

**Question for written answer E-003210/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to address transparency and accountability issues in the EU Recovery Facility's monitoring framework

According to a new special report¹ by the European Court of Auditors (ECA), there are serious issues affecting the Recovery and Resilience Facility's (RRF) monitoring framework, meaning that it is not measuring the RRF's overall performance properly.

Unlike with most EU programmes, in the case of the RRF the Commission disburses funds when Member States achieve certain milestones and targets in the form of reforms and investments. The disbursement of funds does not depend on the actual results and added value of these reforms and investments or on the recipient's level of spending².

The ECA reports that the current framework does not provide a full picture of how far funded projects have contributed to achieving targets set under the RRF, for instance the target of making the EU economy greener and more resilient. It also emphasises that risks to data reliability remain, especially concerning the final recipients of the funding.

Bearing in mind the need to strengthen transparency and accountability in the management of RRF funds as well as citizens' right to know how these funds are being spent, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it intend to improve the RRF reporting system by collecting and reporting data on actual expenditure and the contribution RRF funding makes to the achievement of targets set under the six pillars?
2. Does it intend to develop a comprehensive performance monitoring framework for future funding instruments that will not be cost-based, as recommended by the ECA?

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¹ 'The Recovery and Resilience Facility's performance monitoring framework – Measuring implementation progress but not sufficient to capture performance', https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/SR-2023-26/SR-2023-26_EN.pdf

² ECA auditors paid sample visits to Greece, France, Italy, Portugal and Romania, covering the period spanning from February 2021, when the recovery fund was set up, up until December 2022.