**MEETING OF THE INFORMAL EXPERT GROUP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY**

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| **DATE** | **SUBJECTS/POINTS OF KEY INTEREST** |
| 20th meeting  12/05/2023 | * Administrative capacity of public administrations in charge of RRF implementation * Reporting round on the 100 largest recipients according to Article 25a * Irregularity Management System (IMS) by OLAF * AOB |
| 19th meeting  31/03/2023 | 1. The EC’s presentation on the payment suspension methodology:  * Role of the EFC in the partial suspension discussions * Process for requesting a partial payment and for the suspension * Proportionality and discretion of COM in the methodology  1. Thematic Analysis on Equality:  * EC invited two MS (**ES** and **IT**) to present their approach to mainstreaming equality in their national RRPs  1. Equality considerations in the revised RRPs and in their implementation |
| 18th meeting  16/03/2023 | 1. The map of projects:  * Number and size of projects * Data collection and updates  1. Transparency about final recipients:  * Deadlines * Definition of “final recipient”  1. The presentation on the design of milestones and targets:  * DNSH safeguard * Administrative capacity  1. The planning of the future expert groups 2. The mid-term evaluation on the RRF 3. AOB |
| 17th meeting  12/01/2023 | BAR transfer to RRF; Transparency on final recipients; Timeline for submission of REPowerEU chapters and next steps; Eligibility dates; Cross-border requirement; Stakeholder consultation; Scaled-up measures; DNSH derogation; New grants from auctioning ETS allowances; Partial payment; AOB. |
| 16th meeting  08/12/2022 | 1. The role of the coordinating authority and the governance of RRF implementation: frontloading of reforms; early warning system; governance structure of the coordinating authority; role of coordinating body vis-à-vis the ministries. 2. The involvement of stakeholders in the preparation and implementation of recovery and resilience plans (RRPs) (presentations by **LV** and **ES**): Outcome of stakeholder consultation; strengthened consultation requirements in REPowerEU; TSI instrument; social dialogue on reforms. 3. Communication and visibility aspects of the RRF (presentations by **FR** and **EL**): communication good practices; most successful communication actions; TSI for supporting communication. |
| 15th meeting  23/09/2022 | * The approach to taking into account high inflation and supply chain constraints in the amendment of plans * Good practices and key principles related to Member States Internal Control Systems * The Commission approach to double funding under the RRF. * Presentation on amendments of plans under Article 21 * MS Internal Control Systems – Key principles and good practices * Double funding under the RRF * AOB – Common indicators reporting & Future meetings of the RRF expert group |
| 14th meeting  22/06/2022 | * Recap of the requirements under the DNSH principle and main elements of the DNSH technical guidance * Implementation aspects explaining the interlinkages between the different documents, i.e. RRF Regulation, DNSH technical Guidance and Council Implementing Decision Annexes * Illustration of "do's and don'ts" of operationalising DNSH. |
| 13th meeting  29/04/2022 | * Presentation on reporting on common indicators and discussion * Revision of RRPs * Inflation * Bi-annual reporting on other sources of EU funding |
| 12th meeting  06/04/2022 | Update of the financial allocations, loans, main principles for plan updates, the process related to the 2022 European Semester and finally the REPower EU plan:   * Grants: maximum financial allocation is updated downwards (BE, EE, FI, FR, IE, LT, SI) and upwards (ES, LV, SE). * 2022 CSRs (EE, LV, SE) * Loans: BE and SE enquired about the exceptional circumstances for asking for a loan beyond 6.8% of the GNI, while ES, IE, IT, LT asked for a clarification on the modalities for a loan request * REPower EU * Inflation (BE, EE, ES, LV, LT) * Bi-annual reporting – double-funding |
| 11th meeting  01/12/2021 | Level of fraud risk assessment; auditee and contradictory procedure; additional guidance on audit requirements; access to data on beneficial owners; audit on milestones and targets; overdeclaration; IT System requirements; exchanges on audit. |
| 10th meeting  29/11/2021 | Fraud risk assessment and timing of investigations; ARACHNE data; management declaration; compliance with AML and GDPR; revising Financial Regulation. |
| 9th meeting  10/11/2021 | Green bonds; double funding; monitoring steps; common Indicators; reporting in the National Reform Programme; role of and access to IT tool; payment request; comitology. |
| 8th meeting  11/10/2021 | Frequency of exchanges; coordinator for overall implementation of RRF; reporting requirements linked to OA; annual event on RRF; disclosure of OA; amendment of OA; access to data. |
| 7th meeting  04/10/2021 | * Presentation of the RRF audit and control framework; * A&C process; national audit strategies; green bonds * Preparation of the payment requests. * Discussion on sampling * Position paper on gender equality. |
| 6th meeting  23/07/2021 | * Exchange of views on the discussion note on the payment requests and a first introduction to the IT platform FENIX. * Process and legal status of the note; verification mechanism and link with operational arrangement; level of requirements; respect of no-double funding, audit requirements. |
| 5th meeting  14/07/2021 | * The Commission presented the second drafts and explained the most important changes for both draft delegated acts: setting out the common indicators and the detailed elements of the recovery and resilience scoreboard and on defining a methodology for reporting social expenditure. * Streamlining and suggested set of common indicators; disaggregation of data; timing of the reporting; upgrade of the Scoreboard; display of information on individual Member States. |
| 4th meeting  12/07/2021 | The Commission clarified the most important amendments to both documents:   * The financial agreement:the request for payment;climate reporting**;** visibility of EU actions**;** the reduction of support * The loan agreement: on Art. 2 (one MS questioned the duration of the average maturity and the grace period); on Art. 3the entry into force**; o**n early reimbursement and repayment (Art. 12)**; o**n reimbursement/early payments in the events of default (Art. 15), fraud, corruption (Art. 22-3) |
| 3rd meeting  22/06/2021 | Discussion of the draft loan agreement:  loan maturity (art 2); definitions (art 4); the difference of wording between the loan and financial agreement; prefinancing (art 6); repayment and early reimbursement (art 12); governing law (art 26), legal opinion and operational arrangements. |
| 2nd meeting  15/06/2021 | * Discussion of the draft financing agreement and the Commission presented a first set of clarifications based on the relevant articles of the RRF Regulation. * Lack of definitions; pre-financing in tranches; final deadline for payment request; on ex-post reporting for climate change; visibility of EU funding; control systems and reductio of support. |
| 1st meeting  28/05/2021 | * RRF Scoreboard & common indicators (First delegated act): number and selection of common indicators; use of ESIF indicator; link with other reporting requirements * Methodology on reporting for social expenditures (Second delegated act) |