

**Question for written answer E-002577/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Five Member States in breach of Article 14(5) of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation

According to the Commission's note to Council and Parliament of 1 September 2023 on Member States' loan requests under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) loan facility, five Member States exceed the 6.8 % of gross national income (GNI) loan volume ceiling enshrined in Article 14(5) of the RRF Regulation. These Member States are Greece, Croatia, Italy, Poland and Romania. Most of these Member States have dubious creditworthiness and worrying solvability issues.

1. For each of these five Member States, can the Commission provide:

(a) the justification provided by these Member States for exceeding the GNI ceiling as specified in Article 14(6) of the RRF Regulation;

(b) the Commission's assessment of each of these five justifications?

2. Why does the Commission think it is a good idea to allow leniency in the application of the loan volume ceiling for countries with already questionable public finances?

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