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Commission greenlights Greece's final payment requests for €11.32 billion under NextGenerationEU

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Today, the European Commission greenlighted Greece's eighth and ninth payment requests, amounting to €11.32 billion, under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the centrepiece of NextGenerationEU.

With these two final payment requests, Greece has implemented all the reforms and investments included in its recovery and resilience plan – corresponding to a total of €35.95 billion – which represents 100% of its RRF funding.

This marks a major milestone in the implementation of the RRF and shows Greece's commitment to delivering reforms and investments under its national recovery and resilience plan.

The Commission found that Greece has satisfactorily completed the **37 milestones and 12 targets** set out in the Council Implementing Decision for the eigth payment request and **106 milestones and 17 targets** set out in the Council Implementing Decision for the ninth payment request. They correspond to reforms and investments that will drive positive change for citizens and businesses in Greece in the areas of renewable energy and energy efficiency, water management and reforestation, healthcare, education and vocational training, public administration, taxation, the justice system, access to finance for private investments, and transport infrastructure.

Flagship measures in the eighth payment request include:

- **Reinforcing the railway sector** through the adoption of a Hellenic Railways' multiannual investment and maintenance programme, the signing of a performance-based agreement between the Greek State and Hellenic Railways with clear targets to upgrade key safety systems and infrastructure, improve customer satisfaction, strengthen high-quality recruitment and corporate governance, and the appointment of a Technical Manager to bolster the company's operational capacity.
- **Boosting Greece's space capabilities** through the launch of a constellation of small satellites supporting secure connectivity and Earth observation, including wildfire and flood detection, maritime surveillance, and monitoring of agriculture, forests and water resources.
- **Supporting the digital transformation of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)** through vouchers that enable businesses to invest in digital products and services.
- **Investing in tourism skills** by training 18,000 workers in areas such as reception services, digital competences, culinary arts, and hygiene and safety.
- **Empowering clean energy participation** through the creation of the Self-Consumer Registry and technical assistance for Energy Communities.
- **Modernising healthcare access and improving quality of care** with new online platforms for personal doctor registration and specialist referrals, alongside a legal framework on healthcare quality, patient safety and patient participation.
- **Improving access to affordable housing** through the "Upgrade My Home" scheme, supported by RRF loans and co-financed mortgages.
- **Mobilising private investment** through corporate co-financed loans, InvestEU guarantees for SMEs, and equity support for innovative companies.

Flagship measures in the ninth payment request include:

- **Connecting the Cyclades islands to the mainland electricity grid,** cutting reliance on

fossil fuel-based local power generation;

- **Improving the energy efficiency of more than 69,000 homes**, including those of vulnerable households, lowering energy consumption and reducing bills;
- **Digitising at least 1 billion pages from public archives,** including metadata, and integrating them into existing systems;
- **Renovating 52 hospitals and 91 health centres across the country;**
- **Advancing the digital transformation of healthcare** through the rollout of the Cancer Information System in hospitals, the expansion of the telemedicine network, the setup of a National Electronic Health Record (NEHR), upgraded hospital information systems, and the upgrade of the IT system of the Greek Health Insurance Organisation (EOPYY);
- **Extending, reconstructing and upgrading road, rail, port and airport infrastructure across the country.**

Next steps

The Commission has now sent its preliminary assessments of Greece's fulfilment of the milestones and targets required for these two payments to the Economic and Financial Committee (EFC), which has four weeks to deliver its opinion. The payments to Greece can take place following the EFC's opinion, and the adoption of a payments' decisions by the Commission.

Background

Greece submitted its eight payment request on 25 May 2026 and its ninth payment request on 29 September 2026.

The Greek recovery and resilience plan includes a wide range of investment and reform measures. The plan will be financed by €18.2 billion in grants and €17.7 billion in loans. The payment requests preliminarily endorsed today follow Greece's seventh payment request endorsed by the Commission on 26 March 2026, and paid out to Greece on 23 April 2026.

Today's payment request would bring the total funds paid out to Greece under the RRF to €35.95 billion, including pre-financing (€3.96 billion received in August 2021 and €159 million received under REPowerEU received in January 2024).

This means that 100% of the funding allocated to Greece under its recovery and resilience plan will be delivered once the payment request has been approved, with all 376 milestones and targets successfully fulfilled.

With a view to the closure of the Facility at the end of 2026, Member States had to implement all outstanding milestones and targets by 31 August 2026 and submit their final payment requests by the end of September 2026.

For more information

Commission's preliminary assessment of Greece's eighth payment request

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Plan overview, full plan and all other related documents

Recovery and Resilience Facility

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