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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Portuguese Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP<sup>1</sup>) includes a measure<sup>2</sup> aimed at installing and modernising Specialised Technological Centres in public secondary schools offering professional courses and vocational schools, as well as upgrading the network of professional training centres under the public employment service.

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility<sup>3</sup>, Member States are afforded the possibility to modify their plans in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Regulation. Presently, the Portuguese authorities are engaged in discussions with the Commission on possible modifications that the Portuguese authorities might decide to propose, notably in the context of the RepowerEU chapter. The approval by the Council of the amendment to the RRP will be done in accordance with the procedure set up in the Regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-10149-2021-ADD-1-REV-1/en/pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Investment RE-C06-i01: Modernisation of vocational education and training institutions.

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0241&from=EN>