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Subject: COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending the Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Ireland

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## **COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

**of ...**

**amending the Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021  
on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Ireland**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Following the submission of the national recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') by Ireland on 28 May 2021, the Commission proposed its positive assessment to the Council. On 8 September 2021, the Council approved the positive assessment by means of an implementing decision ('the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021')<sup>2</sup>. The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 was amended by Council implementing decisions of 14 July 2023<sup>3</sup>, 8 December 2023<sup>4</sup>, 21 June 2024<sup>5</sup> and 11 March 2025<sup>6</sup>.
- (2) On 23 May 2025, Ireland made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 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, Ireland has submitted an amended RRP.

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

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

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<sup>2</sup> See documents ST 11046/21 and ST 11046/21 ADD 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

<sup>3</sup> See document ST 11336/23 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

<sup>4</sup> See documents ST 15965/23 and ST 15965/23 ADD 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

<sup>5</sup> See documents ST 10262/24, ST 10262/24 ADD 1 and ST 10262/24 ADD 1 COR 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

<sup>6</sup> See documents ST 6318/25 and ST 6318/25 ADD 1 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

- (4) Ireland has explained that five measures have been amended in order to implement a better alternative that allows for the reduction of the administrative burden while still achieving the objectives of those measures. This concerns: targets 34 and 35 of measure 1.6 (Enhanced rehabilitation of peatlands) and target 40 of measure 1.7 (River basin management plan – Enhanced ambition programme) under component 1 (Advancing the Green Transition); target 66 of measure 2.5 (Using 5G technologies to drive a greener more innovative Ireland) under component 2 (Accelerating and Expanding Digital Reforms and Transformation); and targets 86 and 87 of measure 3.3 (Technological Universities Transformation Fund) and target 107 of measure 3.9 (Health) under component 3 (Social and Economic Recovery and Job Creation). On this basis, Ireland has requested that the aforementioned targets be amended. Furthermore, Ireland has requested that target 66 of measure 2.5 (Using 5G technologies to drive a greener more innovative Ireland) be removed and that the descriptions of measure 1.6 (Enhanced rehabilitation of peatlands) and measure 3.9 (Health) be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be amended accordingly.
- (5) The Commission considers that the reasons put forward by Ireland justify the amendments pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241. The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be amended accordingly.

### *Distribution of milestones and targets*

- (6) The distribution of milestones and targets in instalments should be amended to take into account the amendments to the RRP and the indicative timeline presented by Ireland.

### *Commission's assessment*

- (7) The Commission has assessed the amended RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
- (8) The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Ireland do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 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.

### *Positive assessment*

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

### ***Financial contribution***

- (10) The estimated total cost of Ireland's amended RRP is EUR 1 163 158 300. As the amount of the estimated total cost of the amended RRP is higher than the updated maximum financial contribution available for Ireland, the financial contribution determined in accordance with Article 20(4) that is allocated for Ireland's amended RRP should be equal to EUR 1 153 797 007. Therefore, the financial contribution made available to Ireland remains unchanged.
- (11) The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should therefore be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity, the Annex to the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be replaced entirely,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

## *Article 1*

The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Ireland is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

### *‘Article 1*

#### *Approval of the assessment of the RRP*

The assessment of the amended RRP of Ireland on the basis of the criteria provided for in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 is approved. The reforms and investment projects under the RRP, the arrangements and timetable for the monitoring and implementation of the RRP, including the relevant milestones and targets, the relevant indicators relating to the fulfilment of the envisaged milestones and targets, and the arrangements for providing full access by the Commission to the underlying relevant data are set out in the Annex to this Decision.’;

- (2) the Annex is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Council*

*The President*

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