**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 meeting12/05/2023 | * 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
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| 19th meeting31/03/2023 | 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
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| 18th meeting16/03/2023 | 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
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| 17th meeting12/01/2023 | 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 meeting08/12/2022 | 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.
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| 15th meeting23/09/2022 | * 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
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| 14th meeting22/06/2022 | * 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.
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| 13th meeting29/04/2022 | * Presentation on reporting on common indicators and discussion
* Revision of RRPs
* Inflation
* Bi-annual reporting on other sources of EU funding
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| 12th meeting06/04/2022 | 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
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| 11th meeting01/12/2021 | 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 meeting29/11/2021 | Fraud risk assessment and timing of investigations; ARACHNE data; management declaration; compliance with AML and GDPR; revising Financial Regulation. |
| 9th meeting10/11/2021 | 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 meeting11/10/2021 | 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 meeting04/10/2021 | * 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.
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| 6th meeting23/07/2021 | * 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.
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| 5th meeting14/07/2021 | * 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.
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| 4th meeting12/07/2021 | 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)
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| 3rd meeting22/06/2021 | 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 meeting15/06/2021 | * 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.
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| 1st meeting28/05/2021 | * 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)
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