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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Economic recovery in Europe Council Implementing Decisions under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (Legal basis: Article 20 Regulation (EU) 2021/241) – Adoption

1. The Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021, as set out in documents 10150/21 + ADD 1 REV 2 approved the positive assessment of the recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') of Spain accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
2. That Council Implementing Decision was later amended on 17 October 2023, pursuant to Article pursuant to Article 18(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, as set out in documents 13695/23 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1, on 14 May 2024 pursuant to Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, as set out in document 9303/24+ ADD 1, on 21 January 2025 pursuant to Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, as set out in document 17099/24 + ADD 1 and on 13 May 2025 pursuant to Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, as set out in document 8053/25 + ADD 1.
3. On 20 May 2025, Spain made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 on the grounds that the RRP is partially no longer achievable because of objective circumstances. On that basis, Spain has submitted an amended RRP.

4. The Commission has assessed the amended RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241. The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Spain do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
5. The Commission considered that the amended RRP satisfactorily complies with the criteria for assessment set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/241, in accordance with Article 20(2) of and Annex V to that Regulation, the reforms and investment projects necessary for the implementation of the amended RRP, the relevant milestones, targets and indicators, and that the financial contribution made available to Spain remains unchanged.
6. Against this background, acting on the basis of Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the Commission submitted to the Council on 26 May 2025, a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision (EU) of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain, set out in documents ST 9490/25 and ST 9490/25 ADD 1.
7. The Financial Counsellors Working Party examined the proposal on 10 June 2025 and reached an agreement on the text, subject to legal-linguistic revision.
8. The text of the Council Implementing Decision, as finalised by the lawyer-linguists, is set out in documents ST 9583/25 and ST 9583/25 ADD 1.
9. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement on the texts, as finalized by the lawyer-linguists, of:
 - a) Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain, as set out in document 9583/25, and
 - b) Annex to the Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain, as set out in document ST 9583/25 ADD 1, and
 - recommend to the Council to adopt the above-mentioned Decision together with its Annex as an "A-item" at one of its forthcoming meetings.
