

**Question for written answer E-003234/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Belgium's request for a loan under the Recovery and Resilience Facility

Of the 27 Member States, 13 will take loans under the post-COVID Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). Those loans total EUR 292.6 billion – 76 % of the EU loans available.

Some countries made their requests at the start, while others, like Belgium, did so when revising their plans in summer 2023. Belgium has requested EUR 264.2 million. The Commission is currently assessing the loan applications and the applications will then need to be approved by the Council.

In view of the above:

1. What assessment criteria is the Commission using?
2. What rules will apply to these funds?
3. Once the loans have been allocated, what checks will the Commission carry out on Member States?

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