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Delegations will find in the Annex the revised Presidency's compromise proposal on the above proposal (Annexes). Changes to the text of the Commission's proposal (doc. 11769/25) are marked in **bold** for additions and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.

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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

ANNEX IV

Table 1. Key requirements for the Member State's management, control and audit systems

1	Appropriate separation of functions and functional independence between authorities and written arrangements for supervising and monitoring tasks delegated to other bodies. Allocation of sufficient resources to this body or bodies for the purpose of the Plan.
2	Effective implementation of proportionate and effective anti-fraud, anti-corruption measures and measures to avoid, prevent, detect and correct irregularities including conflict of interest and double funding, including a risk assessment.
3	Arrangements in place for ensuring compliance with the applicable law, including Union public procurement and State aid rules.
4	Appropriate procedures for checking the fulfilment of the conditions for payment, the durability of the fulfilment of milestones and targets, the reliability of data declared and the avoidance of double funding in payment applications submitted to the Commission.
5	Appropriate procedures for providing a reliable audit opinion on the reliability of data entered in the payment applications.

6	Appropriate audits on systems to ensure the reliability of data underpinning payments from the Union budget.
7	Effective system to ensure that all documents necessary for a complete audit trail are held.
8	Reliable electronic system for recording and storing data for monitoring, progress reporting, evaluation, financial management verifications and audits, including appropriate processes to ensure the security, integrity and confidentiality of the data and the authentication of users.
9	Effective accounting system that provides accurate, complete and reliable information in a timely manner, including aggregating the data to be declared to the Commission.
10	Appropriate procedures to ensure financial flows to managing authorities and paying agencies, guaranteeing that, with each payment made by the Commission, such authorities receive the amounts due to them, in accordance with the progress made in the implementation of the measures included in their respective chapters and taking into account potential financial corrections resulting from the implementation of their chapters, and ensuring that by the end of the period they receive an amount at least equivalent to their Union contribution.
11	Appropriate transparent and non-discriminatory criteria and procedures for the selection of operations to maximise the contribution of Union funding towards the achievement of the objectives of the Plan and respecting the principles of sound financial management, transparency and non-discrimination, taking account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Appropriate information to beneficiaries on applicable conditions for support for the selected operations ensuring access to funding opportunities to a diverse range of entities, including small and medium-sized enterprises.
12	**For the purposes of the Plan, an** ~~Comprehensive national~~ anti-fraud strategy, based on a risk assessment.

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13	Appropriate procedures for reporting of ~~all~~ cases of suspected fraud, corruption and irregularities including conflict of interest, double funding and other breaches of applicable law and for their follow-up in the Commission's Irregularity Management System (IMS).
14	Appropriate procedures for the recovery of unduly paid Union funds.
15	Appropriate arrangements to ensure compliance with the obligation to continue payments **due** to beneficiaries, recipients, final recipients, contractors and participants in the event of interruption of payment deadlines or suspension of Union funding, financial corrections or other measures to ensure the protection of the Union's financial interests.

Table 2 - Classification of management and control systems with regard to their effective functioning

Category 1	**Works well. No or only minor improvement needed.**
Category 2	**Works. Some improvement needed.**
Category 3	**Works partially. Substantial improvement needed.**
Category 4	**Essentially does not work**

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ANNEX V
Template for the National and Regional Partnership Plan

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TITLE I: OVERVIEW AND PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN

1. PART 1: Challenges and objectives addressed by the NRP Plan

1.1. NRP Plan's support to general objectives laid down in Article 2 and contribution to ~~all or a significant subset of~~the specific objectives ~~referred to~~ laid down in in Article 3(1)(a) to (e), and to the relevant specific objectives laid down under each subparagraph of Article 3(1)(a) to (e) and to the objectives set out in Article 3 of the ~~specific~~ regulations AMI, IS and BMV as referred to in article 3(1)(ba), taking into account the specific needs and challenges of the Member State and regions concerned

Reference: Article 22(2), point (a)

Specific objective and objectives set out in Article 3 of the regulations AMI, IS and BMV	**Explanation of how the NRP Plan contributes ~~in a comprehensive and adequate manner~~ to achieving the related specific objective and general objectives ***
1.a	[5 000]
1.b	[5 000]
1.ba	
Objectives set out in Article 3 of the AMI regulation	**[5 000]**
Objectives set out in Article 3 of the regulation IS	**[5 000]**

Objectives set out in Article 3 of the regulation BMV	**[5 000]**
1.c	**[5 000]**
1.d	**[5 000]**
1.e	**[5 000]**

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One measure can contribute to more than one specific objective. The contribution will be assessed on the basis of quantitative and qualitative criteria.

1.2. Description of the specific needs and challenges of the Member State taking into account the relevant country-specific recommendations addressed to the Member State concerned, in particular in the context of the European Semester and in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights, the CAP national recommendations and challenges identified in the documents and strategies referred to in Article 22(2), point (b) and taking into account Article 22(2a).

Reference: Article 22(2), point (b) **and 2a.**

Challenges/ needs, including the target groups that are affected	**National and/or regional level** (National for the CAP) **Tick box**		**Relevant country-specific recommendations / national CAP recommendation and/or challenges identified in other relevant the documents in the policy reference framework as defined in Article 22(2)(b)(i)(ii)(iii)**	**Measure(s)** [List of measure ID and titles]	**Level of financing envisaged (total Union contribution) if applicable***	**Explanation if the relevant country-specific recommendations are addressed in other national plans or documents adopted at the EU level**

			~~officially adopted or assessed by the Commission~~ [with the reference to the corresponding CSR / official document or strategy]			
[2000]	~~[300]~~ **tick box**		[300]			
[2000]	~~[300]~~ **tick box**		[300]			

**** Challenges may be addressed by reforms which might not entail a Union contribution***

1.3. Description of how the NRP Plan is consistent with the national medium-term fiscal structural plans under Regulation (EU) 2024/1263, national restoration plans under Regulation (EU) 2024/1991, National Energy and Climate Plans under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 and the national digital decade strategic roadmaps under Decision (EU) 2022/2481

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point ~~(c)~~ **(a)**

National Plans and roadmaps	**Describe how the measures included in the Plan are consistent with the objectives set out in these documents**
National medium-term fiscal structural plan **under Regulation (EU) 2024/1263**	[1 000]

National restoration plan under Regulation (EU) 2024/1991	[1 000]
National Energy and Climate Plan under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999	[1 000]
National digital decade strategic roadmap under Decision (EU) 2022/2481	[1 000]
~~Other relevant national plans~~	~~[1 000]~~

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1.4. Description of how the NRP Plan contributes to the completion of the Single Market ~~effective functioning of the single market~~ with Important Projects of Common European Interest, projects located on the core and extended core network and ofther projects of common European interest including contribution via cross-border, transnational or multi-country projects and support to operations that have been awarded a Seal and by implementing measures underpinning the Savings and Investments Union

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), paragraph (**b~~d~~**)

Elements	**Measure**	**Description~~Justification~~**
The support for Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs); ~~in particular taking into account the analyses provided in the latest Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report~~	[List of measure ID numbers ~~and description~~]	[1000]

The projects defined in Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 located on the core and **the** extended core network		[1000]
The Plan's support for projects of common interest as defined in Regulation (EU) 2022/869		[1000]
The Plan's support for other cross-border, transnational or multi-country projects, including those ensuring coherence with projects supported by the Connecting Europe Facility as established in Regulation 202X/XXXX [Connecting Europe Facility] and accompanying annex		[1000]
The Plan's support to operations that have been awarded a Seal		[1000]
The Plan's support to measures underpinning		**[1000]**

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the Savings and Investments Union		

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1.5. Comprehensive overview of the NRP Plan's support to the territories listed in Annex VII, taking into account their specific needs and challenges [2000] *

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point**s (f) and** (h)(i) ~~and Article 45 [measures for the outermost regions]~~

Regional characteristics referred to in Annex VII (points a)-j)	Contributing chapter(s)	Total estimated costs (EUR)	Union contribution (EUR)	~~Minimum rate of national contribution~~	List of supporting reforms (where appropriate) **[measure ID and title]**
a) **The specific needs and challenges of** Less developed regions	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	~~X%~~	
	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	~~X%~~	
	Sub-total	~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	~~**X%**~~	
b) **The specific needs and challenges of** Transition regions	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	~~X%~~	
	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	~~X%~~	
	Sub-total	~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	~~**X%**~~	
	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	~~X%~~	

c) **The specific needs and challenges of** More developed regions	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	~~X%~~	
	Sub-total	~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	~~**X%**~~	
d) **The specific needs and challenges of** Islands **and coastal areas** ~~and Outermost regions~~	Chapter xx			~~**X%**~~	
	Chapter xx			~~**X%**~~	
	Sub-total			**X%**	
d**a**) **The specific needs and challenges of** Outermost regions	Chapter xx	–	–	~~**X%**~~	
	Chapter xx	–	–	~~**X%**~~	
	Sub-total	-	-	~~**X%**~~	
e) The specific needs and challenges of Eastern border regions (NUTS 2 regions that have borders with Russia, Belarus), particularly in the areas of security, border management and	Chapter xx	–	–	~~**X%**~~	
	Sub-total			~~**X%**~~	

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economic development.					
f) The specific needs and challenges of northern sparsely populated regions, which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, especially regarding connectivity and accessibility.	Chapter xx			**~~X%~~**	
	Sub-total			**~~X%~~**	
g) The specific needs and challenges of rural areas, ~~especially those suffering from structural problems such as a lack of attractive employment opportunities, skill shortages, underinvestment in broadband and connectivity, digital and other infrastructures and essential services, as well as youth drain by~~	Chapter xx			**~~X%~~**	
	Sub-total			**~~X%~~**	

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~~strengthening the socio-economic fabric in those areas, in particular though job creation, support for young people and generational renewal~~;					
h) The specific needs and challenges of areas affected by industrial transition, especially those facing serious socio-economic challenges deriving from the transition process towards the Union's 2030 **and 2040** targets for energy and climate and a climate-neutral economy of the Union by 2050;	Chapter xx			~~**X%**~~	
	Sub-total			~~**X%**~~	
i) The specific needs and challenges in urban areas (sustainable urban development);	Chapter xx			~~**X%**~~	
	Sub-total			~~**X%**~~	

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j) The specific needs and challenges identified in the planned use of integrated territorial investment, community-led local development or other territorial tools ~~including just transition and smart specialisation strategies;~~	Chapter xx			**~~X%~~**	
	Sub-total			**~~X%~~**	
k) ~~strengthening competitiveness and innovation capacities for sustainable growth and employment based on~~ the specific needs and challenges identified~~of regions, including by making use of~~ in smart specialisation	**Chapter xx**			**~~X%~~**	
	Sub-total			**~~X%~~**	

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strategies and just transition strategies					

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*** This table will be based on information already filled in by the Member State at the level of the measure in table 2.7 and table 5, except that for the column "List of supporting reforms (where appropriate)".** ~~A presentation of measures required by Article 46 [Outermost regions], including a description of the main actions envisaged, supported target groups, and corresponding financial resources.~~

1.5bis Support to outermost regions

Reference: Article 46 Overview of the measures to strengthen the economic and social development of outermost regions

Measure ID	**Measure title**~~**Name of measure**~~	**Description including the main actions envisaged, supported target groups** ~~**and corresponding financial resources**~~
		[1000]

1.6. Comprehensive overview of the Plan's support to generational renewal in agriculture in accordance with Article 15 [generational renewal] of Regulation 202X/XXXX [CAP Regulation] [2000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (~~i~~**g**)(i)

Including:

(a) Assessment of the current demographic situation in the agricultural sector

(b) Identification of entry barriers for young farmers and proposed national initiatives and measures to overcome them

~~(c)~~ Description of the Starter Pack for young farmers (Art. 16 of Regulation (EU) [CAP Regulation]) ~~and synergies between measures contributing to generational renewal~~

(d) Synergies between measures contributing to generational renewal set out in the NRP Plan

Type of measures	**Contributing Chapter(s)**	**Total estimated costs (EUR)**	**EU contribution (EUR)**	**List of supporting reforms (where appropriate) [Measure title]**
a. **Support for s**etting-up of young farmers	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	
	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	
	Sub-total	~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	
b. Degressive area-based income support for young farmers	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
c. Support for small farm~~sers~~ **targeting young farmers**	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
d. Investment support with higher aid	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			

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intensity for young farmers				
~~d.~~ **e.** Possibilities of financing **investments implemented by young_farmers** through financial instruments	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
~~e.~~ **f.** Support for rural business start ups	[…]			
~~f.~~ **g.** Cooperation interventions facilitating access to innovation ~~through the projects of EIP-AGRI operational groups~~	[…]			
~~g.~~ **h.** Cooperation interventions facilitating intergenerational cooperation including farm succession	[…]			
~~h.~~ **i. Support for f~~Farm relief services	[…]			
~~i.~~ **j.** Access to advisory services and training programs tailored to young farmers' needs	[…]			

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k. O~~o~~ther type of measures ensuring synergies with other parts of the NRP Plan				
TOTAL		**XX**	**XX**	

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1.6bis Comprehensive overview of the Plan's support to generational renewal in the fisheries and and aquaculture sector

Reference: Article 22(2b), point (g)(i)

Type of measures	**Measures title**	**Contributing Chapter(s)**	**Total estimated costs (EUR)**	**EU contribution (EUR)**	**List of supporting reforms (where appropriate) [Measure title]**
Measure supporting generational renewal in the fisheries and aquaculture sector	**Measure xx**	**Chapter xx**			
	Measure xx	**Chapter xx**			
	Measure xx	**Chapter xx**			
Other type of measures contributing to		**Chapter xx**			
		Chapter xx			

generational renewal and ensuring synergies with other parts of the NRP Plan		**Chapter xx**			

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1.7. Comprehensive overview of the NRP Plan's support to the social measures listed in Annex VI [methodology for contribution to social objectives], taking into account the specific national and regional needs and challenges identified, inter alia, in the context of the European Semester [2000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (~~**g**~~**i**)(ii)

Category of measures referred to in Annex VI (points a) to d)	**Contributing Chapter(s)**	**Total estimated costs (EUR)**	**EU contribution (EUR)**	**List of supporting reforms (where appropriate) [measure title]**
a) Social inclusion	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	
	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	
	Sub-total	~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	
b)Food and/or basic material assistance	Chapter xx			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			

c)Support to address child poverty	Chapter xx			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
d) Combatting youth unemployment, including through education and training	Chapter xx			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
TOTAL		~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	

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1.8. Comprehensive overview of the NRP Plan's support to ~~thriving~~ the implementation of the CFP, fisheries and aquaculture activities, as well as to maritime activities and the European Ocean Pact~~production~~ [2000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (~~i~~ **g**)(iii) **and (iiia)**

Category of activities	**Contributing Chapter(s)**	**Total estimated costs (EUR)**	**EU contribution (EUR)**	**List of supporting reforms (where appropriate) Measure title**

a) support for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, including the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, energy transition of fisheries and aquaculture as well as actions improving safety, working conditions and health;	**Chapter xx**			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
(b) ~~interventions to~~support for the innovation for more selective sustainable fishing and aquacultural activities, as well as~~and~~ for the conservation, protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems in line with the objectives of the CFP;	**Chapter xx**			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
(c) ~~interventions to~~ support for the Common Market Organisation (CMO), including the establishment and functioning of producer organisations and the implementation of production and marketing plans;	**Chapter xx**			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
(d) ~~interventions to~~ support for fishers or aquaculture producers for the compensation to operators of the fishery and aquaculture sector for their income foregone or additional costs and compensation to recognised producer organisations and associations of producer organisations which store fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013, provided that those products are stored in accordance with Articles 30 and 31 of that Regulation.	**Chapter xx**			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
~~ea~~) ~~Activities on implementing the CFP, including on~~**Interventions to Support for the implementation of the Union control system and the collection,**	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	
	Chapter xx	~~XX~~	~~XX~~	

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management and use of fisheries and aquaculture data necessary for the implementation of the CFP ~~fisheries, control and enforcement, fight against IUU fishing and collection of scientific data for knowledge-based decision-making, generational renewal~~	**Sub-total**	~~**XX**~~	~~**XX**~~	
(f) ~~Interventions to~~ **Support for fight against IUU fishing**	**Chapter xx**			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
~~g~~**b**) ~~Activities supporting~~ **Support for** the **specific** needs of fisheries, aquaculture and coastal communities and in particular of small-scale coastal fishing	Chapter xx			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
h~~e~~) **support for a**~~A~~ctivities contributing to environmental, economic and social sustainability of fishing operations and the balance between the fishing capacity of the fleets and the available fishing opportunities.	Chapter xx			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
~~i~~**d**) ~~Interventions to~~ **support for a**~~A~~ctivities set out in the European Ocean Pact **including**~~on~~ the conservation of marine biological resources, the restoration of marine biodiversity, the management of and innovation in fisheries and sustainable aquaculture activities, maritime security, the development of a competitive and sustainable blue economy. Maritime spatial planning and maritime regional cooperation at sea basin level.	Chapter xx			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			

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j) Support for generational renewal in the fisheries and aquaculture sector	**Chapter xx**			
	Chapter xx			
	Sub-total			
	TOTAL	**~~XX~~**	**~~XX~~**	

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1.9. Comprehensive overview of the planned use of integrated territorial development in cities, urban, and rural and coastal areas, community-led local development, including ~~particular~~ LEADER, or other territorial tools ~~including just transition, smart specialisation strategies and strategies for decarbonisation developed with the support of Union instruments in the 2021-2027 period~~ [1 000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point **(h)(i)** ~~(j)(i)~~

Planned use of territorial tools:	**Measures**
Integrated territorial **and urban** development	[List of measure ID and titles]
Community-le~~a~~d local development **including** LEADER	
[other territorial tools **listed in Article 74**]	

1.10. ~~Description~~ Comprehensive overview of how the NRP Plan effectively contributes to ~~the challenges in terms of~~ improving farm resilience and management of risks at farm level with focus on climate adaptation, risk management and improvement of the overall resilience and risk coverage of farmers, and supporting the digital and data-driven transition of agriculture and rural areas to enhance their

competitiveness, sustainability and resilience ~~and description of the reforms, investments and other interventions proposed in the Plan to address them~~ [1 000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**h** ~~j~~) (ii)

Challenges	**[List of measure ID and titles] ~~Measures~~**
Improving farm resilience and management risks	~~[List of measure ID and titles]~~
Support to the digital transition of agriculture and rural areas	

1.11. Comprehensive overview of how the NRP Plan effectively contributes to ~~Contribution to~~the environmental and climate priority areas set out in Article 4 *[CAP - Environment and climate priority areas]*of Regulation XX *[Implementation of Union support to the CAP]* [1000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**h** ~~j~~) (iii)

	[List of m~~M~~easure ID and titles]
climate change adaptation **and** ~~,~~ ~~including efficient management of~~ water ~~and improved~~ resilience ~~to droughts or floods~~;	[List of measure ID and titles]

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climate change mitigation including carbon removals and on-farm renewable energy production, including biogas production;	
Soil health	
Preservation of biodiversity, such as conservation of habitats or species, landscape features, reduction of pesticides	
Development of organic farming	
Animal health and welfare	

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1.11b For Member States with areas affected by water pollution due to nitrate surplus: description of support provided to farmers such as support for extensification of livestock systems or the diversification to other agricultural activities or other actions that contribute to mitigating the causes of pollution or restore the water bodies.

Description of support provided to farmers for extensification of livestock systems or the diversification to other agricultural activities or other actions that contribute to mitigating the causes of pollution or restore the water bodies.	**Measures** **[List of measure ID and titles]**
[1 000]	

1.12. Contribution of the NRP Plan to climate, environmental and social objectives[, and the rural target]

Reference: Article 22(2b), points (q) and (r) [reference to provision that will include the rural target]

	Amount of the Union contribution (EUR)	**% of the total Union contribution**
Contribution to climate and environmental objectives		
Contribution to social objectives		
[Rural target]		

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2. PART 2: Horizontal conditions and principles

2.1. Compliance with the Rule of law and Charter horizontal conditions [10 000]

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), points **(o) and (p)**~~(q) and (r)~~

~~Provide~~ **A~~a~~** self-assessment of the compliance with the Charter horizontal condition referred to in Article 8 [Charter]

Description of the way in which the Plan and its envisaged implementation ensure the respect of the Rule of Law referred to in Article~~s~~ 9 [RoL horizontal condition~~s~~], with information on the follow-up given to the country-specific recommendations issued in the framework of the latest Rule of Law Report and European Semester, together with measures to address those identified country-specific challenges.

2.2. Compliance with the principle of 'do no significant harm' [5 000]

Description of the mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with the principle of 'do no significant harm' in the implementation of the Plan, including a description of the protective practices as per Article 3(4) of Regulation (EU) 202X/XXXX [CAP Regulation].

2.3. Compliance with the principle of gender equality [5 000]

Description of the mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with the principle of gender quality in the implementation of the Plan.

3. PART 3~~C~~: Arrangements for the implementation of the plan

3.1. Arrangements for the effective monitoring and implementation of the Plan

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**e~~g~~**)

Description of the arrangements for the effective monitoring and implementation of the Plan by the Member State concerned:

Coordinating function ~~**authority**~~: description of how the **authority(ies) assuming the** coordinating **function** ~~authority~~ will be responsible for the coordination of the Plan in accordance with article 50~~49~~ [~~functions of~~ the coordinating ~~authority~~ **function**] [1 000]

Managing authority(ies): description of how the managing authority(ies) will manage the Plan in accordance with Article 5~~1~~**0** [functions of the managing authority] [1 000]

Paying agencies: description of the paying agency(ies) [1 000]

Audit authority(ies): description of the audit authorities and, if relevant, of the coordination arrangements in place to produce the annual audit opinion and summary of audits submitted as part of the annual assurance package; [specificy if the Member State participates in the enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the EPPO]. [1 000]

Description of the envisaged approach as well as the **arrangements between the national and regional and local authorities** in terms of responsibilities for programming, implementation, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, in accordance with the institutional and legal framework of the Member State. [2 000]

Table XX: Authority(ies) assuming the coordinating function

Task of the coordinating function [500]	**Name of the institution [500]**	**Contact name [200]**	**Email address**

Table XX: Managing authority(ies)

~~Managing authority~~	Name of the institution **[500]**	**Chapters/measures under its responsibility [Chapter ID/measure ID]**	Contact name **[200]**	**Email address**

Table XX: Paying agencies

~~Paying agencies~~	Name of the institution **[500]**	**Chapters/measures under its responsibility [Chapter ID/measure ID]**	Contact name **[200]**	**Email address**

Table XX: Audit authority(ies)

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Chapter	~~Audit authority~~	Name of the institution **[500]**	Contact name **[200]**	**Email address**

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3.2. Monitoring committee(s) and coordination committee:

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**~~e~~g**)

Description of the organisation and structure of monitoring committee(s) and**, if applicable,** the coordinating committee; the arrangements envisaged to ensure the monitoring of the Plan is in line with Article 54 ~~XX~~[Monitoring committee and coordinating committee]. [1 000]

3.3. Partnership and multi-level governance

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), points (**~~e~~g**) and **~~(k)~~** (i)**(i)**

A **summary of all actions ensuring the involvement of partners, including the consultation and dialogue process** conducted for the preparation of the Plan and each chapter, including an explanation on which stakeholders have been consulted, how these were selected, how their representation has been ensured and how their input is reflected in the **NRP** Plan in line with the code of conduct on partnership. [2 000]

3.4. [where appropriate] Technical support ~~[1 000]~~

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**~~e~~g**)

A description of potential technical support needs for the implementation of the Plan**, in line with Annex XV, paragraph 1 point (k)**. [**1 000]**

3.5. Knowledge exchange

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**i~~k~~**)(ii)

Description of the strategy on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System to strengthen knowledge exchange, innovation and farm advisory services in accordance with Article 20 [AKIS] of Regulation 202X/XXXX [CAP Regulation] [2 000]

3.6. Distribution of agricultural products

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**i~~k~~**)(iii)

Description of the modalities for setting out the EU school scheme in accordance with article XX [EU school scheme] in accordance with Regulation 202X/XXXX [CMO Regulation] [2000]

3.6bis National CAP Network

Reference: Article 20k CAP Regulation

Explanation of the arrangements in place to ensure continued activities of the national CAP Network. [1000]

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3.7. Arrangements in place to ensure protection of the EU financial interests

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**k~~m~~**)

Description of how the Member State's system and arrangement**s** are sufficient to ensure a regular, effective and efficient use of Union resources, in compliance with sound financial management and the protection of the financial interests of the Union, based on the key requirements set out in Annex I**V~~II~~**. [10 000]

3.8. Arrangements in place to comply with the obligations to continue payments

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**l~~n~~**)

Description of the arrangements in place to ensure that in the ~~in the~~ event of the interruption of payment deadlines or suspension of Union funding, financial corrections or other measures to ensure the protection of Union funding, financial interests, the Member State will comply with its obligation to continue the payments **due** to beneficiaries, recipients, final recipients, contractors and participants**, except where the entity concerned is responsible for the application of such measures**.] [2 000]

3.9. Description of the envisaged approach to communication and visibility for the Plan

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**e~~g~~**)

Description of the arrangements ~~in place~~ to ensure the visibility of the Union funding, in particular when promoting the actions and their results and inform recipients of the existence of Union support or oblige other financial intermediaries to inform such final recipients of that support. [2 000]

3.10. [where appropriate] ~~Security a~~**A**rrangements in place for addressing security risks

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**m~~o~~**)

~~Security s~~**S**elf-assessment **identifying any security risks, including risks to Union economic security**~~based on common objective criteria identifying any security issues~~, and detailing how those **risks**~~issues~~ will be addressed ~~in order to comply with relevant Union and national law~~. [2 000]

TITLE II: CHAPTERS

For each chapter:

1. Chapters

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point ~~(c)~~ **(c)**

Chapter title	**Chapter ID**
[300]	

1.1. Intervention strategy:

Description of the existing **needs,** challenges and objectives of the chapter **and how the** ~~Plan measures~~**chapter addresses them**

Text box [1~~5~~0 000]

~~1.2. Analysis of how the measures address identified needs, challenges and relevant policy objectives~~

~~Text box [10 000]~~

1.3. Description of the synergies of the measures included in the chapter (and, if applicable, with other measures in other chapters of the plan and with national measures).

Text box [5 000]

2. Measures

Measure title	**Measure ID**	**The indicative timeline for completion**	**List of intervention fields**	**Measures contained in the Social Climate Plan submitted by the Member State under Regulation (EU) 2023/955** **Y/N**
[300]		**Q/Y**	**[tick box or drop down menu]**	

Reference: Article 22 paragraph (2**b**) (**c~~e~~**)

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2.1. The nature, type and ~~size~~ financial allocation of the measures, indicating general and specific objectives they pursue* ~~whether it is new or an existing measure intended to be extended with the support from the Plan~~;

~~Text box [500]~~

Chapter ID	Measure title	Measure ID	Reform/ Investment/ output based ~~other~~ interventions	Primary Specific objective supported **	Secondary specific objective supported **	Objectives set out in Article 3 of the AMI, IS and BMV regulations	General objective supported	Union contribution (EUR)	Total estimated costs (EUR)

***Considering the multidimensional aspect of investments, reforms and other interventions financed by the NRP Plan, each measure may be assigned to two specific objectives:**

- **a 'primary' assignment to the specific objective predominantly related to the measure at stake;**
- **a 'secondary' assignment to capture a specific subset of the primary assignment, the possible spill-over effects on a second specific objective, or the nature of beneficiaries targeted by the measure.**

**** *not applicable for AMI, IS and BMV regulations***

2.2. ~~Detailed~~ Description of the measure, including information on itsthe objectives, which geographical area, who and what is targeted by the measure ~~of the measures~~

Text box [~~65~~ 5~~0~~00]

~~2.3. Detailed information on who and what is targeted by the measure~~

~~Text box [1-500]~~

For CAP interventions, the analysis should **also** include:

– A description of the notions and elements necessary to ensure that CAP income support interventions referred to in Article ~~X~~**35(1) points (a) to (k) and (r)** ~~X~~ [Types of support] and other CAP interventions are targeted to those most in need of CAP support, including the notions of "agricultural activity", "agricultural area", "eligible hectare", "farmer", **"producer group",** "young farmer" and "new farmer".

– **Where required by the CAP regulation, a**~~A~~ description of the targeting of the selected sectors and groups and complementarity with other CAP interventions and measures set out in the Plans.

– **For LEADER: definition of area covered by LEADER / rural areas with disadvantages (Art. 18 CAP Reg)**

~~2.4. The timeline of the implementation of the measure~~

~~Text box [500]~~

2.5. Whether the measure contributes to ~~s~~Single M~~m~~arket objectives :

~~Measure contributes to single market objectives~~	~~If Yes~~ **Single market objectives**	
~~Y/N~~	The support for Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs);	**[tick box]**
	The projects defined in Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 particularly those located on the core and extended core network	**[tick box]**
	The plan's support for projects of common interest as defined in Regulation (EU) 2022/869	**[tick box]**
	The plan's support for other cross-border, transnational or multi-country projects	**[tick box]**

	The plan's support to operations that have been awarded a Seal	**[tick box]**
	The plan's support to measures underpinning the Savings and Investments Union	**[tick box]**

~~**2.6. Detailed information on which geographic area is targeted**~~

~~Text box [1-500]~~

2.7. Territorial dimension of the measure

Reference: Article 14(4) and Annex II of Regulation XX [Performance Regulation]

Measure ID	Region under Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/674 (if applicable)	Type of territory targeted	**Type of territory targeted bis (where applicable)**	Measure for an outermost region/northern sparsely populated area/eastern border region/**small Aegean islands**	**Territorial tools (where applicable)**	**Smart specialisation strategy and just transition strategies**
	[NUTS2 or NUTS3 level]*	**[tick box or drop down menu]** [code for territory type dimension] **01 Urban areas** **02 Rural areas** **05 Other types of territories targeted** **07 No territorial targeting]**	**[tick box or drop down menu]** **[code for territory type dimension:** **03 Areas affected by industrial transition or 04 Islands and coastal areas]** **05 Mountainous Areas**	[tick box **for each type of territory**] **Code for territory type dimension:** **01 Outermost regions** **02 Small Aegean Islands** **03 Eastern border regions** **04 Northern Sparsely Populated Areas**	**[tick box or drop down menu]** **[Code for the territorial initiative and local cooperation dimension:** **01 Integrated territorial and urban development** **02 Community-led local development including LEADER**	**[tick box or dropdown menu]** **[smart specialisation strategy]** **[just transition strategy]**

					03 Other territorial tools	

*** Drop-down menu and multiple options**

2.8 Social measures in accordance with Annex VI

Reference: Article 22 paragraph (2b) (g) (ii)

Measure ID	**Measure Title**	**Intervention Field**	**Category of measures referred to in Annex VI**
			[tick box or drop-down menu; selection of 1 or more possible for each measure/IF: **a) Social inclusion** **b) Food and/or basic material assistance** **c) Support to address child poverty** **d) Combating youth unemployment, including through education and training]**

2.9 Fisheries, aquaculture, maritime and ocean-based activities

Reference: Article 22 paragraph (2b) (g) (i), (iii) and (iiia)

Measure ID	**Measure Title**	**Intervention Field**	**Areas of support**
			[tick box or drop-down menu; selection of 1 or more possible for each measure/IF: • **Support for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, including the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, energy transition of fisheries and aquaculture as well as actions improving safety, working conditions and health;** • **support for the innovation for more selective fishing activities and for the conservation,**

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			protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems; • **support for the Common Market Organisation (CMO), including the establishment and functioning of producer organisations and the implementation of production and marketing plans;** • **support for fishers or aquaculture producers for the compensation to operators of the fishery and aquaculture sector for their income foregone or additional costs and compensation to recognised producer organisations and associations of producer organisations which store fishery products listed in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013, provided that those products are stored in accordance with Articles 30 and 31 of that Regulation.** • **support for fisheries, control and enforcement and collection of scientific data for knowledge-based decision-making** • **Support for fight against IUU fishing** • **Support for the specific needs of fisheries, aquaculture and coastal communities and in particular of small-scale coastal fishing** • **Support for activities contributing to environmental, economic and social sustainability of fishing operations and the balance between the fishing capacity of the fleets and the available fishing opportunities.** • **Support for activities set out in the European Ocean Pact on the conservation of marine biological resources, the restoration of marine biodiversity, the management of and innovation in fisheries and sustainable aquaculture activities, maritime security, the development of a competitive and sustainable blue economy. Maritime spatial planning and maritime regional cooperation at sea basin level.** • **Support for generational renewal in the fisheries and aquaculture sector**

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3. Interventions of the Common Agriculture Policy

Reference: Article 22 (**2b~~1~~**), point ~~(e)~~ **(c)**

3.1. The following structured information:

~~Policy specific challenge as identified in the CAP national recommendations~~ **Specific objectives**	Needs addressed	Measure **ID**~~/ Intervention~~	**Type of intervention (as per Art 35(1)**	Territorial scope/dimension	**Targeted sectors** **Where applicable**	**Targeted groups of beneficiaries** **Where applicable**	Type of areas targeted	CAP environmental and climate priority areas	Eligibility conditions [as per relevant article]	Monitorability of eligibility conditions (via AMS)	Farming practices covered (where applicable)	Specific conditions / incentives / priority in place for				
												Young farmers	*Women*	*Digitalisation*	*Data sharing*	*Knowledge exchange / training*
[list]	[500]			*[list]*	***[list]***	***[list]***	*[list]*	*[list]*		[*Y/N/partially*]	*[list]*	[Y/N]	[Y/N]	[Y/N]	[Y/N]	[Y/N]

Where relevant, the analysis may also include:

~~1. For sectoral interventions referred to in Articles XX [sectoral interventions] of Regulation 202X/XXXX [CMO], a description of the arrangements for operators benefitting from interventions in the sectors.~~

2. For the EU School Scheme referred to in Article 27 of Regulation 202X/XXXX [CMO Regulation),

a) the participants in the EU School Scheme.

b) the list of products that may be supplied and distributed and the prioritisation criteria;

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3.~~c~~) National additional financing

The following information shall be completed for each intervention in the CAP for which additional national financing referred to in Article X is granted:

The Article XXX according to which the financing is granted	text
The national legal basis for granting the financing	text
The intervention in the Plan for which financing is granted	text
The total budget of additional national financing (in euro)	number

Complementarity: (a) a higher number of beneficiaries; (b) a higher aid intensity; (c) providing financing to certain operations within the intervention.	Indicate those that apply and provide additional information, if relevant.
Covered by Article 42 of the TFEU	(if NO, indicate the State aid clearance instrument)

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3.2. An explanation of the relevant criteria in the paragraphs of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, in accordance with ~~as referred to in~~ ex-Article 40 [WTO domestic support] and ~~in~~ ex-Annex XVII [WTO annex];

For CAP interventions referred to in~~other than~~ Article 35(1) ~~points (a), (d), (g), o) and (p)~~

~~Type of~~ interventions	Type of intervention r~~R~~eference to an Article in ~~this~~ Regulation …/… ~~and~~ [CAP] this regulation or Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 [CMO]	Paragraph(s) of Annex 2 to the WTO agreement on Agriculture with which compliance is ensured	Explanation on how compliance [with the WTO Agreement on Agriculture] is ensured	Number of hectares of oilseeds in accordance with Article 20m of [CAP Regulation]*

*** The planned number of hectares of oilseeds shall be provided for each year of the duration of the Plan. The data shall be provided separately for soybean, sunflower (excluding confectionery sunflower seeds) and rapeseed.**

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3.~~3~~2. Description of arrangements for~~to comply with~~ farm stewardship system ~~("SMR")~~ [2 000]

Reference: Article 3 [Farm stewardship] of Regulation 202X/XXXX [CAP Regulation~~], Article 6(3) [horizontal principles],~~ Article 22(2**b**), point (j~~l~~)

Description of the mechanisms in place to comply with the conditions laid down in **ex-**article **7**(3) [other horizontal principles, farm stewardship]

including a description of the protective practices referred to in Article 3(4) of Regulation (EU) 202X/XXXX [CAP Regulation], their territorial scope, farmers and other beneficiaries subject to the practice and a summary of the protective practice, and complementarity between the elements of the farm stewardship and the relevant measures supported under the NRP Plan.

4. Gender equality assessment of the measure

Reference: Reference: Article ~~6(2), in accordance with article~~ 13 of Regulation XX [Performance regulation]

Information on how measures included comply with the principle of gender equality taking into account the gender mainstreaming methodology.

Measure ID	**Intervention field**	Gender equality score
Measure ID 1	**IF1** ~~(activity level)~~	~~gender equality score 2'~~

		Drop **gender equality score 2** **gender equality score 1** **gender equality score 0** ~~R~~
	IF2	~~gender equality score 1~~
Measure ID 2	**IF**	~~gender equality score 0]~~

4a (new) Do No Significant Harm assessment of the measure

Measure ID	**Intervention field**	**DNSH assessment [1 000]**
Measure ID 1	**IF1**	
	IF2	
Measure ID 2		

~~75.~~ Financing and costs of the measures ~~and social target~~

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (f), **(q), (r)** ~~(s),~~ Article 20

For each measure:

Chapter ID	Measure ID	Reform/ Investment/ output based~~other~~ interventions	Funded under grant or loans	Unit Cost (if applicable)	Unit of measure (for output-based interventions)	Quantity / volume (if applicable)	Total Estimated ~~Total~~ Cost (EUR)	Union ~~EU financial~~ contribution (EUR)	~~Resulting~~ N~~n~~ational contribution ~~(%)~~			Support rate (if applicable)	Categories of regions (where relevant) or national	Intervention field	~~Result indicator~~ (~~where relevant~~)	Methodology used and description of costs including the source and mentioning the past investment/reform projects that are benchmarks for the cost estimate and source of costs for these projects **[1 000]**	Justification on the plausibility and reasonability of the estimated costs, where necessary, taking into account national specificities and adjustment methods **[1 000]**	~~Measures contained in the Social Climate Plan submitted by the Member State under Regulation (EU) 2023/955~~	Type of financial instrument [where applicable] (guarantee, equity or loan
									%	Indicative public contribution (EUR)	Indicative private contribution (EUR)								

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~~Y/N~~

~~5~~6. Milestones, targets, outputs and timeline

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point ~~(e)~~ **(c)**

Table containing milestones, targets and timeline for the chapters with the following information:

Chapter title	Measure ID	Name of the measure	~~Primary specific Objective~~	~~Secondary specific objective~~	~~Funded under Grans or Loans~~	**Intervention field**	Milestone or target (reference number)	**~~Name of out~~ Indicator for the** milestone/ target **as established in Regulation XXX (Performance regulation)/ or measure-specific unless none of those indicators are adequate ***	~~Qualitative indicators~~ (milestones)	~~Quantitative indicators (targets) as established in Regulation XXX (Performance regulation)~~	Indicative timeline for achievement				Description of each milestone and target [1 000]	Amount for managing authorities~~*~~	Pay-out value [relevant for COM payments to the Member State~~]~~*	~~Geographical coverage, territorial dimension (national, categories of regions where relevant)~~ **Categories of regions (where relevant) or national**	~~Type of financial instrument [where applicable]~~ (guarantee, equity or loan)	~~Measures contained in the Social Climate Plan submitted by the Member State under Regulation (EU) 2023/955~~ ~~Y/N~~
										~~Unit of measure~~	Baseline	Target	Quarter	Year	[text]					

*** If an indicator is not established in the Regulation XX [Performance Regulation], the unit of measure needs to be indicated.**

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Table containing outputs and timeline for **output-based** interventions:

Reference: Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**ce**)

~~**Seq.**~~ **Number** **Measure ID**	**Intervention**	**Name of output**	**Output (reference number)**	**Targeted sector, group of farmers, area**	**Quantitative indicators as established in Regulation XXX (Performance regulation)**		**Output unit value**				**Unit value of commitment in the calculation of the average output value of agricultural actions**	**Indicative Timeline for achievement**		**~~Total estimated cost~~ ~~Payout value~~**		**Intervention field**
					Unit of measure	Output	Uniform or average	Type (Lump sum or top-up or other)	Min	Max		Quarter	Year	~~…Union contribution~~	~~Member State contribution~~	

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~~6.~~7 Verification of the fulfillment ~~achievement~~ of milestones, targets and outputs

Reference: Article 58(2), point (i)

Measure ID	**Measure title**	**Milestones/ targets/outputs**	describe what document(s)/system will be used to verify the **fulfillment**~~achievement of the result or condition (and where relevant, each of the intermediate deliverables~~); describe how management verifications (including on-the-spot) will be carried out; describe what arrangements will be made to collect and store relevant data/documents. [2 000]	Arrangements to ensure the audit trail Please list the body(ies) responsible for these arrangements. [1 000]

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7 bis. Result indicators

Reference: Article 14(5) of the Performance regulation

Measure title	Measure ID	Intervention field	Result indicators				
	-	-	Name	Baseline	Estimated value	Year of achievement	Progress
	Measure 1	IF 1	-GHGE avoided (where relevant): - Other indicator component 1: -Other indicator component 2: -(…)	-	-	-	-

Measure ID	Intervention field	Milestone, target or output-based interventions (reference number)	Result indicators				
			Name*	Name*	Baseline*	Estimated value*	Year of achievement*
Measure 1	IF 1	ID	- Component 1: - Component 2:	-GHGE avoided (where relevant):			

			-(…)	**-Amount of investment mobilised (where relevant):** **-Other indicator component 1:** **-Other indicator component 2:** **-(…)**			
	IF 2	**ID**					

~~**7.**~~

8. Coordination/demarcation and complementarities

Reference: Article 7(5)

Description of how the measures included in the ~~chapter~~ **Plan** are ~~coherent with other measures in the Plan and/or other measures supported by other~~ **complementary and consistent with other** Union instruments. [2 000]

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9. Summary of all chapters ~~I~~

Reference: Article 22(2**b**), point (**d**~~f~~)

Chapter <u>ID</u>	**Estimated total costs <u>(EUR)</u> ~~(absolute and % of total plan)~~**	**<u>Estimated total costs (% of total plan)</u>**	**Union financial contribution <u>(EUR)</u>**	**Resulting national contribution (%)**

Chapter xx				
Chapter xx				
Chapter xx				
Flexibility amount			25% of the total Union contribution	
[Use of frontloaded flexibiliy amounts for CAP interventions/rural areas]				
Technical assistance				
TOTAL				

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ANNEX VI

~~Methodology for the c~~Contribution to concentration on certain social ~~objectives~~measures

For the purpose of Article 22(2**b**), point (**g**~~i~~), letter (ii), and taking into account the specific national and regional needs and challenges identified, inter alia, in the context of the European Semester**, in particular the country specific recommendations,** and in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights, Member States shall **also allocate** ~~concentrate~~ resources in their Plans on the following measures:

(a) to foster active social inclusion and socio-economic integration with a view to promoting equal opportunities, non-discrimination and active participation, and improving employability, in particular for disadvantaged groups, **marginalised communities and** third-country nationals including migrants~~and marginalized communities~~.

(b) to address material deprivation**, including** through food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived persons and providing accompanying measures supporting their social inclusion;

(c) to implement the Child Guarantee through targeted actions and structural reforms to tackle child poverty particularly in Member States that have an average rate above the Union average of children of less than 18 years old at risk of poverty or social exclusion, based on Eurostat data, between the years 2024 and 2026;

(d) to implement the Youth Guarantee through targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment, vocational education and training, particularly in Member states that have an average rate above the Union average of young people of 15 to 29 years of age who are not in employment, education or training, based on Eurostat data, between the years 2024 and 2026.

The indicative amounts allocated to the above categories of measures shall be submitted based on the template for the Plan set out in Annex V and agreed with the Commission.

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ANNEX VII
Methodology for territorial contribution

For the purpose of Article 22(2**b**), point (**fh**), Member States shall allocate resources to the below categories of regions, taking into account:

(**ae**) **at NUTS2 level,** the specific needs and challenges of less developed regions, whose GDP per capita measured in purchasing power standards (2021-2023) is below 75% of the EU-27 average;

(**bf**) **at NUTS2 level,** the specific needs and challenges of transition regions, whose GDP per capita measured in purchasing power standards (2021-2023) is between 75% and below 100 % of the EU-27 average;

(**cg**) **at NUTS2 level,** the specific needs and challenges of more developed regions, whose GDP per capita measures in purchasing power standards (2021-2023) is equal to or above 100 % of the EU-27 average;

(dh) the specific needs and challenges of islands **and coastal areas such as housing, transport and its decarbonisation, water and waste management, climate change adaptation, access to healthcare and economic development, to take account of their structural social and economic situation, which is compounded by certain specific features which severely restrain their development;** and outermost regions, such as housing, transport and its decarbonisation, water and waste management, climate change adaptation, access to healthcare and economic development, to take account of their structural social and economic situation, which is compounded by certain specific features which severely restrain their development;

(ei) the specific needs and challenges of outermost regions, such as food security, self-sufficiency, supply of essential products housing, transport and its decarbonisation, water and waste management, climate change adaptation, access to healthcare, social service, employment and training, and economic development, to take account of their structural social and economic situation, which is compounded by certain specific features which severely restrain their development;

(**fj**) the specific needs and challenges of Eastern border regions (NUTS 2 regions that have borders with Russia **or** and Belarus), particularly in the areas of security, border management and economic development;

(**gk**) the specific needs and challenges of northern sparsely populated regions, which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, especially regarding connectivity and accessibility;

(**hl**) the specific needs and challenges of rural areas, especially those suffering from structural problems such as a lack of attractive employment opportunities, skill shortages, underinvestment in broadband and connectivity, digital and other infrastructures and essential services, as well as youth drain by strengthening the socio-economic fabric in those areas, in particular though job creation, support for young people and generational renewal;

(**im**) the specific needs and challenges of areas affected by industrial transformation**transition**, especially those facing serious socio-economic challenges deriving from the transition process

towards the Union's 2030 and 2040 targets for energy and climate and a climate-neutral economy of the Union by 2050;

(**j~~n~~**) the specific needs and challenges in urban areas (sustainable urban development);

(k~~o~~) the specific needs and challenges identified in the planned use of integrated territorial investment, community-led local development or other territorial tools ~~including just transition and smart specialisation strategies.~~

(l~~p~~) The specific needs and challenges identified in ~~the area of strengthening competitiveness and innovation capacities for sustainable growth and employment based on the specific needs of regions, including by making use of~~ smart specialisation strategies and just transition strategies.

The indicative amounts allocated to territories following the above methodology shall be submitted based on the template for the Plan set out in Annex V and agreed with the Commission.

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ANNEX VIII

Criteria for the assessment of the fulfilment of milestones and targets

The assessment of the fulfilment of milestones and targets set out in Article 6~~5~~3(3) shall take into account

- The ~~purpose and the~~ expected **achievement**~~result~~ of the milestone and target as planned and based on the **underlying purpose of the measure**~~outcome~~, taking into account the fulfilment of the individual requirements set out therein**, including the qualitative aspects and circumstances related to its fulfilment;**

- **Where relevant, t**~~T~~he context provided by the description of the measure to which the milestone or target belongs and the other relevant sections of the National and Regional Partnership Plan **or of the chapter of the Interreg Plan**;

- ~~The documents listed as reference framework for the preparation of the plan in Article 22(2) and documents submitted via SFC and any further explanation as regards the fulfilment including correspondence with national and regional authorities;~~

- **Where relevant, o**~~O~~ther data or information sources in relation to the **quantitative and** qualitative aspects and circumstances related to the fulfilment of a milestone or a target;

- **Where relevant, d**~~D~~ifferent methods or procedures used as compared to those originally **described in the Plan**~~envisaged;~~

- ~~Whether the deviation from the wording of the description of the milestone or target hinders its fulfilment and the intended result or imply any breach of the applicable law~~.

Deviations from the established requirements of the milestone and target may be accepted in the following circumstances:

- **there is a minimal deviation from a formal requirement of the milestone and target related to the internal procedures of Member States, which does not affect the progress towards the achievement of the reform or investment that the milestone or target represents;**

- **There is limited and proportional delays between the publication of regulatory measures and their effective entry into force, provided that the certainty of their implementation and the beginning of legal effects are respected;**

- **There is a minimal deviation from a substance requirement of the milestone or target, which does not change the underlying purpose of the measure, and which does not affect the progress towards the achievement of the policy objective of the reform or investment that the milestone or target represents.**

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ANNEX IX

Reporting templates~~on the implementation progress of the measures of the Plan (to be submitted as an Annex to the management declaration)~~

Reference: Article 58(**3**) [responsibilities of the MS], 59(1), point (a) [annual assurance package]

Part 1. Payment applications submitted in the reference period as referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 of Article 59 ~~(previous financial year),~~ including information on pre-financing (to be submitted as an Annex to the management declaration(s))

Reference period ~~(financial year)~~	Payment application number	Date of submission of the payment application	Amounts requested for payment
20xx		xx/xx/20xx	EUR xx
20xx		xx/xx/20xx	EUR xx
20xx		[…]	[…]

Pre-financing received to date	EUR xx

Part 2. Progress in implementation of measures in the preceding calendar year (to be submitted as an Annex to the management declaration(s))

N.B. The information covered by Part 1 (fulfilled milestones, targets and outputs submitted with a payment application) will not need to be reported by MS – it will be automatically generated by SFC

Measure ID	Investments	Milestone/Target reference number	Progress achieved	Payout value *automatically filled by SFC*	Estimated value of the progress achieved ~~Pay-out value of the progress achieved~~ (amount in EUR calculated

					<u>on the basis of the payout values)</u>
			Progress towards the **milestone or** target achieved at the time of reporting based on latest state of implementation **(%)** OR **(drop-down menu)**		
			▫ No progress (0 % estimation) ▫ Small progress (33 % estimation) ▫ Substantial progress (66 % estimation) ▫ Fulfilment (100 %)		
	Reforms ~~or Investments~~	**Milestone <u>reference number</u>**	**Progress achieved**	**<u>Payout value *automatically filled by SFC*</u>**	**<u>Estimated value of the progress achieved</u> ~~Pay-out value of the progress achieved~~ (amount in EUR**

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					calculated on the basis of the payout values)
			(drop-down menu) ▫ No progress (0% ~~did not~~ enter**ed** into force ~~/ adopted~~)		
			▫ Fulfilment (100% entered into force ~~/ adopted~~)		
Measure ID	**~~Other~~ Output-based interventions** (payments based on outputs)	**~~Unit of measurement~~** **Output (reference number)**	**Progress achieved**		**Value of the progress achieved (in EUR)**
			Output achieved at the time of reporting based on latest state of implementation,		

Part 3. Reporting on result indicators and sub-categories of output indicators

Reference: Article 14(2), 14(3), 14(5), 14(6) of the Performance Regulation

Measure ID	**Intervention field**	**Milestone, target or output-based interventions**	**Output sub-categories incl. sub-indicators not relevant for payments**	**Result indicators**

		(reference number)							
			Name	**Progress**	**Name**	**Baseline**	**Estimated value**	**Year of achievement**	**Progress**
Measure 1	**IF 1**	**ID**	**Sub-category 1:** **Sub-category 2:** **(…)**		**GHGE avoided (where relevant):** **Amount of investment mobilised (where relevant):** **Other indicator sub-category 1:** **Other indicator sub-category 2:** **(…)**				
	IF 2	**ID**							

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ANNEX X
Template for the forecasts of the amount for payment application

Reference: Article 50~~(1)~~, point(d) [~~functions of~~ the coordinating **function** ~~authority~~**] and Article 10(2), point (b) [Regional Development, Interreg Plan]**

Expected Union contribution

[Current calendar year]						*[Subsequent calendar year]*					
~~Payment application n°1~~		~~Payment application n°[x]~~		~~Payment application n°[up to 6 per year]~~		~~Payment application n°1~~		~~Payment application n°[x]~~		~~Payment application n°[up to 6 per year]~~	
~~*[Expected submission date]*~~ ***January-June***		***[Expected submission date]*** ***July-December***		~~*[Expected submission date]*~~		~~*[Expected submission date]*~~ **January-June**		~~*[Expected submission date]*~~ **July-December**		~~*[Expected submission date]*~~	
Milestone or target or output (reference number)~~Seq. Number~~	Expected amount	**Milestone or target or output (reference number)**~~Seq. Number~~	Expected amount	~~Seq. Number~~	~~Expected amount~~	~~Seq. Number~~ **Milestone or target or output (reference number)**	Expected amount	~~Seq. Number~~ **Milestone or target or output (reference number)**	Expected amount	~~Seq. Number~~	~~Expected amount~~
x	EUR x										
…	…										
Sub-total	**EUR x**	**TOTAL**	**EUR x**	~~**TOTAL**~~	~~**EUR x**~~	~~**TOTAL**~~	**EUR x**	~~**TOTAL**~~	**EUR x**	~~**TOTAL**~~	~~**EUR x**~~
Technical assistance	*[automatic calculation in SFC]*	*Technical assistance*	*[automatic calculation in SFC]*	~~*Technical assistance*~~	~~*[automatic calculation in SFC]*~~	~~*Technical assistance*~~	*[automatic calculation in SFC]*	~~*Technical assistance*~~	*[automatic calculation in SFC]*	~~*Technical assistance*~~	~~*[automatic calculation in SFC]*~~
TOTAL	**EUR x**	**TOTAL**	**EUR x**	~~**TOTAL**~~	~~**EUR x**~~	~~**TOTAL**~~	**EUR x**	~~**TOTAL**~~	**EUR x**	~~**TOTAL**~~	~~**EUR x**~~
Of which grants	**EUR x**	**Of which grants**	**EUR x**			**Of which grants**	**EUR x**	**Of which grant**	**EUR x**		
Of which loans (if applicable)	**EUR x**	**Of which loans (if applicable)**	**EUR x**			**Of which loans (if applicable)**	**EUR x**	**Of which loans (if applicable)**	**EUR x**		

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ANNEX XI
Template for the payment applications

Reference: Article 65(2) [submission and assessment of payment request] **and Article 10(2) point (a) [Regional Development, Interreg Plan]**

National and Regional Partnership Plan	
Member State:	
Commission decision approving the Plan:	
Date of Commission decision:	
Payment application number:	
Date of submission of the payment application:	
Number of milestones and targets for which a payment is requested	
Of which funded by grants	
Of which funded by loans (if applicable)	
Total amount ~~requested for~~ **corresponding to payout values of** fulfilled milestones and targets	
Total amount requested for **output based**~~other~~ interventions:	
Amount requested for **technical**~~financial~~ assistance:	
Total amount requested	
Of which funded by grants	
Of which funded by loans (if applicable)	

LIST OF MILESTONES AND TARGETS FOR WHICH A PAYMENT IS REQUESTED

Milestone or target reference~~Seq.~~ number	**~~Primary/secondary~~ Specific Objective~~/~~objective set out in AMI, IS and BMV**	**Chapter ID**	**Measure ID**	**Funded under Grants or Loans**	**Name of milestone /target**	**Qualitative indicators (milestones)**	**Quantitative indicators (targets) as established in Regulation XXX (Performance regulation)**	**~~Timeline for achievement~~**	**Requested amount**	Institutions responsible for verifying the fulfilment of relevant milestone/target and for keeping the docume

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	regulations													nts for the audit trail
							Unit of measurement	***Baseline***	***~~Initial~~ Target***	***Target achieved***	**~~Quarter~~**	**~~Year~~**		
Total requested for grants														
Total requested for loans														

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For output-based interventions

Output reference~~S~~ ~~eq.~~ number	**Specific Objective/ objective set out in AMI, IS and BMV regulations**	**Chapter ID**	**Measure ID**		**Output indicator as established in Regulation XXX (Performance regulation)**			**Requested amount**	Institutions responsible for verifying the information provided and for keeping the documents for the audit trail
				Claim year	***~~Unit of measurement~~ Name of output***	***Unit of measurement***	***Output reported***		
			Total requested for output-based interventions for grants						
			Total requested for output-based interventions for loans						

The payment will be made on the following bank account:

Body identified	
Bank	
BIC	
Bank account IBAN	
Holder of account (where not the same as the body identified)	

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Amounts recovered by Member States included in payment applications (Article 68(4))

Milestone or target or output reference number	**Amount subject to recovery**	**Amount recovered**	**Interest (if applicable)**
Total amount recovered			

ANNEX XII
Template for the management declaration

Reference: Article 59(1), point (c) [annual assurance package]; **Article 10(2)(c)(d) of the ERDF and Cohesion fund Regulation**

I/We, the undersigned, [First Name(s), Surname(s)], in my/our capacity as [Function] of [Member State Responsible authority], taking into account my/our obligations under Regulation XX [Fund]

Hereby declare that, in relation to the implementation of the **[Chapter] [measure] [of the]** National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] **or the Interreg chapter** approved by the Commission Implementing Decision of [date] on the approval of the assessment of the National and Regional Partnership Plan for [Member State] ([reference]), based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, in particular the results from the national control and audit systems described in the Plan:

1. The funds were ~~properly~~ used in accordance with the applicable law with a view to achieving the objectives **addressed** ~~established~~ in the National and Regional Partnership Plan **or the Interreg Plan chapter**.

2. The data entered into the payment applications submitted to the Commission **for the reference period** as referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 of Article 59 [Assurance package] ~~for the financial year 20[xx]~~ are complete, accurate and reliable, ~~that the information on the implementation progress of the measures of the Plan[Annexed herein] provides a true and fair view of the implementation progress~~ and that the audit trail for the measures concerned is in place

3. The management and control systems in place function properly, ~~ensure the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions~~ and give the necessary assurance that the funds were managed in accordance with ~~all applicable rules~~ **applicable law,** including on **the** prevention, detection, ~~correction~~, reporting and **correction** ~~follow-up~~ of ~~irregularities including~~ conflicts of interests, corruption, double funding and fraud ~~prevention~~ **and other irregularities** and, in ~~accordance~~ with the principle of sound financial management ~~and in compliance with the applicable law[, including applicable public procurement and State aid rules].~~

4. **the information on the implementation progress of the measures of the Plan reported in accordance with Part 2 of Annex IX [Annexed herein] provides a true and fair view of the implementation progress**

I confirm that **any**~~the~~ **breaches of applicable law** ~~irregularities~~ identified during audits and control reports in relation to the implementation of the ~~Plan~~ **[Chapter] [measure] [of the]National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] or the Interreg chapter** have been appropriately corrected, **and that there has been no** ~~and have not/have led to the~~ reversal of the milestones or targets associated to the measure concerned. **(**In case of reversals, specify the nature and the scope of the reversal**)**. Where necessary, adequate follow-up was given **to breaches of applicable law** ~~**to irregularities**~~ and deficiencies in the control system reported in those reports.

[*To be used only for the management declaration submitted under the final assurance package*: I confirm that the total payments from the Commission, excluding technical assistance, do not exceed the total amount paid by the Member State(s) to beneficiaries in implementing the Plan .]

To be used only if no progress was achieved: **I confirm that the progress achieved of milestones, targets and outputs for which no information is reported in the implementation progress report presented in accordance with part 2 of Annex IX of Regulation xxx [NRPP Regulation] is 0 %.]**

I confirm that I am not aware of any undisclosed reputational matter related to the implementation of the ~~Plan~~ **[Chapter] [measure] [of the]National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] or the Interreg chapter**, which could harm the interests of the European Union.

[However, the following reservations should be noted:.....] (delete this sentence if not applicable)

[With reference to the reservation made in the previous Management Declaration - [Reference] -

[follow-up given].] (delete this sentence if not applicable)

Place date

(signature)

[Name and Function of the signatory]

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ANNEX XIII
Template for the annual audit opinion

Reference: Article 53(2), point (a) [functions of the audit authority]

1. INTRODUCTION

I/we, the undersigned, representing the [name of the audit authority/ies], independent in the sense of paragraph 5 of Article 49 [Plans authorities] of Regulation XX [NRP Regulation], have audited:

i. the completeness, accuracy and reliability of the data entered in the payment applications submitted to the Commission for the **reference period** ~~financial year [20xx] [~~as referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 of Article 59 [Assurance package] **in relation to the implementation of the [Chapter(s)] [measure(s)] of the National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] or the Interreg Plan chapter**;

ii. the use of the funds in compliance with the applicable law; and

iii. the functioning of the management and control system.

and verified:

i. the management declaration(s) [prepared and signed by the managing authorities] **for the [Chapter(s)] [measure(s)] [of the]National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] or the Interreg Plan chapter** in accordance with paragraph (**c~~a~~**) of Article 59(1) [annual assurance package],

in order to issue an audit opinion in accordance with point (a) of Article 53(2) [Functions of the audit authority].

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUDIT AUTHORIT[Y/IES]

The audits in respect of ~~[Member State]'s National and Regional Partnership Plan.~~ **the [Chapter(s)] [measure(s)] of the National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] or the Interreg Plan chapter** were carried out in accordance with the audit strategy and complied with internationally accepted audit standards.

My responsibility is also to include in the opinion a statement as to whether the audit work puts in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration**(s)**.

The audit procedures performed are those that I/we believe to be appropriate in the circumstances and comply with the requirements of Regulation XX [NRP Regulation] notably in its Article 53 [functions of the audit authority] and Annex IV [key A&C requirements]. I/we believe that the audit evidence gathered is sufficient and appropriate to provide the basis for my/our opinion, [in case there is any scope limitation:] except those which are mentioned in point 3 'Scope limitation'.

The summary of the main findings drawn from the audits in respect of the **[Chapter(s)] [measure(s)] of the National and Regional Partnership Plan of [country] or the Interreg Plan chapter** is submitted together with the present audit opinion, in accordance with point (**b~~d~~**) of Article 59(1) [annual assurance package] of Regulation XX [NRPF Regulation].

3. SCOPE LIMITATION

Either

There were no limitations on the audit scope.

Or

The audit scope was limited by the following factors:

(a)	…
(b)	…
(c)	…

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[N.B. Indicate any limitation on the audit scope, for example any lack of supporting documentation, cases under legal proceedings, and indicate under 'Qualified opinion' below, the measures affected and the impact of the scope limitation on the audit opinion. Further explanations in this regard shall be provided in the summary of audits, as appropriate.]

4. OPINION

Either

(Unqualified opinion)

In my opinion, and based on the audit work performed,

(1) Data entered in the payment application(s):

- the data entered in the payment application(s) submitted for the ~~financial year 20[xx] is~~ **reference period are** complete, accurate and reliable.

(2) The management and control system in place as at the date of this audit opinion:

- the management and control system put in place functions properly and ensure**s that Union funds are used in compliance with applicable law and ensures** the effective and timely protection of the financial interests of the Union ~~and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions~~

The audit work carried out does not put in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration.

(3) the use of the funds:

- is compliant with the applicable law.

Or

(Qualified opinion)

In my opinion, and based on the audit work performed,

(1) Data entered in the payment application(s):

- the data entered in the payment application(s) submitted for the ~~financial year 20[xx] is~~ **reference period are** complete, accurate and reliable [where the qualification applies to the payment applications, the following text is added:] except in the following material aspects: …

(2) The management and control system in place as at the date of this audit opinion:

- the management and control system put in place functions properly and ensure**s that Union funds are used in compliance with applicable law and ensures** the effective and timely protection of the financial interests of the Union ~~and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions~~ [where the qualification applies to the management and control system, the following text is added:] except for the following aspects:…

(3) the use of the funds is compliant with the applicable law except for the following aspects: …..

The impact of the qualification is limited [or significant].

The audit work carried out does not put/puts [delete as appropriate] in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration.

[Where the audit work carried out puts in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration, the audit authority shall disclose in this paragraph the aspects leading to this conclusion.]

Or

(Adverse opinion)

In my opinion, and based on the audit work performed,

(1) the data entered in the payment application(s) submitted for the ~~financial year 20[xx] is~~ **reference period are** complete, accurate and reliable and/or;

(2) the management and control system put in place functions/does not function [delete as appropriate]

(3) The use of the funds is/is not compliant with the applicable law

This adverse opinion is based on the following aspects:

- in relation to material matters related to the completeness, accuracy and reliability of the data entered in the payment application(s) submitted for the ~~financial year 20[xx]~~ **reference period**

and/or [delete as appropriate]

- in relation to material matters related to the functioning of the management and control system
- in relation to the compliance of the funds with the applicable law

The audit work carried out puts in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration for the following aspects:

[The audit authority may also include emphasis of matter, not affecting its opinion, as established by internationally accepted auditing standards. A disclaimer of opinion can be envisaged in exceptional cases].

Date:

Signature:

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ANNEX XIV
Determination of the level of flat-rate financial corrections

Reference: Article 68(2) [Financial **corrections**]

1. Elements for consideration when applying a flat rate correction:

(a) gravity of the serious **breach of the obligations [laid down in Article 58] or serious non-compliance e.g.** ~~deficiency(-ies)~~ in the context of the management and control system as a whole;

(b) the frequency and extent of the serious **breach of the obligations [laid down in Article 58] or serious non-compliance**~~deficiency(-ies)~~;

(c) the degree of financial prejudice to the Union budget.

d) the corrective measures taken by the Member State prior to the Commission's findings , including their scope and effectiveness.

2. The level of flat rate financial correction is determined as follows:

(a) where the serious **non-compliance** ~~deficiency(-ies)~~ is so fundamental, frequent or widespread that it represents a complete failure of the system, a flat rate of 100% is applied;

(b) where the serious **non-compliance**~~deficiency(-ies)~~ is so frequent and widespread that it represents an extremely serious failure of the system that puts at risk ~~the legality and regularity of~~ a very high proportion **of payments**, a flat rate of 25 % is applied;

(c) where the serious ~~deficiency(-ies)~~**non-compliance** is due to the system not fully functioning or functioning so poorly or so infrequently that it puts at risk ~~the legality and regularity~~ of a high proportion **of payments**, a flat rate of 10 % is applied;

(d) where the serious ~~deficiency(-ies)~~**non-compliance** is due to the system not functioning consistently so that it puts at risk ~~the legality and regularity of~~ a significant proportion **of payments**, a flat rate of 5 % is applied.

(e) In case of a serious breach of the obligations [laid down in Article 58] not falling under points (a) to (d) of this paragraph, the level of the flat rate financial correction shall be determined taking into account the elements referred to in paragraph 1.

Where, due to a failure of the responsible authorities to take corrective measures following the application of a financial correction, the same serious **non-compliance or serious breach of the obligations laid down in Article 58**~~deficiency (-ies)~~ is identified, the rate of correction may, due to the persistence of the serious **non-compliance or serious breach of the obligations laid down in Article 58**~~deficiency(-ies)~~ be increased to a level not exceeding that of the next higher category.

Where the level of the flat rate is disproportionate following consideration of the elements **referred to in paragraph 1**~~listed above~~, the rate of correction may be reduced.

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ANNEX XV

Union actions supported through the Facility

Reference: Article 31 [Union actions]

1. The Facility shall contribute to the objectives laid down in Articles 2 and 3 [Objectives], in particular through the implementation of the following actions:

(a) support urban authorities to develop innovative projects, strengthen capacities of cities and provide a knowledge environment to share know how on sustainable urban development a**nd facilitate their involvement in EU policymaking and implementation as referred in the EU Agenda for Cities, including the support for the Urban Agenda for the EU**;

(b) promote social innovation, social experimentation and support to the stakeholders' capacity at local**, regional**, national and Union levels, including via transnational cooperation; promote voluntary labour mobility and well-functioning, cohesive and integrated **European** labour markets including the cross-border dimension of social security systems~~;~~ **and increase employment opportunities through developing and providing specific support services to employers and jobseekers.**

(c) support microfinance, social enterprise finance, social economy and measures to promote gender equality, skills, education, training and related services, social infrastructure, including health and educational infrastructure and social and affordable housing, including for students and young people, health and long-term care, inclusion and accessibility, with a focus on integrating people in vulnerable situations, including people experiencing or at risk of poverty, social exclusion or discrimination.

(d) foster evidence-based policy making in the areas related to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, in particular on quality and sustainable employment, social inclusion, education and skills, social finance ecosystems and health and safety at work;

(e) support the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy, inter alia to provide scientific advice, data collection and knowledge for the purposes of promoting sound and efficient fisheries management decisions; develop and implement the EU fisheries control system, promote clean and healthy oceans, develop and disseminate market intelligence for fishery and aquaculture products, promote maritime security and surveillance;

(f) support the implementation of the ocean policy **following the guiding principles of the European Ocean Pact**, including through **ecosystem based** maritime spatial planning, sea basin strategies and maritime regional cooperation, the implementation of the European ~~ocean~~**Marine** Observation and data network, as well as the improvement of ocean skills and literacy, and sharing of socio-economic and environmental data on the sustainable blue economy, and the implementation of the international ocean governance policy;

(g) promote a common policy in the areas of health and safety for humans, animals and plants, and animal welfare, including to support measures for ~~the eradication~~**prevention, surveillance, detection**, control and ~~surveillance~~**eradication** of animal diseases, zoonoses and plant pests**, emergency measures**, measures aiming to address antimicrobial resistance, sustainable food production and consumption, and to provide for Union-wide measures to ensure a uniform and reliable implementation of those policies;

(h) collect farm-level data on sustainability in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 setting up the Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN) and support information provision and promotion measures concerning agricultural products implemented in the internal market and in third countries in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1144/2014;

(i) address urgent and specific needs as a response to a ~~crisis situation such as~~ major**, national** or regional natural disaster **or major public health emergency**, and foster repair and recovery in view of increasing resilience following ~~a crisis~~**natural disasters or major public health emergencies. In this context, a 'major public health emergency' means any life-threatening or otherwise serious hazard to health of biological origin seriously affecting human health and requiring decisive action to contain further spreading**;

(j) Unity Safety Net support to respond to market disturbances and stabilise agricultural markets through measures adopted pursuant to Articles 8 to 21 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and exceptional measures adopted pursuant to Articles 219 to 222 of that Regulation;

(k) provide technical support to:

(i) help Member States carry out the measures set out in their Plans, address the challenges identified in the country-specific recommendations or in other relevant documents listed under Article 22(2), point (b), implement Union law, and further the policy objectives laid down in Articles 2 and 3 [Objectives];

(ii) promote innovative approaches and exchanges of best practices across Member States by means of multi-country projects for the implementation of reforms and investments, also to de-risk and leverage private investments, to address common challenges, to facilitate the consistent implementation of Union law, and to further the policy objectives laid down in Articles 2 and 3.

Technical support measures include the provision of expertise, the carrying out of studies, the collection of data and statistics, the development of common methodologies, capacity building actions to acquire and increase expertise or knowledge, as well as measures aiming to improve systems, procedures, and organisational structures.

(l) contribute to the objectives set out in Regulation (EU) 202X/XXX [migration, asylum and integration], Regulation (EU) 202X/XXX [integrated border management and visa policy] and Regulation (EU) 202X/XXX [internal security]**, including situations of**

crisis and force majeure in the field of migration and asylum defined in Article 1(4) of Regulation 2024/1359;

(m) support cross-border and multi-country projects, in particular Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI), and interregional innovation investments to strengthen EU value chains via co-investments from multiple project partners; with particular emphasis on development of value chains in less developed regions, contributing to closing the innovation gap, the creation scaling of startups and enhancing cohesion; preparatory, monitoring, administrative and technical activities related to the elements of the reference framework;

(n) support LIFE actions including strategic nature projects, strategic integrated projects and ~~strategic~~**standard** action projects **with a focus on nature and biodiversity, climate adaptation and non-industrial climate change mitigation, water resilience and pollution prevention circular economy and energy transition** that address environmental policy priorities with a cross-border or transnational dimension, activities that underpin the design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and enforcement of environmental and climate legislation and policies, promote the development of governance at all levels, support and empower of networks and civil society organisations as well as other projects of Union interest contributing to the implementation of environmental law and policies.

2. In order to support actions under Annex XV(1), point (i), the Member State may request additional support from the Facility as referred to in Article 34(3) ~~as a consequence of:~~**.**

Support is conditional to the following:

i. a major natural disaster in a Member State resulting in direct damage estimated at over EUR 3 billion in current prices or more than 0,6% of its Gross National Income (GNI) (the lower amount applies as threshold). In this case, the support from the EU facility is set at 2,5% of the total direct damage up to the threshold plus 6% of the damage above the threshold, subject to budgetary availabilities;

ii. a regional natural disaster in a region at NUTS 2 level of a Member State resulting in direct damage in excess of 1.5% of that region's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (1% of the regional GDP for the outermost regions). In this case, the support from the EU facility is set at 2,5% of the total direct damage, subject to budgetary availabilities;

iii. in the case of damages resulting from a major natural disaster in a neighbouring country, the support from the EU facility is set at 2,5% of the total direct damage, subject to budgetary availabilities.

iv. a major public health emergency in a Member State resulting in a public financial burden for emergency response measures estimated at over EUR 1.5 billion in current prices, or more than 0,3 % of its GNI.

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ANNEX XVI
SFC2028~~7~~: electronic data exchange system between the Member States and the Commission

Reference: Article 58(2), point (l) [Responsibilities of the Member State]

1. Responsibilities of the Commission

1.1. Ensuring the operation of an electronic data exchange system ('SFC2028') for all official exchanges of information between the Member State and the Commission. SFC202**8**~~7~~ shall contain at least the information specified in the templates established in accordance with this Regulation.

1.2 Ensuring the following characteristics of SFC2028:

(a) interactive forms or forms pre-filled by the system on the basis of the data already recorded in the system previously;

(b) automatic calculations, where they reduce the encoding effort of users;

(c) automatic embedded controls to verify internal consistency of transmitted data and consistency of this data with applicable rules;

(d) system generated alerts warning SFC2028 users that certain actions can or cannot be performed;

(e) provision of an Application Programming Interface (API) allowing for automated transmission of pre-defined datasets

(f) online status tracking of the treatment of information entered into the system;

(g) availability of historical data in respect of all information entered for **the Plan**~~programme~~;

(h) availability of a compulsory electronic signature within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 which will be recognised as evidence in legal proceedings.

1.3. Ensuring an information technology security policy for SFC2028 applicable to the personnel using the system in accordance with relevant Union rules, in particular Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 ([47]) and its implementing rules.

1.4. Designating a person or persons responsible for defining, maintaining and ensuring the correct application of the security policy to SFC2028.

2. Responsibilities of Member States

2.1. Ensuring that the **Plan's** ~~programme~~ authorities of the Member State identified in accordance with Article **49** ~~71(1)~~ as well as the bodies identified to carry out certain tasks under the responsibility of the **authorities performing the coordinating function,** managing authority, **paying agency** or the audit authority in accordance with Article **49(4), (5) and (7)** ~~71(2) and (3)~~ enter into SFC2028 the information for the transmission of which they are responsible and any updates thereto.

2.2. Ensuring the verification of information submitted by a person other than the person who entered the data for that transmission.

2.3. Ensuring the provision of an interface between Member State information systems and SFC2028 for the automated transfer of pre-defined datasets (annex xx)

2.4. Providing arrangements for the separation of the above tasks through the Member State's management and control information systems connected automatically with SFC2028.

2.5. Appointing a person or persons responsible for managing access rights to fulfil the following tasks:

(a) identifying users requesting access, making sure those users are employed by the organisation;

(b) informing users about their obligations to preserve the security of the system;

(c) verifying the entitlement of users to the required privilege level in relation to their tasks and their hierarchical position;

(d) requesting the termination of access rights when those access rights are no longer needed or justified;

(e) promptly reporting suspicious events that may bring prejudice to the security of the system;

(f) ensuring the continued accuracy of user identification data by reporting any changes;

(g) taking the necessary data protection and commercial confidentiality precautions in accordance with Union and national rules;

(h) informing the Commission of any changes affecting the capacity of the Member State authorities or users of SFC2028 to carry out the responsibilities referred to in point 2.1 or their personal capacity to carry out responsibilities referred to in points (a) to (g).

2.6. Providing arrangements for the respect of the protection of privacy and of personal data for individuals, and of commercial confidentiality for legal entities in accordance with Directive 2002/58/EC, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

2.7. Adopting national, regional or local information security policies on access to SFC2028 based on a risk assessment applicable to all authorities using SFC2028 and addressing the following aspects:

(a) the IT security aspects of the work performed by the person or persons responsible for managing the access rights referred to in point 2.4 of section II in case of application of direct use;

(b) for national, regional or local information systems connected to SFC2028, through a technical interface referred to in point 2.3 the security measures for those systems allowing to be aligned with SFC2028 security requirements and covering:

(i) physical security;

(ii) data media and access control;

(iii) storage control;

(iv) access and password control;

(v) monitoring;

(vi) interconnection with SFC2028~~7~~;

(vii) communication infrastructure;

(viii) human resources management prior to employment, during employment and after employment;

(ix) incident management.

2.8. Making the document referred to in point 2.6 available to the Commission upon request.

2.9. Appointing a person or persons responsible for maintaining and ensuring the application of the national, regional or local IT security policies and acting as a contact point with the person or persons designated by the Commission and referred to in point 1.4.

3. Joint responsibilities of the Commission and the Member States

3.1. Ensuring accessibility either directly through an interactive user-interface (i.e. a web-application) or via a technical interface (API) using pre-defined protocols (i.e. web-services) that allows for automatic synchronisation and transmission of data between Member States information systems and SFC2028.

3.2. Providing for the date of electronic transmission of the information by the Member State to the Commission and vice-versa in electronic data exchange, which constitutes the date of submission of the document concerned.

3.3. Ensuring that official data is exchanged exclusively through SFC2028, except where force majeure occurs, and that information provided in the electronic forms embedded in SFC2028 (hereinafter referred to as 'structured data') is not replaced by non-structured data and, in the event of inconsistency, that structured data prevails over non-structured data.

In the event of *force majeure*, a malfunctioning of SFC2028 or a lack of a connection with SFC2028 exceeding one working day in the last week before a regulatory deadline for the submission of information or in the period from 18 to 26 December, or five working days at other times, the information exchange between the Member State and the Commission may take place **via e-mail or** in paper form using the templates set out in this Regulation in which case the date of submission of the document is the date stamped by the post. When the cause of the force majeure ceases, the party concerned enters in SFC2028 without delay the information already provided **via e-mail or** in paper form.

3.4. Ensuring compliance with the IT security terms and conditions published in the SFC2028 portal and the measures that are implemented in SFC2028 by the Commission to secure the transmission of data, in particular in relation to the use of the technical interface referred to in point 2.3.

3.5. Implementing and ensuring the effectiveness of the security measures adopted to protect the data stored and transmitted through SFC2028.

3.6. Updating and reviewing annually the SFC2028 IT security policy and the relevant national, regional and local IT security policies in the event of technological changes, the identification of new threats or other relevant developments.

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