The Commission has adopted its positive assessment of the Polish recovery and resilience plan (RRP) on 1 June 2022, which was endorsed by the Council on 17 June 2022. In its assessment of the recovery and resilience plans, the Commission is bound by the rules set by the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Regulation\(^1\). The assessment process of the Polish RRP was conducted independently from the EU engagement in support of Ukraine as well as from the EU efforts to mitigate the consequences of the war.

The plan represents a significant effort by Poland to address several structural socio-economic challenges and improve the overall resilience of the Polish economy. The implementation of numerous measures of the plan can help Poland assist persons fleeing the Russian aggression of Ukraine. This includes investments and reforms to increase the supply of energy-efficient and affordable residential buildings that will help Poland meet the increased demand for housing; to improve public employment services and ease the process for hiring foreign workers, which may support access to the labour market of persons displaced from Ukraine; and to support digitisation of education, with the use of laptops and information technology laboratories that could facilitate the integration of Ukrainian pupils in schools.

Before any disbursement under the RRF can be made, Poland needs to demonstrate that milestones related to important aspects of the independence of the judiciary, which are of particular importance to improve the investment climate and put in place the conditions for an effective implementation of the recovery and resilience plan, are fulfilled. In accordance with the RRF Regulation, the Commission will take a decision on the disbursement of funds based on the satisfactory fulfilment of the milestones and targets outlined in the RRP.

The EU response to the state-sponsored instrumentalisation of migrants at the EU external border, notably the support provided to the impacted Member States, including Poland, was outlined in the Communication of November 2021\(^2\). As regards EU funding, EUR 200 million was mobilised under the Border Management and Visa Instrument to support the three affected Member States (Poland, Lithuania and Latvia), as a top-up to the amounts foreseen for these Member States under this instrument.

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\(^2\) [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/communication_instrumentalisation_migrants.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/communication_instrumentalisation_migrants.pdf)