher than the updated maximum financial contribution available for Slovenia, the financial contribution determined in accordance with Article 20(4) allocated for Slovenia amended RRP should be equal to the total amount of the maximum financial contribution available for Slovenia's amended RRP. This amount is equal to EUR 1 612 948 340.

***Loans***

(17) The loan support made available to Slovenia amounting to a maximum of EUR 1 072 370 000 remains unchanged.

(18) Council Implementing Decision (ST 10612/21; ST 10612/21 ADD 1) of 28 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the RRP for Slovenia should therefore be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity, the Annex to that Council Implementing Decision should be replaced entirely,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Council Implementing Decision of 28 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Slovenia is amended as follows:

(1) the Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*
*Addressee*

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Slovenia.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*
*The President*