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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Economic recovery in Europe; Council Implementing Decision under the Recovery and Resilience Facility for Bulgaria
- Adoption

1. On 4 May 2022, the Council adopted an Implementing Decision approving the positive assessment of the Recovery and Resilience Plan ('RRP') of Bulgaria in accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, as set out in the documents ST 8091/22 and ST 8091/22 ADD1.
2. The Council amended the above-mentioned Implementing Decision on 8 December 2023, 18 July 2025, and 27 November 2025.
3. On 24 April 2026, Bulgaria made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022 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, Bulgaria has submitted an amended RRP.
4. The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Bulgaria do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision of 4 May 2022 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), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k), of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

5. Against this background, acting on the basis of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the Commission submitted to the Council on 30 April 2026, 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 8816/26 and ST 8816/26 ADD 1.

6. The Financial Counsellors Working Party examined the proposal on 26 May 2026 and reached an agreement on the text, subject to legal-linguistic revision.

7. The text of the Council Implementing Decision, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists, is set out in documents ST 8819/26 and ST 8819/26 ADD 1.

8. 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 the 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 ST 8819/26.
- b) Annex to the Council Implementing Decision amending the 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 ST 8819/26 + 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.