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In the framework of the European Semester the Commission monitors the implementation of country-specific recommendations (CSRs) on an annual and multiannual basis. Detailed information on the implementation of the CSRs and the Commission assessment is contained in the 2018 Country Report¹ (Chapter 2) and in a dedicated annex (Annex A).

Regarding the Commission's assessment of the implementation of CSRs, while a number of measures have been taken to strengthen public investment, these efforts have not yet resulted in a sustainable upward trend in public investment as a share of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Progress in addressing recommendations in other areas has also been limited. This assessment is reflected in the CSRs for 2018-19 adopted by the Council².

Looking forward, the recent coalition agreement of the German government envisages additional fiscal spending of at least EUR 46 billion (corresponding to 0.38 % of GDP per year), which includes relief for lower and middle incomes of the solidarity surcharge, Research & Development expenditure, financing of full-day schools, increase of child allowances and child care institutions, promotion of social housing, subsidies for home buyers, communal investment programmes and higher defence spending. A relief and support package for families has been recently adopted.

The Commission will assess the implementation of the 2018-19 CSRs in the 2019 Country Report.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/2018-european-semester-country-report-germany-en.pdf>

² <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-9437-2018-INIT/en/pdf>