

**Priority question for written answer P-003090/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Extending the disbursement of funding from the National Recovery Programme

The results of the parliamentary elections held in Poland on 15 October 2023 mean that the ruling Law and Justice Party will no longer be in power, and the democratic opposition parties will be taking over.

Each of those parties went into the parliamentary elections with a plan to change the justice system in Poland, not only with a view to rectifying the undemocratic changes made by the ruling coalition, but also to reach the 'milestones' set for the receipt of funds from the National Recovery Programme. Observers, however, are predicting that there could be long delays in the process of forming a government thanks to the actions of Poland's President.

In view of the above, and given that National Recovery Programme projects have to be accounted for by 2026:

Is there any (legislative) possibility of extending the deadline for projects so as to give countries like Poland the chance to spend the funding concerned, which could represent a generational development opportunity for the country as a whole?

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