The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is a performance-based instrument under which payment of support is conditioned on the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets, as specified in the Council Implementing Decision (CID) on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan (RRP) for Italy adopted by the Council on 13 July 2021.\(^1\)

The question of the Honourable Member seems to refer in particular to investment 1.2 in Mission 1 component 3 of the RRP, namely ‘Attractiveness of small historic towns’. This investment aims to support the economic and social development of disadvantaged areas based on the cultural regeneration of small towns and the revitalisation of tourism. The actions are structured around locally-based integrated cultural projects. In order for the first milestone of this investment to be assessed as successfully completed, the Commission will evaluate the material to be submitted by the Italian authorities to ensure that all constitutive elements of the milestone, as laid out in the CID and in the Operational Arrangements\(^2\) are satisfied. In this specific case, a constitutive element of the milestone entails a list of statistical indicators to be considered for the selection of projects, which include, among others, the size and demographic trend of the municipality, its flows of visitors, and relating tourism and cultural offer. The Commission’s assessment of this milestone will be provided in due time when all the supporting documentation for the second payment request is submitted by the Italian authorities. It is therefore not possible to comment on the above-mentioned regional plan specifically at this stage.

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