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**Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

**amending the Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment  
of the recovery and resilience plan for Belgium**

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## ANNEX

### SECTION 1: REFORMS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF REFORMS AND INVESTMENTS

##### A. COMPONENT 1.1: RENOVATION

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan is focused on the renovation of private and public buildings. The main objective of the component is to renovate the existing building stock and make it more energy and resource efficient. These include in particular public buildings, social infrastructure and residential housing, and more generally the less performing buildings in terms of energy efficiency. Therefore, this component contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing job opportunities and growth in sustainable construction, as well as social resilience through the reduction of energy bills.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3, calling on Belgium to focus investment-related economic policy on, *inter alia*, the low carbon and energy transition.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

##### **A.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

###### **Reform R-1.01: ‘Improved energy subsidy scheme’ of the Flemish Region**

The measure is composed of three sub-reforms and three sub-investments whose overall objective is to provide more efficient renovation incentives and to accelerate private energy efficiency investments in Flanders. The first sub-reform shall consist of (i) the creation of a one stop shop, a single regional mechanism which allows for the provision of subsidies for residential and private energy efficiency and renewable energy renovations implemented by building contractors from July 2022. Sub-reform (ii) shall contain the revision of the energy label grant scheme to support energy efficient renovations. Sub-reform (iii) shall contain the revision of the renovation support scheme for home batteries and smart control devices for heat pumps, electrical boilers and electric storage heating. The three sub-reforms shall enter into force by 1 April 2022. The reform shall be accompanied by three sub-investments as part of Investment 1A: (i) subsidies for energy efficiency and renewable energy as well as subsidies by target groups for private housing accompanying sub-reform(i); (ii) support through the energy label grant scheme for energy efficient renovations of private housing accompanying sub-reform (ii); (iii) home battery grants for private housing accompanying sub-reform (iii).

###### **Reform R-1.02: ‘Improved energy subsidy scheme’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

This reform consists of reforming and merging the energy bonuses and housing renovation premiums into a single regional mechanism for individuals as from 2022. Thanks to the unified system, citizens shall have a clearer picture of the amount they are entitled to for their renovation work and shall see a simplification of the administrative procedures for obtaining financial support through regional bonuses. Only one regional web portal shall inform applicants about the premiums available and there shall only be a single digitalised procedure for citizens. An accompanying investment as part of Investment 1A supports energy efficiency renovations. The regulation reforming the energy grant

schemes for residential and private renovations in the Brussels-Capital Region shall enter into force by 31 March 2022.

#### Reform R-1.03: ‘Improved energy subsidy scheme’ of the German-speaking Community

The measure shall introduce a new system of energy premiums in the German-speaking Community as from July 2021. The purpose of the bonus project is, in particular, to create incentives for the implementation of energy saving measures and the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions for existing residential buildings in the German-speaking Community. The reform aims at distinguishing between small works, allowing access to bonuses in a simplified way, and major works, which shall require more detailed administrative procedures. The regulation reforming the energy grant schemes for residential and private renovations in the German-speaking Community shall enter into force by 31 March 2022.

#### Investment 1A in ‘Renovations of private housing’ (I-1A)

The objective of the investment is to stimulate the energy-efficient renovation of private and social housing.

#### Investment I-1.01: ‘Renovation of social housing’ of the Flemish Region

The measure aims to stimulate and accelerate the energy renovation of social housing in the Flemish Region. The measure consists of increasing the support to social housing.

#### Investment I-1.02: ‘Renovation of social housing’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

This measure aims to accelerate the energy renovation of social housing in Brussels-Capital Region. The measure consists of the renovation of social housing in Brussels-Capital Region.

#### Investment I-1.03: ‘Renovation of social housing’ of the German-speaking Community

The measure aims to accelerate the energy renovation of social housing in German-speaking Community. The measure consists of supporting renovation of social housing in the German-speaking Community.

#### Investment 1B ‘Building renovation’ (I-1B)

The measure aims to renovate and improve the energy-efficiency of buildings. The measure consists of the renovation of buildings.

#### Investment I-1.04: ‘Renovation of public buildings’ of the Federal State

The investment measure consists in the energy-efficient renovation of the Brussels Stock exchange building. This renovation may also be supported by other EU funds. The energy-efficient renovation works supported by the RRF and identified in the purchase order shall reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption, as defined in Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/786 on the renovation of buildings. The implementation of the measure shall be completed by 30 June 2024.

#### Investment I-1.05: ‘Renovation of buildings’ in the Flemish Region

The measure aims to accelerate the energy renovation of buildings. The measure consists of renovation of buildings in Flemish Region.

#### Investment I-1.07: ‘Renovation of buildings - local authorities & sport’ in the Walloon Region

The measure aims to improve the energy performance of buildings in the Walloon region. The measure consists of a call for applications for renovation of buildings.

#### Investment I-1.08: ‘Renovation of buildings’ in the Brussels-Capital Region

The measure aims to accelerate the energy renovation of buildings in Brussels-Capital Region. The measure consists of supporting renovation works.

Investment I-1.09: 'Renovation of buildings in the French Community in the education, sport, youth and culture domains'

The measure aims to improve the energy efficiency of different buildings in the French Community. The measure consists of renovation and construction of buildings in the domains of education, sport, youth, and culture in the territory of the French Community.

**A.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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1	Improved energy grant scheme in the Flemish region (R-1.01)	M	Improved energy grant schemes in Flanders	Publication in Official journal	-	-	-	Q1	2022	Adoption by the Flemish Government / Parliament of new regulation to provide more efficient incentives to accelerate private energy efficiency investments: (i) creating a one stop shop for residential and private renovations related to energy efficiency and renewable energy, implemented by building contractors, in a single regional mechanism, (ii) revising the energy label grant scheme and (iii) introducing the scheme for home batteries and smart control devices.
2	Improved energy grant scheme of the Brussels-Capital region (R-1.02)	M	Entry into force of new regulation on energy grant schemes in Brussels	Provision in the law indicating the entry into force of the new regulation	-	-	-	Q1	2022	Entry into force of regulation to reform the energy grant schemes for residential and private renovations in Brussels-Capital Region.
3	Improved energy grant scheme of the German-speaking Community (R-1.03)	M	Entry into force of new regulation on energy grant schemes in the German-speaking Community.	Provision in the law indicating the entry into force of the new regulation	-	-	-	Q1	2022	Entry into force of regulation to reform the energy grant schemes for residential and private renovations in the German-speaking Community.

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5	Renovation of private and social housing (I-1A)	T	Renovation of private residential and social housing (step1)		Dwellings	0	64 112	Q2	2023	<p>64 112 residential dwellings (private and social housing) renovated.</p> <p>This target is indicatively broken down into the following sub-targets, which do not have to be reached individually provided that the above levels of renovation are achieved:</p> <p><u>Private housing:</u></p> <p>(i) Flemish Region (R-1.01, subsidies for energy efficiency and renewable energy): 50 870 dwellings.</p> <p>(ii) Flemish Region (R-1.01, energy grant scheme for energy efficient renovation): 7 560 dwellings</p> <p>(iii) Brussels-Capital Region (R-1.02): 2 343 dwellings</p> <p><u>Social housing:</u></p> <p>(i) Flemish Region (I-1.01): 2 640 social housing units</p> <p>(ii) Brussel-Capital Region (I-1.02): 699 social housing units</p> <p>The renovation of 3 339 social housing units shall reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption, as defined in Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/786 on the renovation of buildings.</p>

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7	Renovation of private and social housing (I-1A)	T	Renovations of private and social housing		Dwellings	64 112	201 625	Q2	2025	<p>137 513 dwellings (private and social housing) shall be renovated.</p> <p>This target is indicatively broken down into the following sub-targets, which do not have to be reached individually provided that the above levels of renovation are achieved:</p> <p><u>Private housing:</u>            (i) Flemish Region (R-1.01, subsidies for energy efficiency and renewable energy): 136 059 dwellings.</p> <p><u>Social housing:</u>            (i) Brussel-Capital Region (I-1.02): 626 social housing units            (ii) German-speaking community (I-1.03): 68 social housing units            (iii) Flemish Region (I-1.01): 760 social housing units.            The renovation of 1 454 social housing units shall reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption.</p>
9	Renovation of private and social housing (R-1.01(iii))	T	Award of grants for home batteries and smart control appliances in Flanders		Grants awarded	0	8 460	Q2	2023	Grants awarded for home batteries for private housing in Flanders since Q2 2021.

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11	Public building renovations (I-1.08)	M	Adaptation of the electricity ordinance to introduce a one-stop shop for renovations	Publication in Official Journal of the electricity ordinance				Q1	2022	Entry into force of the electricity ordinance defining the public service mission of Sibelga, including the operation of the one-stop shop for public renovations in Brussels.
12	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of public buildings (step 1)		m <sup>2</sup>	0	10 800	Q2	2024	Federal state (I-1.04): 10 800 m <sup>2</sup> of public buildings renovated, including 6 264 m <sup>2</sup> reducing on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption, as defined in Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/786 on the renovation of buildings.
13	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of buildings (step 2)		buildings	0	138	Q2	2025	138 buildings shall be renovated in the <u>Flemish Region</u> (I-1.05).
14	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of buildings (step 3)		m <sup>2</sup>	0	233 555	Q2	2026	233 555 m <sup>2</sup> of buildings shall be renovated in the education, sport, youth and culture domains in the <u>French Community</u> (I-1.09) of which 49 121 m <sup>2</sup> shall reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption. The construction of 126 212 m <sup>2</sup> of new buildings shall achieve a Primary Energy Demand (PED) that is at least 20% lower than the NZEB requirement (nearly zero-energy building).

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14 bis	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of buildings (step 4)		m <sup>2</sup>	0	214 830	Q2	2026	187 106 m <sup>2</sup> of buildings of Walloon Region (I-1.07) shall be renovated, of which 102 984 m <sup>2</sup> shall reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption.  27 724 m <sup>2</sup> of buildings of Brussels-Capital Region (I-1.08) shall be renovated to reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption.
262	Renovation of social housing(I-1.02)	T	Renovations of social housing		Dwellings	201 625	201 825	Q2	2026	200 social housing dwellings shall be renovated.  The renovation of 200 social housing units shall reduce on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption.

## **B. COMPONENT 1.2: EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aims at providing a strong impetus to technological developments to support the energy transition to further reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, with emphasis on system integration and industrial decarbonisation.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3, calling on Belgium to focus investment-related economic policy on, *inter alia*, the low carbon and energy transition, and research and innovation, as well as Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 to front-load mature public investment projects.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **B.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-1.04: ‘Regulatory framework for the H<sub>2</sub> market’**

The reform consists of the necessary steps to allow for legislative revisions aimed at establishing a more detailed regulatory framework for the functioning of the H<sub>2</sub> market, covering topics such as supervision, non-discriminatory access to transport networks and setting of network access charges. For the transport of H<sub>2</sub>, the new legal provisions adopted by the government(s) shall enter into force by 1 January 2024.

#### **Reform R-1.05: ‘Regulatory framework for the transport of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) through pipelines in Flanders’ of the Flemish Region**

The reform consists of the necessary steps to allow for legislative revisions aimed at establishing a more detailed regulatory framework for the transport of CO<sub>2</sub> through pipelines, covering topics such as supervision, non-discriminatory access to transport networks and setting of network access charges.

#### **Reform R-1.06: ‘Regulatory framework for the CO<sub>2</sub> market in Wallonia’ of the Walloon Region**

The reform aims to stimulate the development of the CO<sub>2</sub> market in Wallonia. The measure consists of legislative revisions establishing a more detailed regulatory framework for the functioning of CO<sub>2</sub> markets.

#### **Investment I-1.15: ‘An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition’ of the Federal State**

This measure aims to stimulate innovation projects with high potential to accelerate the energy transition, so that they reach maturity and scale up for commercial use. The measure consists of promoting various demonstration projects related to the production and use of hydrogen under the competence of the federal government.

#### **Investment I-1.16: ‘An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition’ of the Flemish Region**

This measure aims at supporting the transition to a sustainable hydrogen industry in Flanders through investment and project financing. The measure consists of support to a portfolio of projects which aim at developing an industrial value chain toward hydrogen production and use of hydrogen in industrial processes.

#### **Investment I-1.17: ‘An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition’ of the Walloon Region**

This measure aims at reducing the carbon footprint of industry, transport and building sectors through project financing and investment. It consists of projects (mostly in the field of research and development and first industrial development) covering the whole green hydrogen production value chain.

### Investment I-1.18: 'Developing the low-carbon industry' of the Walloon Region

The measure aims to promote various projects aimed at reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from energy consumption and emissions from industrial processes. It consists of a project call for R&D partnership projects aimed at bringing technologies to the level of (pre)-industrial demonstration or pilot versions in the following domains: electrification of industrial processes, hydrogen production by electrolysis, direct use of hydrogen in industrial applications, capture and concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and decarbonisation of ammonia production processes.

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15	Regulatory framework for the H <sub>2</sub> market (R-1.04)	M	Entry into force of the new or modified laws and related regulations to enable market development of H <sub>2</sub>	Publication of the new or modified laws and related regulations (Official Journal)				Q1	2024	Entry into force of the new or modified laws to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enable market development of H<sub>2</sub>,</li> <li>- cover topics such as supervision, non-discriminatory access and tariffs.</li> </ul>
15bis	Regulatory framework for the transport of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) through pipelines in Flanders (R-1.05)	M	Entry into force of the new or modified decrees and related regulations to enable transport of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) through pipelines in Flanders	Publication of the new or modified decrees and related regulations (Official Journal)				Q1	2024	Entry into force of the legal provisions at the Flemish level to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enable transport of CO<sub>2</sub> through pipelines,</li> <li>- cover topics such as supervision, non-discriminatory access and tariffs.</li> </ul>
15ter	Regulatory framework for the CO <sub>2</sub> market in Wallonia (R-1.06)	M	Entry into force of a decree to enable market development of CO <sub>2</sub> in Wallonia	Publication of a decree				Q1	2024	Entry into force of a decree at the Walloon level to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enable market development of CO<sub>2</sub>,</li> <li>- cover topics such as supervision, non-discriminatory access and tariffs.</li> </ul>
18	An industrial value chain for	M	Award of contracts under	Written notification of				Q2	2022	Notification of the award of contracts for a total value of at least EUR 27 000 000 to

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	hydrogen transition (I-1.15)		the call for projects	contract awards to successful candidates						<p>successful candidates under the call for projects “An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (federal level). The projects shall be selected via a call for projects, which shall cover demonstration plants for clean hydrogen production as well as the use of hydrogen, for instance in vessels, insofar as the projects fall under the competence of the federal government. As regards demonstration plants for clean hydrogen production, the call shall be open for all technologies with zero process emissions, such as electrolysis powered by renewable electricity, pyrolysis.</p> <p>Call for projects for research and innovation (R&amp;I) projects shall comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The R&amp;I exclusively or primarily focuses on low-impact options (such as. renewable hydrogen production or other zero emission environmental innovations) or</li> <li>- The R&amp;I is dedicated to improving “best in class” technology (such as. technologies with the most limited impact (but not zero / low impact) among those currently available), and appropriate flanking measures are put in place to prevent lock-in effects (measures enabling the uptake of low impact technologies, or their development); or</li> </ul>

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										<p>- The results of the R&amp;I process are technologically neutral at the level of their application (i.e. they may be applied across all available technologies)</p> <p>- Any electricity used in the projects is of green origin (such as. using RES-e) or based on green PPAs.</p> <p>Any amounts provided by other Union programmes or instruments shall not be counted towards this amount.</p>
20	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.15)	T	Projects finished		Number	0	4	Q4	2025	The four projects NextH2Gen, Comforthysel, GrHynE and H2PY Seraing are finished.
21	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.16)	M	Award of contracts to hydrogen IPCEI projects	Written notification of contract awards to successful candidates				Q4	2022	Award of contracts to hydrogen IPCEI projects (defined as those projects forming the subject of the IPCEI State aid notification) under the measure “An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition” (Flanders). Are excluded from selected projects: all activities under the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) with projected CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions that are not substantially lower than the relevant benchmarks established for free allocation.

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										<p>Selected research and innovation (R&amp;I) projects shall comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The R&amp;I exclusively or primarily focuses on low-impact options (such as renewable hydrogen production or other zero emission environmental innovations); or</li> <li>- The R&amp;I is dedicated to improving “best in class” technology (such as technologies with the most limited impact (but not zero / low impact) among those currently available), and appropriate flanking measures are put in place to prevent lock-in effects (measures enabling the uptake of low impact technologies, or their development); or</li> <li>- The results of the R&amp;I process are technologically neutral at the level of their application (i.e. they may be applied across all available technologies)</li> <li>- Any electricity used in the projects is of green origin (such as using RES-e) or based on green PPAs.</li> </ul>
22	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.16)	M	Award of contracts for non-IPCEI hydrogen projects	Written notification of contract awards to successful candidates				Q4	2022	Award of contracts to additional non-IPCEI hydrogen projects. Are excluded from selected projects: all activities under the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) with projected CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions that are not substantially lower than the relevant benchmarks established for free allocation.

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										<p>Selected research and innovation (R&amp;I) projects shall comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The R&amp;I exclusively or primarily focuses on low-impact options (such as renewable hydrogen production or other zero emission environmental innovations); or</li> <li>- The R&amp;I is dedicated to improving “best in class” technology (such as technologies with the most limited impact (but not zero / low impact) among those currently available), and appropriate flanking measures are put in place to prevent lock-in effects (measures enabling the uptake of low impact technologies, or their development); or</li> <li>- The results of the R&amp;I process are technologically neutral at the level of their application (i.e. they may be applied across all available technologies)</li> <li>- Any electricity used in the projects is of green origin (such as using RES-e) or based on green PPAs.</li> </ul>
23	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.16)	M	Final projects reports	Final Project Reports				Q2	2026	Final project reports by the beneficiaries of the grants Arcelor Mittal Belgium and Hydrogenics Europe NV (Accelera by Cummins) describing the R&D-activities and/or investments for the following projects shall be submitted to and approved by the granting authority VLAIO:

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										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Hydrogenics R&amp;D</li> <li>•Arcelor Mittal Feasibility study</li> <li>•Arcelor Mittal RecHycle-DRP R&amp;D</li> <li>•Hydrogenics FID</li> <li>•Arcelor Mittal RecHycle-DRP FID</li> </ul> <p>For the project Hyoffwind: (1) Certificate attesting electrolysers capacity of at least 21 MW have been installed and ready for pre-commissioning, (2) an electrical certificate of conformity attesting the installation is ready for connection to the grid and a binding signed legal agreement between beneficiary and TSO for a connection to the grid of the installation before 31 August 2026.</p>
24	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.17)	M	Award of contracts for hydrogen IPCEI projects	Written notification of contract awards to successful candidates				Q1	2022	Award of contracts to hydrogen IPCEI projects (defined as those projects forming the subject of the IPCEI State aid notification) under the measure “An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition” (Wallonia). The specifications of the call for projects shall ensure the exclusion of all activities under the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) with projected CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions that are not substantially lower than the relevant benchmarks established for free allocation.

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										<p>All awarded research and innovation (R&amp;I) projects shall comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The R&amp;I exclusively or primarily focuses on low-impact options (such as renewable hydrogen production or other zero emission environmental innovations); or</li> <li>- The R&amp;I is dedicated to improving “best in class” technology (such as technologies with the most limited impact (but not zero / low impact) among those currently available), and appropriate flanking measures are put in place to prevent lock-in effects (measures enabling the uptake of low impact technologies, or their development); or</li> <li>- The results of the R&amp;I process are technologically neutral at the level of their application (i.e. they may be applied across all available technologies)</li> <li>- Any electricity used in the projects is of green origin (such as using RES-e) or based on green PPAs.</li> </ul>
26	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.17)	M	Completion of projects awarded under the call for tender	Positive evaluation letters issued				Q2	2026	Positive evaluation letters shall be issued for project ‘John Cockerill H2’, and for the R&D activities under the Columbus project under the call for tender ‘An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (Wallonia).
27	Developing the low-carbon industry (I-1.18)	M	Award of contracts	Written notification of contract awards to				Q2	2022	Award of contracts under the measure “Developing the low-carbon industry”. The specifications of the call for projects shall

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				successful candidates						<p>ensure the exclusion of all activities under the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) with projected CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions that are not substantially lower than the relevant benchmarks established for free allocation.</p> <p>All awarded research and innovation (R&amp;I) projects shall comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Either the R&amp;I exclusively or primarily focuses on low-impact options (such as renewable hydrogen production or other zero emission environmental innovations); or</li> <li>- The R&amp;I is dedicated to improving “best in class” technology (such as technologies with the most limited impact (but not zero / low impact) among those currently available), and appropriate flanking measures are put in place to prevent lock-in effects (measures enabling the uptake of low impact technologies, or their development); or</li> <li>- The results of the R&amp;I process are technologically neutral at the level of their application (i.e. they may be applied across all available technologies)</li> <li>- Any electricity used in the projects is of green origin (such as using RES-e) or based on green PPAs.</li> </ul>

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28	Developing the low-carbon industry (I-1.18)	M	Positive evaluation letters issued	Positive evaluation letter				Q2	2026	Positive evaluation letters shall be issued by SPW EER certifying the finalisation of six projects: NKL, Saturn, Butterfly, HECO2 – AXE1, HECO2 – AXE 2, CleanGrid, awarded under the call for tender “An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition”.

### **C. COMPONENT 1.3: CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Measures under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim to conserve and restore biodiversity by ensuring the sustainable use and restoration of forests, marshes, meadows, grasslands and marine waters. Measures under this component also contribute to the sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>. Furthermore, the measures prepare for the impacts of climate change by improving water management and green infrastructure. As a result, resilience to drought and heavy rainfall shall increase, bringing about benefits to agriculture, tourism, citizens and the environment as a whole.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3, calling on Belgium to focus investment-related economic policy on, inter alia, the low carbon and energy transition, as well as Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 to focus investment on the green and digital transition.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

#### **C.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

##### Investment I-1.22: ‘Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change’ in the Walloon Region

The investment aims to support the conservation, restoring and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services, which aims to improve the carbon storage capacity and resilience to climate change effects such as floods and droughts. The measure consists of supporting nature protection projects and works in national parks.

##### Investment I-1.23: ‘Ecological defragmentation’ in the Flemish Region

This investment aims to contribute to the restoration of ecosystems and the development of a nature network in Flanders. The measure consists of supporting ecological defragmentation projects.

##### Investment I-1.24: ‘Blue Deal’ in the Flemish Region

This investment aims to enhance preparedness for longer periods of drought and more frequent heat waves by addressing drought problems. The measure consists of supporting various actions on water management.

##### Investment I-1.25: Marine Nature Restoration Programme

This investment aims to support the Marine nature restoration. It consists of supporting various marine restoration projects including through the development of databases.

##### Investment I-1.26: Off-Shore energy project of the Federal State

This investment aims to support off-shore energy production. It consists of supporting various energy projects through the purchase of specialised material.

**C.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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37	Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change (I-1.22)	M	Final delivery reports for nature protection projects	Final delivery reports for nature protection projects				Q2	2026	Final delivery reports for nature protection projects in forests, in protected areas and for re-meandering projects. The total area covered by the nature protection projects is 3 735 hectares.
38	Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change (I-1.22)	M	Award of grants to projects for creation of two national parks	Written notification of grants awards to successful candidates				Q1	2023	Award of grants to two projects and written notification sent to the successful candidates by the Walloon Minister of Environment following the call for proposal for two national parks of a total area between 10 000 and 70 000 hectares.
39	Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change (I-1.22)	M	Final delivery reports for infrastructure works in two national parks	Final delivery reports for the delivery of infrastructure works				Q2	2026	Final delivery reports for infrastructure works in two national parks covering together a total area of at least 10 000 hectares.
40	Ecological defragmentation (I-1.23)	T	Finalisation of projects on ecological defragmentation		projects	0	7	Q2	2026	Proces-verbaal demonstrating completion or commissioning were issued for the following 7 infrastructure projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 ecoducts,</li> <li>• 1 ecovalley,</li> <li>• 1 verge bridge,</li> <li>• 1 eco-veloduct,</li> <li>• and 1 wildlife detection system.</li> </ul>
42	Blue Deal (I-1.24)	M	Land purchases to reinforce biodiversity and/or mitigate	Title deeds				Q4	2023	Land purchases by the Flemish Land Agency or the Flemish Nature and Forest Agency (Approximately 1 000 hectares)

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			climate change effects							
43	Blue Deal (I-1.24)	T	Blue Deal projects delivered		projects	0	57	Q2	2026	<p>A total of 57 projects has been delivered in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- drought mitigation measures;</li> <li>- contribution to the construction or reconstruction of water way pumps or water way locks;</li> <li>- installation of automatic water monitoring systems or digital data platforms;</li> <li>- ecohydrological studies;</li> <li>- water courses;</li> <li>- wetland restoration;</li> </ul>
43bis	Blue Deal (I-1.24)	T	Disbursement under Blue Deal schemes		Grants disbursed	0	138	Q2	2026	138 grants under a scheme for sustainable water management or adaptation to climate change shall be awarded have been disbursed.
252	Marine Nature Restoration	T	Finalisation of Marine Nature		Projects	0	6	Q2	2026	<p>Achievement of the following Marine Nature Restoration projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acceptance letters for the reports on the initial monitoring of the oyster</li> </ol>

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	Programme (I-1.25)		Restoration projects							<p>reef location and on the oyster breed cultivation and deployment, and confirmations of delivery for the under-water imaging system and eVTOL drone shall be issued.</p> <p>2. Notes of delivery signed by the OSPAR Secretariat for the two databases of marine species, habitats and marine protected and conserved areas shall be issued.</p> <p>3. Report shall be issued to the contracting authority by the independent client representative, confirming the development of the database of magneto-metric and gradiometric measurements of a munition dumping site, including field verification, assessment of data quality, and validation of the contractor's quality control measures.</p> <p>4. Acceptance letters of the concept study of offshore platform for enforcement and monitoring of water quality shall be issued.</p> <p>5. Acceptance letter of the study on marine biodiversity with a focus on eDNA and confirmations of delivery of multiple use mobile DNA labs and</p>

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										<p>automated eDNA samplers shall be issued.</p> <p>6. Acceptance letters of the study on the modelling of impact of plastic subsidies and the study on proposing measures shall be issued.</p>
253	Off-shore energy project of the Federal State (I-1.26)	T	Completion of off-shore energy projects		Projects	0	5	Q2	2026	<p>Notes of delivery shall be issued for the purchase of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An offshore test site platform</li> <li>- A bespoke monitoring/test buoy</li> <li>- Four cardinal safety buoys for test zone MIOP and their deployment</li> <li>- Drone dock expansion (wind simulator expansion, two water-based drones, test basin and lift solution for water-based drones)</li> <li>- Reef training hub reinforcement (ten VR headsets, two unmanned surface vehicles and two remotely operated vehicles, one sensor stack and associated IT development)., one sensor stack and associated IT development).</li> </ul>

## **D. COMPONENT 2.1: CYBERSECURITY**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan is expected to strengthen the overall cyber resilience and cyber crisis preparedness of Belgian society.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendations 2019.3 and 2020.3 to focus investment on the digital transition and to Country Specific Recommendations 2019.4 and 2020.3 to improve the business environment.

### **D.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-2.01: ‘Cybersecure and resilient digital society’ of the Federal State**

The investment consists of measures to (1) strengthen cyber capabilities of SMEs and self-employed through cybersecurity awareness raising campaigns, a website, offering services such as a free cyberscan to quickly identify areas where cyber resilience may be improved and projects supporting SMEs in the field of cybersecurity such as exchanges of best practices, (2) combat cyber criminality through targeted warnings of cyber vulnerabilities and IT infections for professional IT users, an online plug-in allowing visitors to identify the reliability of websites, and an online questionnaire to evaluate cyber maturity of businesses as well as recommendations to increase their cyber resilience, (3) combat phishing through updated and new anti-phishing platforms, and (4) introduce a global cybersecurity governance framework within the Foreign Affairs Department based on ISO27001<sup>1</sup> norms.

#### **Investment I-2.02: ‘Cybersecurity: 5G’ of the Federal State**

The objective of this measure is to reinforce interception capabilities of private communications by the judicial police. This measure consists in the integration of systems into the existing interception model.

#### **Investment I-2.03: ‘Cybersecurity: NTSU/CTIF interception registry of the Federal State**

The objective of this measure is to enhance legal interception capabilities in the context of evolving technologies. This measure consists in making a digital registry of intercepted private communications accessible to law enforcement services.

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<sup>1</sup> ISO27001 is part of ISO27000 (also known as the 'ISMS Family of Standards' or 'ISO27K') comprises information security standards published jointly by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

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44	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	M	Notification of award for public tenders	Written notification of awards sent to successful candidates				Q2	2024	Notification of awards for public tenders (i) by the Ministry of Economy for the delivery of the website that allows SMEs and self-employed to carry out a free cyber scan to quickly identify areas where cyber resilience may be improved, (ii) by the Ministry of Economy for a yearly cybersecurity awareness campaign targeted towards SMEs and self-employed, (iii) by the Centre for Cyber security for the delivery of an online plug-in allowing visitors to identify the reliability of websites, (iv) by the Centre for Cyber security for the delivery of a platform where larger SMEs may self-asses their cyber maturity based on an online survey; (v) by the Belgian federal telecommunications regulator for the implementation of an anti-phishing solution for emails, (vi) SMS, (vii) fraudulent calls and (viii) fraudulent signalisation messages in telecom operators infrastructure.
45	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	M	Delivery of first cybersecurity awareness campaign	First cybersecurity awareness campaign targeted towards SMEs and self-employed on cyber				Q4	2022	First cybersecurity awareness campaign targeted towards SMEs and self-employed on cyber resilience risks delivered and website deployed. This website shall offer a free cyberscan to SMEs and self-employed to quickly identify areas where cyber resilience may be improved.

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				resilience risks delivered						
46	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	T	Instruments to increase cyber resilience available to the general public		Number of Instruments	0	4	Q4	2024	Four tools aimed at increasing cyber resilience capabilities are available to the general public.
47	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	M	Global cybersecurity governance framework within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Global cybersecurity governance framework within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs implemented				Q4	2023	A global cybersecurity governance framework based on ISO27001 norms is implemented within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
49	Cybersecurity: 5G (I-2.02)	M	Integration of systems	Integration of systems				Q2	2026	Five systems shall be integrated into the existing interception model, including: - 5G-connected car equipped with beacon audio technology - Jamming suite adapted to 5G - Sweeping suite adapted to 5G - Tracking equipment and GPS services adapted to 5G - Video THX adapted to 5G
50	Cybersecurity: NTSU/CTIF interception registry (I-2.03)	M	Digital registry of intercepted private communications	Digital registry of intercepted private communications accessible to authorities				Q2	2026	Digital registry of intercepted private communications (Li-vault) is accessible to law enforcement services.

## **E. COMPONENT 2.2: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aims at increasing the efficiency of the public administration by digitalising its services.

This component contributes to addressing the Country Specific Recommendations 2019.3 and 2019.4 calling on Belgium to focus investment-related economic policy on, inter alia, digitalisation and to reduce the regulatory and administrative burden to incentivise entrepreneurship. It is also related to Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 to improve the business environment, to front-load mature public investment and to focus investment on the digital transition.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **E.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### Investment I-2.04: ‘Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ’ of the Federal State

The objective of this measure is to accelerate the digitalisation of the public social security institutions. It consists of three sub-measures:

#### Investment I-2.04: ‘Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ; sub-measure 1: Digital platform for interaction between Social Security and the citizens and businesses’ of the Federal State

This sub-measure consists in the redesigning and updating of technical systems, covered by of three digital programmes.

#### Investment I-2.04: ‘Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ, sub-measure 2: Digital account management for each company’ of the Federal State

This investment shall make it possible to digitalise financial flows between social security and businesses and potential financial intermediaries and service providers. Some of the applications for managing employers’ accounts date from 1979 and are very heterogeneous. This constitutes a technological and human risk. Their overhaul and the establishment of an integrated, efficient, evolving and high-quality information system is essential for the digitalisation and opening up of employers’ accounts.

#### Investment I-2.04: ‘Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ, sub-measure 3: Improving data quality for automated decision-making and providing an independent social security platform – INASTI/RSVZ’ of the Federal State

This sub-measure consists in the creation of an interactive platform for self-employed persons.

#### Investment I-2.05: ‘Digitalisation FPS’ of the Federal State

The objective of this measure is to accelerate the digitalisation of different administration services under the Federal State. The measure consists of digitalisation projects.

#### Investment I-2.06: ‘eHealth Services and Health Data’ of the Federal State

The objective of this measure is to increase the quality and speed of healthcare. This measure consists in the entry into force of the law setting up the Health Data Authority, the definition of requirements for eHealth subprojects and their completion.

#### Investment I-2.07: ‘Digitalisation of ONE’ of the French Community

The objective of this measure is to contribute to the digital transformation of the Office de la Naissance et de l’Enfance (ONE). The measure consists in the creation of digital platforms.

#### Investment I-2.08: ‘Digitalisation of the cultural and media sector’ of the French Community

The objective of this measure is to support the digitalisation of the Belgian French-speaking cultural and media sector. The measure consists in the digitalisation of audiovisual and audio works and the creation of native digital works, and the use by cultural and media operators of a digital tool allowing citizens to search for cultural activities.

#### Investment I-2.09: ‘Digitalisation of the Flemish Government’ of the Flemish Region

The objective of this measure is to digitalise the Flemish Government. The measure consists in the delivery of digitalisation projects.

#### Investment I-2.10: ‘Regional data exchange platform’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

The aim of this investment is to present the high-level requirements for a data exchange platform of the Brussels-Capital Region. The measure consists in the publication of a mission order document.

### Investment I-2.11: 'Digitalisation of citizen-business processes' of the Brussels-Capital Region

The objective of this measure is administrative simplification. The measure consists in the entry into operation of a CRM platform and online platforms to request urban planning permits, urban planning information, and environmental permits.

### Reform R-2.01: 'Simplification of administrative procedures: e-government for businesses, simplification of administrative procedures' of the Federal State

This reform aims at administrative simplification notably by fully digitalising the procedures for the creation, modification and dissolution of business activities and legal persons. In particular, a cooperation agreement including measures to enable the creation, modification and dissolution of business activities in full electronic format shall enter into force. The new digital system introduced by the cooperation agreement, encompassing three electronic forms for the creation, modification and dissolution of business activities, shall be an alternative administrative channel that shall provide a simplified alternative to the existing forms. Additionally, the laws and royal decrees gradually enabling the online creation, modification and dissolution of legal persons for all legal forms via notaries or via Just-Act shall enter into force. The implementation of the reform shall be completed by 31 December 2023.

### Reform R-2.02: 'E-government: Tendering procedure' of the Federal State

The objective of this reform is to expand the use of eProcurement. It consists in the entry into force of a Royal Decree which adapts the federal regulatory framework for conducting tendering procedures.

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51	Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ (I-2.04) (sub-measure 2)	T	All Public Institute for Social Security (IPSS) communications are digital and data is centralized / consolidated		%	0	100	Q2	2024	100% of communication between Public Institute for Social Security (IPSS) and the employers in terms of the billing/payment are digitalised. The National Social Security Office (RSZ/ONSS) billing system is integrated in the Pan-European Public Procurement On-Line (PEPPOL) network.
52	Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ (I-2.04) (sub-measure 1)	M	Digital programmes	Digital programmes for IPSS/OISZ have been carried out				Q2	2026	This milestone consists of the following deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical infrastructure related to social security platforms is upgraded.</li> <li>- Data exchange infrastructure between employers and the social security system is upgraded.</li> <li>- New user and access management interface is available to employers and partners.</li> </ul>
53	Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ (I-2.04) (sub-measure 3)	M	Digital solution available - Interactive platform (IPSS/OISZ)	Interactive platform for self-employed is accessible				Q2	2026	An interactive platform of the Public Institute for Social Security (IPSS/OISZ) is accessible to self-employed persons and provides for the following:

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										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An interactive electronic form and automation of processes</li> <li>Information relating to social security is available in the self-employed person's "individual" file.</li> <li>The platform is connected to at least two institutions.</li> </ul>
54	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Requirements are defined	Requirements for the different sub-measures are defined and approved				Q2	2022	The requirements for sub-measures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are defined by the competent administrations and approved by the competent Ministry.
55	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Digitalisation projects	Digitalisation projects				Q2	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Judicial Police; purchases for 10 digitalisation projects.</li> <li>FPS Foreign Affairs; (i) Functionalities on the 'Synergy' platform shall be accessible and a mobile application for state visits for the Agency for Foreign Trade shall be accessible, (ii) an application for human resources management shall be built and IT network shall be modernised.</li> <li>FPS Home Affairs (National Crisis Centre); purchase of material and services for the</li> </ul>

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										<p>digital crisis infrastructure, the technical basis of the communication network for security and intelligence services shall be in place, platform for crisis management is in use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FPS Chancellery of the Prime Minister (Bozar); entry into use of ticketing software and delivery of digital events and content, technical infrastructure for cybersecurity and new capacity for big data analysis shall be in place.</li> <li>- FPS BOSA; (i) the MyGov.be platform is online and accessible, (ii) data services of the Unleashing Government Data programme are online and accessible.</li> <li>- FPS Public Health (FAVV-AFSCA); 3 portal applications granting access to multiple functional applications shall be built (1 functional application for the consumer portal, 3 for the operator portal and 2 for the agent portal). A single data</li> </ul>

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										platform grants access to published open-data sets - FPS Employment; creation of an individual training account and a website presenting data on working conditions.
56	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Project management in place for the digital transformation of justice following the adoption of a decree	Adoption of the ministerial Decree of a program management office, which set up for the digital transformation of justice				Q4	2021	Adoption of a Ministerial Decree by the Minister of Justice to set up a Program Management Office with a clear governance structure to digitalise SPF Justice. This includes a clear definition of tasks and competences, and clear arrangements for the different parties that shall participate in the digital transformation.
57	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Publication of the Just-on-Web online portal	The Just-on-Web basic portal is put on line.				Q4	2022	The Just-on-Web basic portal is put on line. Just-on-Web shall be the “One Stop” web portal, where individuals, businesses, lawyers and public authorities may access justice services and information. At an initial stage, the Just-on-Web base portal shall provide a limited number of services such as filing procedural documents in a case, consulting criminal cases with regard to sexual offences, consultation and payment of traffic fines, consultation of personal

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										official acts (such as marriage, adoption), starting a case on the protection of persons.
58	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Internal collection of court decisions	Judicial verdicts are collected in a database and can be consulted				Q2	2026	The JustJudgment database collects judicial verdicts of the correctional courts, the justices of the peace, the police courts and the courts of appeal. The Just-on-Web platform allows for consultation of verdicts of at least the justices of the peace, the police courts and the correctional courts by the involved citizen parties and their lawyers.
59	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Database for the collection of data	A database collecting data on the conduct of court proceeding is accessible.				Q4	2024	A database collecting data on the conduct of court proceedings is accessible to the Statistics Departments and the Direction Committees of the Judicial Order. The featured data include at least the number of new cases, the number of cases closed, pending cases and the average lead time. The data cover at least the justices of the peace, the police courts, first instance courts, courts of appeal, as well as enterprise and labour courts.
60	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Case Management System in place for five entities	A case management system is in place in five entities				Q2	2026	A case management system to manage judicial case data shall be in place in five judicial entities:

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										<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sentence enforcement court (bench)</li> <li>2. Sentence enforcement court (prosecution)</li> <li>3. Court of Cassation</li> <li>4. Family Court (bench)</li> <li>5. Civil Court (bench)</li> </ol>
61	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	The front-end interface is in use	'Only Once'-compliant front-end interface is in use.				Q2	2026	A front-end interface compliant with the 'once-only' principle shall be in use and accessible either directly on the front-end interface or via redirection to other interfaces, allowing users to initiate procedures relating to areas such as, among others: civil register, population register, social security (employees), social security (employers), motor vehicle register, professional qualifications, legal entities, starting a business, modifying a business or closing a business).
62	eHealth Services and Health Data (I-2.06)	M	Entry into force of the law setting up the Health Data Authority	Provision in the law indicating the entry into force of the law				Q1	2022	Entry into force of the law setting up the Health Data Authority, defining in particular the role and the responsibilities of the Authority.
63	eHealth Services and Health Data (I-2.06)	M	Requirements for the subprojects	Definition of the requirements for the eHealth sub-projects				Q2	2022	The requirements for the different eHealth subprojects are defined.

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64	eHealth Services and Health Data (I-2.06)	M	Digitalisation projects are carried out	Digitalisation projects are carried out				Q2	2026	<p>The milestone consists of the following deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 CareSets are accessible and published on the e-Health platform.</li> <li>- A web application for electronic referral prescriptions is accessible to caregivers, prescribers and patients.</li> <li>- A web application is accessible to students or healthcare professionals allowing for support in prescribing in the areas of radiology, clinical biology and antibiotics.</li> <li>- Telemonitoring prescription service is accessible via the prescriber software (EHR).</li> <li>- A data catalogue for the Health Data Agency is available.</li> <li>- The mobile health application ‘Myhealth’ is accessible to the public.</li> <li>- Organisation of a third edition of the FHIR-a-thon and selection of five projects for financial support.</li> <li>- The Alivia application is accessible to care providers and patients.</li> <li>- Four modules are integrated into software systems used by care providers and the technical</li> </ul>

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										architecture of the Belgian ecosystem for electronic health data is approved.
65	Digitalisation of ONE (I-2.07)	M	Digital platforms are accessible	Digital platforms are accessible				Q4	2025	Three digital platforms are online and accessible to: i) the public (“MY”) ii) childcare professionals (“PRO”) and iii) ONE’s agents (“OFFICE”).
66	Digitalisation of the cultural and media sector (I-2.08)	M	Digitalisation of audiovisual and audio works and creation of native digital works	Audiovisual and audio works have been digitalised and native digital works have been created				Q2	2026	Following a call for proposals, selected operators have digitalised audiovisual and audio works and have created native digital works.
67	Digitalisation of the cultural and media sector (I-2.08)	T	Use of digital tools		Number of operators	0	5	Q2	2026	A digital tool allowing citizens to search for cultural activities is used by two media operators and three cultural operators. The digital tool shall be made available free of charge and released under an open-source license.
68	Digitalisation of the Flemish Government (I-2.09)	M	Approval of support for 11 projects	At least one decision approving support for each of the 11 projects				Q4	2022	Flemish Government or the respective entity shall approve support for 11 projects, which together contribute to four main objectives: 1. Towards a public service for citizens, businesses and associations; 2. Enable quick and effective decisions with data; 3.

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										Ensuring a reliable basic infrastructure by strengthening ICT building blocks; and 4. Providing a hybrid workplace for Flemish officials.
69	Digitalisation of the Flemish Government (I-2.09)	M	Digitalisation projects	Digitalisation projects				Q2	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My Citizen Profile features four functionalities and is available as a mobile app;</li> <li>- An ICT framework agreement has been concluded;</li> <li>- Tools to support the Flemish administration in evaluating its cybersecurity are available and SIEM environment is in place;</li> <li>- Support services for a hybrid digital workplace are provided;</li> <li>- Migration of two data centers to cloud infrastructure;</li> <li>- Support services provided for digitalisation of local authorities;</li> <li>- Governance and technical building blocks are available for a Flanders Smart Data Space;</li> <li>- A digital tool for the asset management of Aquafin is in place;</li> </ul>

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										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A prototype of a digital platform for publishing event attendance data is in place</li> <li>- Functionalities are available on the Kaleidos platform.</li> </ul>
70	Regional data exchange platform (I-2.10)	M	Award of the public contract	A mission order document shall be published				Q2	2021	A mission order document shall be published presenting the high level requirements of the solution for a data exchange platform as well as the distribution of roles between the Brussels Regional Informatics Center (BRIC) and the subcontractors and the needs in terms of data governance and the governance required for the platform.
72	Digitalisation of citizen-business processes (I-2.11)	M	Entry in operation of new digital platforms	A new platform (CRM) facilitating the interaction between the administration and citizens/enterprises and between administrations is operational in the Brussels Region				Q2	2021	A new platform (CRM) facilitating the interaction between the administration and citizens/enterprises and between administrations is operational in the Brussels Region. The CRM foundation platform shall be available for the development of specific CRM projects within the Brussels Region. The goal is to deploy by end of 2024 16 projects spread over regional and/or local administrations (Parking.Brussels,

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										Hub.Brussels, Bruxelles Economie and Emploi).
73	Digitalisation of citizen-business processes (I-2.11)	T	3 digital platforms		Digital platforms	0	3	Q4	2025	Three digital platforms are online and accessible for urban planning permits, urban planning information and environmental permits in the Brussels-Capital Region.
77	Simplification of administrative procedures (R-2.01)	M	Entry into force of measures to simplify the online creation of a business	Publication in the Moniteur belge of the last legislative act assenting to the cooperation agreement including measures to enable the creation, modification and dissolution of business activities in full electronic format. Provisions indicating the entry into force of the laws and royal decrees gradually enabling the online creation, modification and dissolution of legal persons for all legal forms				Q4	2023	Entry into force of the cooperation agreement between the federal government and the federated entities including measures to enable the creation, modification and dissolution of business activities in full electronic format. The new digital system introduced by the cooperation agreement, encompassing three electronic forms for the creation, modification and dissolution of business activities, shall be an alternative administrative channel that shall provide a simplified alternative to the existing forms. Entry into force of the legislative provisions gradually enabling the online creation, modification and dissolution of legal persons for all legal forms via notaries or via Just-Act.

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78	E-government: tendering procedure (R-2.02)	M	Entry into force of a new regulatory context	Provision in the law indicating the entry into force of the new Royal Decree				Q2	2022	<p>Entry into force of a new Royal Decree which adapts the federal regulatory framework for conducting tendering procedures in order to facilitate the ease of use of the new and improved e-government platform.</p> <p>The new Royal Decree aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment of federal procurement policy participants to improve the penetration rate of federal joint procurement;</li> <li>• Adopts a common roadmap - response to more targeted objectives in terms of sustainable development and access to SMEs;</li> <li>• Development of purchasing strategies by purchasing segments with category plans.</li> <li>• Strengthening of the role of the federal purchasing centre of the SPF Bosa.</li> <li>• Complete the administrative simplification and standardization of processes, in particular with a view to capturing the needs of federal participants.</li> </ul>

**E.3. Description of the reforms and investments for the loan**

**Investment I-2.05bis: 'Digitalisation FPS: Digitalisation of asylum and immigration management processes' of the Federal State**

The objective of this measure is to modernise the digital infrastructure of asylum and immigration management processes. The measure consists in digitalisation projects for administrations.

**E.4. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for the loan**

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54b	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05bis)	M	Requirements are defined	Requirements are defined and approved				Q2	2022	The requirements are defined by the competent administrations and approved by the competent Ministry.
55b	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05bis)	M	Digitalisation projects are delivered	Digitalisation projects are delivered				Q2	2026	This milestone consists of the following deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- medical expenses for at least hospitals and pharmacies shall be digitalised.</li> <li>- A digital integration platform, database for foreign nationals and data warehouse have been set up for the Immigration Office.</li> </ul>

## **F. COMPONENT 2.3: OPTIC FIBRE, 5G AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan contains reforms and investments related to 5G, very high-capacity connectivity infrastructure, and Artificial Intelligence (“AI”), which are expected to deliver essential building blocks for the digital transition in Belgium.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 in that it calls for focusing investments on the digital transition, in particular on digital infrastructure, such as 5G and Gigabit Networks and to Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3 in that it calls for focusing investment-related economic policies on sustainable research and innovation, in particular in the field of digitalisation, taking into account regional differences.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **F.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### Investment I-2.13: ‘Coverage of white zones by fibre networks’ of the German-speaking Community

The objective of this measure is to promote digital connectivity. This measure consists in extending fibre access to white zones.

#### Investment I-2.14: ‘Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

The objective of this measure is to promote the digital transition. The measure consists in the delivery of support services.

#### Investment I-2.15: ‘Improving the connectivity of the 35 business parks in Wallonia’ of the Walloon Region

The objective of this measure is to improve the connectivity of business parks. This measure consists in connecting 35 public business parks to fibre networks.

#### Reform R-2.03: ‘Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan – federal and regional level’

This measure consists of reforms both at the federal and regional level that are expected to remove bottlenecks, including regulatory bottlenecks, for the deployment of 5G and for the deployment of ultra-fast connectivity infrastructure, such as fibre. At the federal level, the 5G law and Royal Decrees to assign EU pioneer spectrum bands shall enter into force by 1 January 2022 at the latest. The 5G spectrum auction, shall be completed by 30 June 2022. Moreover, all three regions are to revise radiation standards which shall allow for effective 5G spectrum deployment. The revised regional standards shall enter into force by 31 March 2022.

Belgium shall also implement the Connectivity Toolbox that is to contain connectivity best practices for reducing the cost of deploying electronic communications networks and for efficient access to 5G radio spectrum tailored to Belgium. This shall include a national roadmap towards simplifying the licensing and permitting procedures relevant for the rollout of 5G and very high capacity networks, such as fibre. A report on the state of play of implementation of the Connectivity Toolbox shall be published by 30 June 2022.

**F.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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80	Coverage of white zones by fibre networks (I-2.13)	M	Coverage	Extension of fibre coverage to designated white zones				Q2	2026	7 400 households in the German-speaking Community are registered in the tracking system of GoFiber as having access to fiber network.
81	Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges (I-2.14)	M	Completion of pilot projects by the AI for the Common Good Institute	Final report approved on pilot projects by the AI for the Common Good Institute				Q2	2022	Four pilot projects of the AI for the Common Good Institute completed, providing support services (such as training, development of proof of concepts of software solutions) to profit or non-profit organisations or public organisations in areas such as education in AI, healthcare, and employment in the Brussels Region.
82	Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges (I-2.14)	M	Team of experts created within the AI for the Common Good Institute	Multi-disciplinary team of experts created within the AI for the Common Good Institute				Q4	2023	A multi-disciplinary team of experts within the AI for the Common Good Institute is created.
83	Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges (I-2.14)	M	Services delivered	Delivery of three services				Q4	2024	Three services delivered, namely (i) digital twin support, (ii) trainings about AI, and (iii) a set of knowledge-sharing activities, including:

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										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The creation of education material supporting the organisation of guided “datawalks” illustrating real-life applications of AI or data in an urban environment;</li> <li>- The organisation of workshops exploring the potential applications of service robots.</li> </ul>
84	Improving the connectivity of 35 business parks in Wallonia (I-2.15)	T	Fibre connectivity for 35 business parks		Number	0	35	Q2	2026	35 public business parks receive access to fibre networks.
89	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	EU Connectivity Toolbox	EU Connectivity Toolbox implemented, including roadmap				Q2	2021	Plan to implement EU Connectivity Toolbox best practices adopted, including the adoption of a roadmap towards simplifying the licensing and permitting procedures relevant for the rollout of 5G and very high capacity networks, such as fibre.
90	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	Publication of 5G spectrum assignment legislative framework	Publication of the legislative framework for 5G spectrum assignment				Q4	2021	Publication of 5G law and Royal Decrees to assign EU pioneer radio spectrum bands as defined by the Radio Spectrum Policy Group for 5G networks under investment-friendly conditions.

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91	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	5G auction	Organisation and implementation of 5G auction by the Belgian Institute for postal services and telecommunications				Q2	2022	Completion of 5G auction by the federal telecommunications regulator (Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications), in particular: call for candidates, licensing decision of Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications.
92	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	Status Connectivity Toolbox implementation	Publication of a report on the state of play of implementation of the Connectivity Toolbox				Q2	2022	Report published by the federal Ministry of Telecommunications on state of play of implementation of the Connectivity Toolbox in accordance with the scope and process outlined in the Belgian Connectivity Toolbox implementation roadmap.
93	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	Revision of the legislative framework of the three regions on radiation standards	Revision of the regional legislative frameworks on radiation standards				Q3	2022	Adaptation and entry into force of the respective legislative frameworks of the Flemish Region, Brussels Capital Region and Walloon Region, amending radiation standards to allow for effective 5G spectrum deployment.

## **G. COMPONENT 3.1: CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE**

The measures proposed under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim at extending and upgrading cycling and walking infrastructure throughout Belgium.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 calling on Belgium to focus investment on the green and digital transition, in particular on infrastructure for sustainable transport.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **G.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-3A: ‘Cycling infrastructure’**

The objectives of the investment is to create additional cycling infrastructure and improve existing infrastructure. This measure is composed of the following three sub-measures.

- Investment I-3.01: ‘Cycling infrastructure’ of the Flemish Region
- Investment I-3.02: ‘Cycling infrastructure – Corridors Vélo’ of the Walloon Region
- Investment I-3.03a: ‘Cycling infrastructure – Vélo Plus - RBC’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

#### **Investment I-3.01: ‘Cycling infrastructure’ of the Flemish Region**

This investment aims to develop cycling infrastructure. This investment consists in building and refurbishing cycling paths.

#### **Investment I-3.02: ‘Cycling infrastructure – Corridors Vélo’ of the Walloon Region**

This investment aims to develop cycling infrastructure. This investment consists in building cycling paths.

#### **Investment I-3.03a: ‘Cycling infrastructure – Vélo Plus - RBC’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

This investment aims to develop cycling infrastructure. This investment consists in building bicycle parking spaces and cycling paths, and upgrading cycling paths in Brussels-Capital Region.

#### **Investment I-3.03b: ‘Cycling infrastructure – Vélo Plus - FED’ of the Federal State**

This investment aims to develop cycling infrastructure. This investment consists in building cycling paths in Brussels-Capital Region.

**G.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
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94	Cycling infrastructure (I-3A)	M	Start of all cycling and walking projects	Adoption of the decision or contract award				Q2	2024	<u>Cycling infrastructure – corridors vélo – WAL (I-3.02)</u> : Award of contracts on four stretches in Wallonia
95	Cycling infrastructure (I-3A)	T	New and refurbished cycling paths		km	0	6.3	Q1	2024	Brussels-Capital Region (related to I-3.03a): 6.3 refurbished and new km
96	Cycling infrastructure (I-3A)	T	New and refurbished cycling paths		km	6.3	432.7	Q2	2026	Additional 432.7 km of new and refurbished cycling paths.  This target is indicatively broken down into the following sub-targets, which do not have to be reached individually provided that the above kilometers of cycling paths are achieved:  (i) Brussels-Capital Region (related to I-3.03a): 4.5 refurbished and 11.7 new km (ii) Flemish Region (related to I-3.01): 365 refurbished and 40 new km (iii) Walloon Region (related to I-3.02): 11.5 new km
96b	Cycling infrastructure – Vélo Plus - Federal State (I-3.03b)	T	New and refurbished cycling paths		km	0	3.1	Q2	2026	3.1 km of new and refurbished cycling paths.
97	Cycling infrastructure –	T	New public cycling parking		Cycling parking places	0	7 000	Q2	2026	7 000 new public cycling parking spaces.

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	VeloPlus – BRC (I-3.03a)									

### **G.3. Description of the reforms and investments for the loan**

#### **Investment I-3.04: 'Cycling and walking infrastructure – Schuman' of the Federal State**

This investment aims to develop cycling and walking infrastructure. This investment consists in building cycling and walking infrastructure around the Schuman square in Brussels.

**G.4. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for the loan**

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98	Cycling and walking infrastructure – Schuman (I-3.04)	T	New public space for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport at Schuman		m <sup>2</sup>	0	18 000	Q2	2026	18 000 m <sup>2</sup> of new public space for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport at Schuman

## **H. COMPONENT 3.2: MODAL SHIFT**

The measures proposed under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim at supporting the modal shift by investing in rail, local public transport, smart mobility and inland waterways.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3 calling on Belgium to “focus investment-related economic policy on sustainable transport, including upgrading rail infrastructure, the low carbon and energy transition and research and innovation, in particular in digitalisation, taking into account regional disparities. Tackle the growing mobility challenges, by reinforcing incentives and removing barriers to increase the supply and demand of collective and low emission transport.” and Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 calling on Belgium to “focus investment on the green and digital transition, in particular on infrastructure for sustainable transport”.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **H.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-3.01: ‘Performance Infrabel/NMBS-SNCB’ of the Federal State**

This reform consists in adopting the new performance contracts of NMBS-SNCB and Infrabel and its pluri-annual investment plan, which shall at least ensure the following:

- Timely execution of the ‘Réseau suburbain bruxellois - Gewestelijk ExpressNet’ (RER-GEN) suburban rail investments until 2031 in line with the Law adopting the inter-regional cooperation agreement<sup>2</sup> on strategic railway investments<sup>3</sup>.
- Right incentives for efficiency and service quality embedded in the contract.
- Complete investments I-3.09 ‘Rail-Accessible and multimodal train stations - FED’, I-3.10 ‘Rail – efficient network - FED’ and I-3.12 ‘Rail – Smart mobility - FED’, included in this component of the RRP.

The contract shall be concluded by 30 June 2023.

#### **Reform R-3.02: ‘Mobility budget’ of the Federal State**

This reform aims at reinforcing incentives to increase demand for modes of transport between home and work that constitute a sustainable alternative to company cars (i.e. collective transport and bicycle), as the uptake of the current mobility budget scheme has remained very limited. The objective is to induce a modal shift away from cars. The reform consists in the adoption of the law defining a revised mobility budget. The chapter in the law revising the mobility budget shall enter into force by 1 September 2021.

#### **Investment I-3B: ‘Enhancing public transport in Wallonia’**

The objectives of the investment is to enhance public transport in Wallonia. This measure is composed of the following two sub-measures:

- Investment I-3.07: ‘Metro extension’ of the Walloon Region
- Investment I-3.08: ‘Smart traffic lights’ of the Walloon Region

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<sup>2</sup> Cf. Annex Ia of the Loi portant assentiment à l’accord de coopération du 5 octobre 2018 entre l’Etat fédéral, la Région flamande, la Région wallonne et la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale relatif au financement des infrastructures ferroviaires stratégiques / Wet houdende instemming met het samenwerkingsakkoord van 5 oktober 2018 tussen de Federale Staat, het Vlaamse Gewest, het Waalse Gewest en het Brusselse Hoofdstedelijke Gewest betreffende de financiering van de strategische spoorweginfrastructuren, Moniteur belge – 11.03.2019 – Belgisch Staatsblad

<sup>3</sup> This follows up CSR 3 2018: “Tackle the growing mobility challenges, in particular through investment in new or existing transport infrastructure and reinforcing incentives to use collective and low emission transport”

#### Investment I-3C: ‘Rail refurbishment and station accessibility works’

The objective of the investment is to refurbish rails and making railway stations more accessible. This measure is composed of the following two sub-measures:

- Investment I-3.09: ‘Rail-Accessible and multimodal train stations’ of the Federal State
- Investment I-3.10: ‘Rail – efficient network’ of the Federal State

#### Investment I-3D: ‘Storage, analysis and visulization of mobility data on a digital platform ’

The objective of the investment is to increase the use of digital tools in mobility. This measure is composed of the following sub-measure:

- Investment I-3.13: ‘Mobility data use cases’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

#### Investment I-3E: ‘Go Live of rail IT modules’

The objective of the investment is to operationalise the IT modules improving traffic management and ticketing. This measure is composed of the following two sub-measures:

- Investment I-3.10: ‘Rail – efficient network’ of the Federal State
- Investment I-3.12: ‘Rail – Smart mobility’ of the Federal State

#### Investment I-3H: ‘Smart Mobility tools’ of Brussels Capital Region

The objective of the investment is to facilitate the shift to greener modes of transport. This measure is composed of the following two sub-measures:

- Investment I-3.15a: FLOYA App
- Investment I-3.15b: Extension of the ANPR Camera Network of the Brussels-Capital Region

#### Investment I-3.07: ‘Metro extension’ of the Walloon Region

This aim of this investment is to increase the coverage of public transport in Wallonia. This investment consists in extending the Charleroi metro line.

#### Investment I-3.08: ‘Smart traffic lights’ of the Walloon Region

The aim of this investment is to increase the efficiency of public transport in Wallonia. This investment consists in installing smart traffic lights in Wallonia.

#### Investment I-3.09: ‘Rail-Accessible and multimodal train stations’ of the Federal State

The aim of this investment is to increase the accessibility of rail transport. This investment consists in works to increase accessibility in railway stations, and adding bicycle parking spaces.

#### Investment I-3.10: ‘Rail – efficient network’ of the Federal State

The aim of this investment is to develop rail transport. This investment consists in upgrading rail sections and modernising rail infrastructure. Some of the projects include costs that are supported by the Connecting Europe Facility under pre-existing grant agreements and those costs are therefore not supported by the RRF. This regards rail lines L154 (track works, catenary works, and the adaptation of a switching station), and L166 (embedded ballasted track-laying on one bridge over the river Lesse and one bridge over the national road, track and catenary works and the removal of two level crossings).

#### Investment I-3.11: ‘Canal Albert and Trilopiort’ of the Walloon Region

The aim of this investment is to increase the capacity of freight circulation. This investment consists in extending the multimodal platform of Trilopiort in Liège, increasing the height of bridges and installing complementary signalling in Albert-Canal.

#### Investment I-3.12: ‘Rail – Smart mobility’ of the Federal State

The aim of this investment is to increase the use of digital tools in mobility. This investment consists in setting up an open data route-planner and ticketing platform.

Investment I-3.13: ‘Mobility data use cases’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

The aim of this investment is to increase the use of digital tools in mobility. This investment consists in setting up mobility data use cases on a digital platform.

Investment I-3.14: ‘Modal shift grants’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

This investment consists in supporting a new revised modal shift grant, by extending it to all new types of sustainable modes of transport (car-sharing, bike-sharing, scooters) to reinforce incentives to increase demand for collective and low emission transport. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2024.

Investment I-3.15a: ‘FLOYA app’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

This investment consists in the entry into operation of a free mobile application (“FLOYA”). The application provides users with complete and accurate information on available modes of transport, including their respective cost. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2023.

Investment I-3.15b: ‘Extension of the ANPR Camera Network’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

This investment consists in expanding the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (“ANPR”) camera network of the Brussels Capital Region by adding 159 cameras. The objective of this investment is to enhance the enforcement of the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and Restricted Access Zones (ZAL), thereby reducing traffic congestion and facilitating the shift towards greener transport alternatives. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2023.

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99	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	T	Start of major infrastructure works for bus (smart road signals, and light metro (Charleroi)		Projects	0	2	Q3	2023	<u>Extension metro Charleroi – WAL (I-3.07)</u> - Delivery of building permits <u>Smart road signals – WAL (I-3.08)</u> - Award of contracts for public works (contract award notification has been published)
100	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	T	Equipping crossroads with smart traffic lights		Number of crossroads with smart traffic lights	0	260	Q2	2025	<u>Smart traffic lights – WAL (I-3.08)</u> 260 crossroads shall be equipped with smart traffic lights.
101	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	T	Construction and renovation of infrastructure and equipment of crossroads with smart traffic lights		Km Number of crossroads with smart traffic lights	0 260	5.5 400	Q2	2026	5.5 km additional public transport infrastructure for metro extension (Charleroi) shall be constructed and renovated and 400 crossroads equipped with smart traffic lights.
102	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	M	Signature of public service contract of OTW ('Opérateur de Transport de Wallonie')	public service contract of OTW ('Opérateur de Transport de Wallonie')				Q2	2024	Signature of the public service contract of OTW ('Opérateur de Transport de Wallonie') with committed compensation for the additional operational expenditure of the metro of Charleroi.
103	Rail refurbishment and station	T	Completion of rail refurbishment and modernisation		Completed works	0	32	Q3	2022	Completion of 27 interventions to upgrade rail infrastructure (I-3.10) and make 5 stations accessible (I-3.09) in accordance

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	accessibility works (I-3C)		works and station accessibility works (step 1)							with Commission Regulation (EU) No 1300/2014 on at least 4 criteria: - high platforms (76cm); - platforms accessible through ramps or lifts; - tactile warning surface guiding system; and - at least one ticket vending machine accessible to persons with reduced mobility. And add 6 000 bicycle parking spaces.
104	Rail refurbishment and station accessibility works (I-3C)	T	Completion of rail refurbishment and modernisation works and station accessibility works (step 2)		Completed works	32	62	Q3	2023	Completion of 50 interventions to upgrade rail infrastructure (I-3.10), and make 12 stations accessible (I-3.09) in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 1300/2014 on at least 4 criteria: - high platforms (76cm); - platforms accessible through ramps or lifts; - tactile warning surface guiding system; and - at least one ticket vending machine accessible to persons with reduced mobility.
105	Rail refurbishment and station accessibility works (I-3C)	T	Delivery of rail refurbishment and modernisation works and station accessibility works (step 3)		Delivered works	62	90	Q2	2026	Delivery of 63 interventions to upgrade rail infrastructure, including inter alia: five interventions on Brussels Luxemburg axis (Eurocap rail – L162) and four interventions in the Brussels area (L50, L60, L161, L94 and the approach tracks of Brussels Midi station).

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										<p>Delivery of accessibility works in 27 stations (I-3.09), complying with the following 4 criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- high platforms (76cm);</li> <li>- platforms accessible through ramps or lifts;</li> <li>- tactile warning surface guiding system; and</li> <li>- at least one ticket vending machine accessible to persons with reduced mobility.</li> </ul> <p>9 000 bicycle parking spaces.</p>
106	Canal Albert and Triligiport (I-3.11)	M	Award of contracts for the works of the bridges over Canal Albert / extension of the platform at Triligiport	Written notification of contract awards				Q1	2025	Award of all contracts for the works for the extension of the multimodal platform of Triligiport in Liège and the 3 bridges above the Albert-Canal (Lanaye, Lixhe, and Hermalle-sous-Argenteau bridges).
107	Canal Albert and Triligiport (I-3.11)	T	Delivery of the works of the bridges over Canal Albert / extension of the platform at Triligiport		Number of works	0	4	Q2	2026	<p>Delivery of the following works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Extension of the multimodal platform of Triligiport in Liège</li> <li>(ii) increase the height of 2 bridges above the Albert-Canal (Lixhe and Hermalle-sous-Argenteau bridges) and install</li> </ul>

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										complementary signalling in one bridge above the Albert-Canal (Lanaye) to allow barges to transport freight of up to 9.1 m height (4 layers of freight)
108	Storage, analysis and visualization of mobility data on a digital platform (I-3D)	T	Setting up of mobility data use cases		Mobility use cases	0	15	Q1	2025	Setting up of 15 mobility data use cases on a digital platform allowing the storage, analysis and visualization of mobility data
109	Go Live of rail IT modules (I-3E)	T	Rail – Smart mobility		Modules	0	10	Q2	2026	Delivery of: - Infrabel traffic management system (1 module) - SNCB-NMBS Routeplanner (1 module) - SNCB-NMBS ticketing platform interoperable with other Belgian regional transport operators (8 modules)
110	Mobiliteits-budget (R-3.02)	M	Adoption of the mobility budget	Adoption of the mobility budget	-	-	-	Q3	2021	Adoption of the mobility budget.
111	SNCB/INFRA BEL Performance (R-3.01)	M	Approval of the new performance contracts of NMBS-SNCB and Infrabel and the pluri-annual investment plan, contract	Approval of contracts	-	-	-	Q2	2023	The new performance contract shall include provisions to ensure: - the timely execution of the works for the RER-GEN in line with the law adopting the inter-regional cooperation agreement on strategic railway investments (Annex Ia of the Loi portant assentiment à l'accord de coopération du

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										5 octobre 2018 entre l'Etat fédéral, la Région flamande, la Région wallonne et la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale relatif au financement des infrastructures ferroviaires stratégiques / Wet houdende instemming met het samenwerkingsakkoord van 5 oktober 2018 tussen de Federale Staat, het Vlaamse Gewest, het Waalse Gewest en het Brusselse Hoofdstedelijke Gewest betreffende de financiering van de strategische spoorweginfrastructuren, Moniteur belge – 11.03.2019 – Belgisch Staatsblad) - Right incentives for efficiency and service quality embedded in the contract - the completion of investments I-3.09 'Rail-Accessible and multimodal train stations - FED', I-3.10 'Rail – efficient network - FED' and I-3.12 'Rail – Smart mobility - FED', included in this component of the RRP
112	'Smart Mobility tools' of Brussels Capital Region (I-3H)	T	Smart Mobility tools are in operation		Cameras	0	159	Q3	2023	159 ANPR cameras are installed and in operation (I-3.15b). In addition, FLOYA application is in operation (I-3.15a).
113	Modal shift grants (I-3.14)	T	4 676 new modal shift grants awarded		Number	0	4 676	Q4	2024	4 676 new modal shift grants have been awarded.

## **I. COMPONENT 3.3: GREENING ROAD TRANSPORT**

The measures proposed under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim to support low-emission road transport.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3 to focus investment-related economic policy on sustainable transport, including upgrading rail infrastructure, the low carbon and energy transition [...] Tackle the growing mobility challenges, by reinforcing incentives and removing barriers to increase the supply and demand of collective and low emission transport and Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 to focus investment on the green and digital transition, in particular on infrastructure for sustainable transport.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **I.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-3F: ‘Charging stations’**

The objectives of the investment are to deploy electric charging stations. This measure is composed of the following three sub-measures:

- Reform R-3.04: ‘Charging stations - WAL’ of the Walloon Region
- Reform R-3.05: ‘Charging stations - RBC’ of the Brussels-Capital Region
- Investment I-3.19: ‘Charging stations - VLA’ of the Flemish Region

#### **Investment I-3G: ‘Greening the bus fleet’**

- Investment I-3.16: ‘Greening the bus fleet - VLA’ of the Flemish Region
- Investment I-3.17: ‘Greening the bus fleet - RBC’ of the Brussels-Capital Region
- Investment I-3.20: ‘Greening the bus fleet - WAL’ of the Walloon Region

#### **Reform R-3.03: ‘Zero-emission company cars -FED’ of the Federal State**

This reform consists in phasing-out the existing company car tax scheme to conventional cars and limiting it as from 2026 to electric cars. The reformed company car taxation scheme shall foresee: (1) No deductibility of conventional company cars acquired as from 2026 (2) a progressive reduction of the tax deductibility rate of conventional company cars, acquired between July 1st and 31 December 2025, to reach 0% by 2028, (3) a progressive reduction of the tax deductibility rate of zero-emission company cars to reach at most 67,5% by 2031, and (4) a tax deductibility of petrol and diesel fuel for hybrid company cars, acquired between 2023 and 2025, reduced to 50% by January 2023. Furthermore, (5) for conventional cars acquired from July 1st 2023, the CO<sub>2</sub> contribution shall rise at a rate of 2.25 from July 1st 2023 and increase progressively in 2025, 2026 to a factor of 5.50 in 2027. (6) For zero-emission company cars, acquired from July 1st 2023, the minimum solidarity contribution shall increase, starting from the year 2025, in such a way that, in the long run, for the average company car, the same amount of social security contributions shall be owed as is the case at the time of adoption of the plan. The reform, including the transition periods and implementation phases mentioned above, shall be adopted by 30 September 2021 and shall enter into force on 1 January 2023.

#### **Reform R-3.04: ‘Charging stations - WAL’ of the Walloon Region**

The aim of this reform is to increase the availability of electric vehicle charging stations. This reform consists in adopting a legislative framework and award of concessions for charging infrastructure in the Walloon Region.

Reform R-3.05: 'Charging stations - RBC' of the Brussels-Capital Region

This measure consists in adopting a legislative framework and award of concessions for charging infrastructure in the Brussels-Capital Region by 31 December 2023 and connecting 180 new public charging stations to the electric grid. This plan shall be in line with the Directive 2014/94/EU on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure. The decree specifying the security standards to be followed for installing off-street charging points in the Brussels-Capital Region shall be adopted by 1 March 2022 at the latest and enter into force by 31 July 2022. The implementation of the measure as a whole shall be completed by 30 June 2026.

Reform R-3.06: 'Stimulation zero-emission transport - VLA' of the Flemish Region

This measure consists in adopting a legislative framework to incentivise the deployment of public charging points through concessions and semi-public points through grants in the Flemish Region. The legislative framework shall enable the mapping of the future charging points, launch the concession tenders for public charging points, stimulate the deployment of semi-public charging points on private properties, reduce administrative burden to shorten the lead time for the installation of charging points and stimulate smart electricity charging to balance the supply and demand of electricity. The legislative framework shall enter into force by 1 January 2022.

Reform R-3.07: Enhancing Flemish vehicle emission monitoring framework

This reform aims to enhance the Flemish vehicle emission monitoring framework. It consists in adopting legal frameworks and creating a database which includes emission particle counter data. The reform shall enter into force by 31 August 2026.

Reform R-3.08: Reform of the Vehicle Circulation Tax of the Walloon Region

The reform consists in the entry into force of a legal act revising the Walloon government reform on the vehicle circulation tax of 2023. The aim of the reform is to reduce the level of taxation of electric vehicles and to improve the support coefficient for large and single-parent families when purchasing a vehicle.

Investment I-3.16: 'Greening the bus fleet - VLA' of the Flemish Region

The aim of this investment is to green the bus fleet in Flanders. This investment consists in the purchase or retrofit of hybrid and electric buses, as well as in the purchase of bus charging stations.

Investment I-3.17: 'Greening the bus fleet - BCR' of the Brussels-Capital Region

The aim of this investment is to green the bus fleet in Brussels-Capital Region. This investment consists in the purchase of electric buses.

Investment I-3.19: 'Charging stations - VLA' of the Flemish Region

The aim of this investment is to deploy charging points. This investment consists in making new charging points (public and semi-public) accessible throughout the Flemish Region.

Investment I-3.20: 'Greening the bus fleet - WAL' of the Walloon Region

The aim of this investment is to green the bus fleet in the Walloon Region. This investment consists in the purchase of electric buses and charging stations, and the construction of a bus depot for the electrical fleet.

Investment I-3.21: 'Charging infrastructure for busses' of the Brussels-Capital Region

The aim of this investment is to green the bus fleet in the Brussels-Capital Region. This investment consists in installing charging infrastructure for electric buses in Brussels-Capital Region.

**I.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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115	Greening the bus fleet –(I-3G)	T	Green buses delivered in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia and charging infrastructures delivered in Flanders		Vehicles and charging infrastructures	0	538	Q4	2025	Greening the bus fleet – VLA (i) 84 plug-in e-hybrid buses are delivered (ii) 80 plug-in hybrid buses are retrofitted (iii) 54 electric buses are delivered (iv) 273 Charging infrastructures are delivered Greening the bus fleet – BCR (v) Delivery of 33 articulated electric busses Greening the bus fleet – WAL (vi) Delivery of 14 articulated electric buses
115 b	Greening the bus fleet – (I-3G)	T	Green buses, charging infrastructures, and a bus depot delivered in Wallonia		Vehicles and charging infrastructures	538	591	Q2	2026	Greening the bus fleet – WAL (i) Delivery of 18 bi-articulated electric buses (ii) Installation of 32 ‘slow’ charging stations and 2 ‘fast’ charging stations (one in the bus depot, other in a terminal line) (iii) The bus depot is ready for use.
116	Stimulating zero-emission transport – VLA (R-3.06)	M	Adoption of a framework for the deployment of charging infrastructure in the Flemish Region	Adoption of the framework				Q4	2021	Adoption of a policy framework for the deployment of charging infrastructure in the Flemish Region. The policy framework shall enable to: - map the future charging points - launch the concession tenders for charging points on public domain - stimulate the deployment of (semi-) public charging points on private domain

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										- shorten the time line for the installation of charging points by reducing the administrative burden - stimulate smart electricity charging
117	Charging stations – VLA (I-3.19)	M	Award of concessions for charging infrastructure	Written notification of contract awards to successful candidates				Q2	2022	Award of concessions for charging infrastructure. The framework for the roll out of public charging infrastructure is ensured through concessions awarded by the Flemish government, while the roll out is left out to private operators.
118	Charging stations – RBC (R-3.05)	M	Adoption of a decree specifying the security standards and of an infrastructure delivery plan	Adoption of the decree specifying the security standards and of an infrastructure delivery plan				Q1	2022	Adoption of a decree specifying the security standards to be followed for installing off-street charging points in the Brussels-Capital Region, including a minimum ratio to be installed in each parking by 31 December 2025 at the latest. And adoption of an infrastructure delivery plan, that shall include: - A geographical distribution of public charging points to be installed in Brussels, that shall subsequently be updated - A target of public charging points to be installed over the period 2022-2024 - An installation plan for fast chargers in the city - An installation plan for off street charging infrastructure, discussed with all relevant stakeholders (such as public parking lots, retail sector, housing sector, office building sector).

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										This plan shall be in line with the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive.
119	Charging stations- WAL (R-3.04)	M	Adoption of a plan to deploy electric charging stations	Adoption of a plan to deploy electric charging stations				Q3	2022	Adoption of a plan for the deployment of charging stations, which shall include: - The number of charging points to be installed by 31 August 2026 - The procedures to deploy the infrastructure - The necessary basis to launch the calls for tender - The target for the number of public charging points equivalent (CPE) to be installed till 2026, which shall take into account of the indicative target of one CPE for ten electric vehicles.
120	Charging stations – FED (I-3.18)	M	Adoption of the tax incentive to install private and semi-public charging points	Adoption of the tax incentive				Q4	2021	Adoption of the tax incentive to install private and semi-public charging points.
121	Charging stations RBC (R-3.05)	T	New public charging stations connected to the electric grid		Charging stations	0	180	Q2	2023	Brussels-Capital Region (related to R-3.05): 180 new charging stations connected to the electric grid. Each charging station has two charging points.
122	Charging stations (I-3F)	T	New accessible semi-public and public charging points		Charging points	0	27 000	Q2	2025	Flemish Region (related to I-3.19): 27 000 new accessible charging points
124	Enhancing the Flemish vehicle	M	Adoption of the legal frameworks for a new particle	Adoption of the legal frameworks				Q1	2023	Adoption of:

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	emission monitoring framework (R-3.07)		counter test during inspections and for on-road vehicle emission monitoring.							- Legislation required to include as of July 2022 the new particle counter tests in periodic and non-periodic inspections; - Legislation to allow the use of data collected during on-road emissions monitoring to: supervise and enforce compliance with emission related technical vehicle requirements; to conduct research; and to summon owners of problematic vehicles to submit them to partial vehicle inspection
125	Enhancing the Flemish vehicle emission monitoring framework (R-3.07)	M	Particle counter database and Light Duty Vehicles roadside inspections	Entry into operation of the database; Entry into force of the legal framework				Q3	2026	Entry into operation of a database that integrates particle counter data derived from periodic inspection observations. Entry into force of the legal framework to introduce roadside inspections of Light Duty Vehicles.
254	Reform of the Vehicle Circulation Tax of the Walloon Region (R-3.08)	M	Entry into force of the legal act reforming the vehicle circulation tax	Entry into force of the legal act				Q2	2025	Entry into force of the legal act revising the Walloon government reform on the vehicle circulation tax of 2023. The legal act shall include the following provisions:  - Reducing the amount of the vehicle circulation tax for large and single-parent families when purchasing a vehicle; - Easing the tax burden on electric vehicles by reducing the tax level for 100% electric and carbon-neutral vehicles;

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										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Defining default values to allow taxation if data is missing;</li> <li>- Correcting the tax system for registered vintage cars, motorhomes, aircraft, boats, and drones.</li> </ul>
126	Zero-emission company cars (R-3.03)	M	Adoption of the law reforming the company car tax scheme	Adoption of the draft adaptation of the law reforming the company car tax scheme				Q3	2021	<p>Adoption by the federal parliament of a reformed company car taxation scheme in which new company cars need to be zero emission from 2026 onwards in order to benefit from the existing preferential scheme. The reformed company car taxation scheme shall foresee (1) No deductibility of conventional company cars acquired as from 2026 (2) a progressive reduction of the tax deductibility rate of conventional company cars, acquired between July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and 31 December 2025, to reach 0% by 2028, (3) a progressive reduction of the tax deductibility rate of zero-emission company cars to reach at most 67,5% by 2031, and (4) a tax deductibility of petrol and diesel fuel for hybrid company cars, acquired between 2023 and 2025, reduced to 50% as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Furthermore, (5) for conventional cars acquired from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, the CO<sub>2</sub> contribution shall rise at a rate of 2.25 from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and increase progressively in 2025, 2026 to a factor of 5.50 in 2027. (6) For zero-emission company cars, acquired from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, the minimum solidarity</p>

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										contribution shall increase, starting from the year 2025, in such a way that, in the long run, for the average company car, the same amount of social security contributions shall be owed as is the case at the time of submission of the Plan.
246	Charging infrastructure for busses - BCR (I-3.21)	T	Charging infrastructure installed		Number	0	66	Q2	2026	52 overnight chargers (each with 3 charging points) and 14 opportunity charging stations (with the respective electrical infrastructure) shall be installed in two bus depots and in two bus line terminals.

## **J. COMPONENT 4.1: EDUCATION 2.0**

The measures proposed under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim at improving the inclusiveness of education systems while strengthening their performance to ensure that the competences taught better match those required in the labour market.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.2 to improve the performance and inclusiveness of the education and training systems and address skills mismatches.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **J.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### Reform R-4.01: ‘Digisprong’ of the Flemish Community

This reform consists of actions related to four pillars: (1) ICT education, media literacy and computational thinking reforms, (2) promoting effective ICT school policies, by strengthening the role of ICT coordinators, (3) digitally skilled teachers and trainers for teachers and (4) creation of a knowledge and advisory centre to support schools in digitalising their educational provision. The legislation on the new ICT framework for compulsory education in Flanders shall enter into force by 31 December 2023.

#### Reform R-4.02: ‘Higher education advancement fund’ of the Flemish Community

This reform aims at delivering a vision paper on the following three objectives: (1) create a future-proof and flexible offer in Flemish higher education institutions, (2) further development of lifelong learning in higher education and (3) making the most of digital forms of education. Concretely, a vision note shall (i) define a new profile for higher education in Flanders to ensure that higher education institutions are state of the art and (ii) develop a vision on lifelong learning. The vision paper shall be endorsement by the Minister of education and training of the Flemish government by 31 December 2023.

#### Reform R-4.03: Legal acts to reduce early school leaving and absenteeism and address permanent exclusions of the French Community

This reform aims at reducing early school leaving. This reform consists of adopting legal acts to reduce early school leaving and absenteeism among pupils in primary schools and address permanent exclusions.

#### Investment I-4.01: ‘Digisprong’ of the Flemish Community

This investment consists of the two following elements: (1) provide all schools with a digital device for each student and (2) provide teachers with effective learning tools and training to improve their digital skills. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2022.

#### Investment I-4.02: ‘Higher education advancement fund’ of the Flemish Community

This investment consists of (1) the creation of a future-proof and flexible offer in Flemish higher education institutions, (2) the further development of lifelong learning in higher education and (3) supporting the sustainable implementation of new digital forms of education. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2023.

#### Investment I-4.03: ‘Personalised guidance in compulsory education’ of the French Community

This investment is developed to respond to the psychosocial, educational and pedagogical problems of pupils in primary and secondary schools and to combat the spread of the phenomena of educational disadvantage and early school leaving, as a result of COVID-19. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2022.

Investment I-4.04: ‘Digital strategy for higher education and adult learning’ of the French Community

This investment aims at digitally equipping higher education and adult learning institutions. It consists of awarding grants for digital equipment to higher education and adult learning institutions.

Investment I-4.05: ‘Digital turnaround for Brussels schools’ of the Brussels-Capital Region

This investment aims at improving the performance of the education systems. This investment consists of providing (1) ICT devices and (2) WIFI access points to Brussels schools.

Investment I-4.06: ‘Digital transformation of education’ of the German-speaking community

The objective of the investment is to equip all teachers and secondary school students with laptops. The equipment of teachers takes place on a voluntary basis: only those teachers who have requested a laptop shall be equipped with a laptop. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 30 June 2026.

Investment I-4: ‘Provision of digital equipment and IT infrastructure to schools’

This investment aims at providing digital equipment and IT infrastructure to schools.

The investment is composed of the following sub measures/ actions:

- Investment I-4.01: ‘Digisprong’ of the Flemish Community
- Investment I-4.06: ‘Digital transformation of education’ of the German-speaking community

## **J.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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127	Digisprong (R-4.01)	M	Adoption of new ICT framework for compulsory education in Flanders	Adoption of new legislation by the Flemish Parliament to improve the ICT framework				Q4	2023	Adoption by the Flemish Parliament of the new legislation to improve the current ICT framework on two aspects: - the role of ICT coordinators in schools - and the ICT minimum goals. The legislation shall allow to (i) strengthen the role of ICT coordinators in all levels of education and ensure better supervision on ICT policy in schools through the amendment of decree 31 and (ii) ratify the minimum goals for the 2nd and 3rd stage of secondary education.
128	Higher education advancement Fund (R-4.02)	M	Vision paper for a future oriented, agile, and digital higher education	Adoption of a vision note by the Flemish government				Q4	2023	Endorsement by the Minister of education and training of a vision note by the Flemish government laying out the profile for higher education and life-long learning in Flanders. The new text aims at setting the vision to develop a Flemish high education portfolio that is future-proof and agile. It shall be elaborated in consultation with a broad spectrum of stakeholders including higher education institutions, the professional field, and social partners. Concretely, it shall (i) define a new profile for higher education in Flanders to ensure that higher education institutions are state of the art and (ii) develop a vision on lifelong learning.

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129	Legal acts to reduce early school leaving and absenteeism and address permanent exclusions (R-4.03)	M	Legal acts against early school leaving	Entry into force of legal acts				Q2	2024	Entry into force of legal acts (1) to reduce early school leaving and absenteeism among pupils in primary school and (2) to address permanent exclusions and establish inter-network chambers to hear appeals against permanent exclusion decisions.
131	Provision of digital equipment and IT infrastructure to schools (I-4)	T	Equipping schools / institutions with adequate ICT devices and infrastructure to improve the overall performance of education systems		Number of schools / Institutions receiving funds	0	3 828	Q4	2022	3 828 schools and/or educational institutions in Belgium have received funds to upgrade of ICT infrastructure, including: - Flemish community (I-4.01): 3 785 compulsory education schools - German-speaking community (I-4.06): 43 compulsory education schools.
133	Digital strategy for higher education and adult learning (I-4.04)	T	Award of grants for digital equipment		Grants awarded	0	77	Q2	2026	Grants for digital equipment have been awarded to 77 institutions of higher education and adult learning.
134	Higher Education Advancement Fund (I-4.02)	T	Improving Higher Education offering in Flanders to		Number of higher education institutions	0	7	Q4	2023	7 higher education institutions have benefitted from the Higher Education Advancement Fund. Through the Higher Education Advancement Fund, higher education

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			make it more future-proof and agile		who received funds					institutions, based on analyses of training portfolios, shall draw up action plans to adjust and reduce the existing offerings and, where necessary, create new ones. In addition, attention shall be paid to adapting programs, based on the requirements of the labour market and society. All Flemish higher education institutions shall be eligible to suggest and submit projects under this call for projects. However participation in this call is not obligatory for higher education institutions, nor is submitting a plan a guarantee of acceptance.
135	Personalised guidance in compulsory education (I-4.03)	M	Adoption of a new decree framework that sets the terms of intervention of the system	Adoption by the Parliament of the French Community of the decree framework that sets the terms of intervention of the system				Q3	2021	Adoption by the Parliament of the French Community of a new decree framework, regulating a transitional system including provisions related to: (1) the granting of resources to schools in connection with differentiation-remediation strategies and the fight against dropping out of school, (2) the modification of PR-FPO/WBE contracts in the context of the crisis and (3) the missions of the CPMS in the context of the crisis.
136	Personalised guidance in compulsory education (I-4.03)	T	Deployment of a reinforced support mechanism for students in need		Schools (and CPMS) benefiting from support and coaching	0	531	Q4	2022	Deployment of additional resources (such as teachers, educators, psychological support staff) to support 531 schools/CPMS based on identified needs.

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137	Digital turnaround for Brussels schools (I-4.05)	T	Equipping schools / institutions with adequate ICT devices and infrastructure to improve the overall performance of education systems		ICT devices and WIFI hotspots installed in schools	900	2 200	Q4	2021	2 200 ICT devices (such as laptops, tablets, interactive dashboards) and WIFI access points shall be installed in Brussels schools. The distribution shall be based on the needs of schools (with a focus on schools with a lower socio-economic index)
138	Digital turnaround for Brussels schools (I-4.05)	T	Equipping schools with ICT devices and WIFI access points		ICT devices and WIFI access points	2 200	3 500	Q4	2024	3 500 ICT devices and WIFI access points shall be delivered in Brussels schools.

## **K. COMPONENT 4.2: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF VULNERABLE GROUPS**

The measures proposed under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim at strengthening the social and labour market integration of vulnerable groups, including people with a migrant background, women, people with disabilities, prisoners and people at risk of digital exclusion. Several of the measures aim at fostering digital inclusion and enhancing access to essential services, such as e-government, by combining the provision of digital equipment with training in digital skills.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.2 on strengthening the labour market integration of vulnerable groups and to Country Specific Recommendation 2020.2 on the mitigation of the employment and social impact of the crisis.

### **K.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-4.04: ‘Tackling discrimination at the labour market’ of the Federal State**

The reform aims at tackling discrimination at the labour market and consists of (1) improving the regulatory framework of discrimination tests (2) publishing a law establishing a department within the Federal Public Service for Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue responsible for monitoring diversity and for establishing sectoral fact sheets relating to the employment structure of each sector of activity and (3) training for social law monitoring services of the Federal Public Service for Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue in order to improve the effectiveness of discriminatory tests. The adapted regulatory framework on discrimination tests shall enter into force by 1 January 2024.

#### **Reform R-4.05: ‘Re-qualification strategy’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

The reform aims at promoting the sustainable integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market. This reform consists of the entry into force of legal acts and the inclusion of strategic indicators in the 2023-2027 management contract of Actiris.

#### **Reform R-4.06: ‘An inclusive labour market’ of Flemish Community**

The reform aims at integrating disadvantaged groups into the labour market and consists of (1) revising legislation to foster the integration of migrants into the labour market and (2) addenda on non-discrimination and inclusion, added to sector covenants. The implementation of the reform shall be completed by 31 December 2023.

#### **Investment I-4.07: ‘Re-qualification strategy’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

The investment aims at promoting the sustainable integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market. It consists of (1) introducing a systematic language and digital skills assessment of jobseekers, (2) providing ‘emergency’ childcare for parents that were recruited or follow a training and (3) supporting social innovation projects.

#### **Investment I-4.08: ‘E-inclusion for Belgium’ of the Federal State**

The investment aims at fostering the social and economic integration of vulnerable groups into society by improving their digital skills. The investment consists of a call for projects to support the digital inclusion of vulnerable groups. Projects shall aim at either (1) raising awareness for vulnerable target groups to get acquainted with relevant ICT in order to improve their personal situation and strengthen social integration, (2) improving the digital skills of vulnerable target groups in order to improve their personal situation and strengthen social integration, or (3) improving the digital skills of the caregivers of vulnerable target groups. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 30 June 2024.

#### **Investment I-4.09: ‘Digital platform for prisoners’ of the Federal State**

The investment aims at fostering the social and economic integration of prisoners into society through digital services. The investment consists of rolling out a digital platform within prisons including digital modules related to digital communication, e-learning, translation, encyclopedia.

Investment I-4.10: 'Gender and work' of the Federal State

The investment aims at analysing gender inequality on the labour market and promoting the integration of women into the labour market. The investment consists of launching a call for projects focused on the integration of vulnerable women on the labour market. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2024.

Investment I-4.11: 'Digibanks' of Flemish Region

The investment aims at promoting the social and economic integration of vulnerable groups by fostering their digital inclusion at municipal level. The investment consists of (1) ensuring equal access to digital technology, (2) providing training and knowledge sharing to strengthen digital skills and (3) providing digital access to essential services. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2022

**K.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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139	Re-qualification strategy (R-4.05)	M	Legal acts to promote integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market	Publication of legal acts in the Official Journal				Q4	2024	Entry into force of legal acts (1) introducing a systematic digital and language skills assessment for jobseekers and (2) introducing a bonus for employers to recruit job seekers with disabilities. Include strategic indicators, such as the exit rate ( <i>taux de sortie vers l'emploi</i> ), for which Actiris, Bruxelles Formation and VDAB Brussel share responsibility, in the 2023-2027 management contract of Actiris.
140	Tackling discrimination at the labour market (R-4.04)	M	Adapted regulatory framework and improved application of discriminatory tests	Publication of the adapted regulatory framework in the Official Journal				Q4	2023	(1) Publication in the Official Journal of the adapted regulatory framework on discriminatory tests (art.42/1 Social Criminal Code), (2) Publication in the Official Journal of a law establishing a department within the FPS Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue responsible for monitoring diversity and for establishing sectoral fact sheets relating to the employment structure of each sector of activity and (3) Training for social law monitoring services of the Federal Public Service for Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue in order to improve the effectiveness of discriminatory tests.

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141	An inclusive labour market (R-4.06)	T	Completion of sectoral non-discrimination actions		Sectors	0	37	Q1	2023	(1) Entry into force of the revised Flemish integration decree to foster the integration of migrants into the labour market; (2) 37 professional sectors implement action plans on non-discrimination (see Addenda non-discrimination and inclusion 2021-2022). The Flemish government evaluates the implementation of each sectoral action plan.
143	Re-qualification strategy (I-4.07)	M	Award of grants related to social innovation initiatives	Written notification of contract awards to successful candidates				Q2	2023	Award of grants by the Public Employment Services to social innovation initiatives.
144	Re-qualification strategy (I-4.07)	T	Language and digital skills counselling of jobseekers		Jobseekers	0	6 000	Q4	2024	6 000 jobseekers have benefited from digital and language skills counselling, including training advice.
146	E-inclusion for Belgium (I-4.08)	T	Award of grants		Grants awarded	0	15	Q2	2024	Award of 15 grants by the competent body and the PPS Social Integration to the projects matching the criteria of the call for projects E-INCLUSION FOR BELGIUM. Projects shall aim at (1) raising awareness for vulnerable target groups to get acquainted with relevant ICT in order to improve their personal situation and strengthen social

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										integration, (2) improving the digital skills of vulnerable target groups in order to improve their personal situation and strengthen social integration, and (3) improving the digital skills of the caregivers of vulnerable target groups.
147	Digital platform for prisoners (I-4.09)	T	Roll-out of digital platform		Prisons	0	36	Q2	2026	Roll-out in 36 prisons of a digital platform, including digital modules, related to digital communication, e-learning, translation, encyclopaedia.
148	Gender and work (I-4.10)	T	Signature of grant agreements		Grants	0	18	Q4	2024	Signature of 18 grant agreements following the call for projects “Bread and Roses”.
149	Digibanks (I-4.11)	T	Signature of partnerships to promote digital inclusion		Municipalities	0	100	Q4	2022	Signature of a Digibank partnership by 100 municipalities in Flanders with the Department of Work and Social Economy of Flanders aiming at (1) ensuring equal access to digital technology; (2) strengthening digital skills through training and knowledge sharing; (3) procuring digital access to essential services.

## **L. COMPONENT 4.3: SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

The measures under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan pursue two objectives:

- increasing the supply of social housing to provide vulnerable groups (homeless, persons with disabilities or loss of autonomy) decent housing conditions, as part of a deinstitutionalisation strategy;
- improving the coverage in early childcare, in particular for vulnerable households in Wallonia, including women and single parents with low-income.

As such, this component aims at providing vulnerable groups with infrastructure to facilitate their integration in the labour market and more broadly in society.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.2 on disincentives to work and strengthening the labour market integration of vulnerable groups and to Country Specific Recommendation 2020.2 on mitigating the employment and social impact of the crisis.

### **L.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-4.12: 'Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons' of the Walloon Region**

This investment aims at increasing the number of public utility housing units (low-rent housing, inclusive and solidarity-based housing, as well as accommodation places for poorly-housed groups). The investment consists of creating public utility housing units and of equipping homes of vulnerable people with remote assistance boxes.

#### **Investment I-4.13: 'Creation and renovation of early childcare infrastructure' of the Walloon Region**

The investment aims at improving the coverage in early childcare in the Walloon Region. The investment consists of creating childcare places.

**L.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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150	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	M	Walloon Strategy for deinstitutionalisation (Walloon health policy)	Endorsement by the Walloon Government of a Walloon strategy for deinstitutionalisation				Q4	2021	Endorsement of a strategy of the Walloon Region on deinstitutionalisation in the context of the Walloon Health Policy, in particular for the elderly and people with disabilities: (1) specifying the concept of deinstitutionalisation, (2) establishing criteria for institutionalisation and de-institutionalisation, (3) providing a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the de-institutionalisation initiated by the host and accommodation institutions, (4) drawing up a state of play on the provision of services (5) and making recommendations for the operationalisation of the strategy.
151	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	T	Award of part of the works		Housing units	0	280	Q2	2024	Award of works contracts by operators for 280 of low-rent housing units.
152	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	T	Installation of remote assistance boxes for vulnerable people		Remote assistance boxes installed	0	5 000	Q3	2025	5 000 remote assistance boxes installed in the homes of vulnerable people, that is, people aged 65 or over, people with disability, recipients of APA (allocation pour l'Aide aux Personnes Âgées) or recipients of SAFA (Service d'Aide aux Familles et aux Aînés).

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153	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	T	Housing units ready to be occupied		Number of purchase, newly built or renovated housing units	0	1 212	Q3	2026	1 212 public utility housing units (low-rent housing, inclusive and solidarity-based housing, as well as accommodation places for poorly-housed groups) purchased, newly built or renovated are ready to be occupied.
154	Building and renovation of early childcare infrastructure (I-4.13)	T	Award of works contracts for project promoters		Childcare places	0	255	Q4	2023	Award of works contracts by operators (crèches) for 15 % of the newly created childcare places, i.e. 255.
155	Building and renovation of early childcare infrastructure (I-4.13)	T	Opening of childcare places		Number of created or renovated childcare places	0	1 700	Q3	2026	1 700 new childcare places have been created in level 2 childcare facilities. New childcare places are created as a result of the construction of new buildings, purchase of new infrastructure, renovation of existing buildings or of the opening of additional new places in existing Office of Birth and Childhood ( <i>'Office de la naissance et de l'enfance'</i> ) facilities.

## **M. COMPONENT 4.4: END OF CAREER AND PENSIONS**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aims at providing a policy response to the challenges of the pension system in terms of social adequacy and fiscal sustainability.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.1 to ensure the fiscal sustainability of the pension system.

### **M.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-4.07: ‘End of career and pensions’ of the Federal State**

This reform aims at (1) making the pension system future-proof, (2) improving the financial sustainability of the social security system and of public finances, (3) increase the solidarity role of the pension system, (4) strengthen the ‘insurance principle’, (5) introducing a ‘gender test’, (6) ensuring the convergence between and within different pension systems, (7) improving the efficiency of the administrative services dealing with pensions. The legislation to reform the pension regime shall be adopted, being understood that it may provide for reasonable transition periods for certain provisions.

To involve stakeholders, the federal government plans to organise a conference on employment in 2021 with a focus on “career ends”.

**M.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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156	Pension and end of career (R-4.07)	M	Action plan based on output of the employment conference	Livestreaming (and its recording) of employment conference debates and proposed action plan put on the agenda of the federal Council of Ministers				Q2	2022	Livestreaming (and its recording) of the Employment conference debates by the administration (SPF ETCS). A proposed action plan for raising employment rate of employees approaching their ends of career, based on a mapping of existing relevant federal measures, drafted by the federal ministry of labour, and the input from social partners, regions and other stakeholders before and during the conference is drafted and put on the agenda of the Council of Ministers. The objective of this action plan is to be translated in concrete regulatory proposals (legislative or administrative) to be adopted by the federal authorities (if needed the federal parliament).
157	Pension and end of career (R-4.07)	M	Pension reform proposal	Reform proposal adopted by the Council of Ministers of the federal government				Q4	2021	Proposal adopted by the Council of Ministers of the federal government to reform the pension regime, which shall include the following elements: (i) Measures to improve the financial and social sustainability of the pension system; (ii) Measures to incentivize people to remain active on the labour market after meeting early retirement conditions; (iii) Measures to increase its solidarity role to ensure a decent minimum pension, its insurance role, gender balance, taking into account the

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										overall pension regime financial and social sustainability improvement objective; (iv) Measures to ensure convergence between and within the different systems.
158	Pension and end of career (R-4.07)	M	Adoption of the pension reform	Adoption by the federal Parliament of the legislation to reform the pension system				Q2	2024	Adoption of the legislation to reform the pension regime by the federal Parliament. The legislation shall include the following elements: (i) Measures to improve the financial and social sustainability of the pension system; (ii) Measures to incentivize people to remain active on the labour market after meeting early retirement conditions; (iii) Measures to increase its solidarity role to ensure a decent minimum pension, its insurance role, gender balance, taking into account the overall pension regime financial and social sustainability improvement objective; (iv) Measures to ensure convergence between and within the different systems.

## **N. COMPONENT 5.1: TRAINING AND LABOUR MARKET**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan is composed of measures aiming at increasing the employment rate while ensuring an inclusive labour market. The measures consist in equipping the workforce with skills corresponding to current and future labour market needs, including green and digital transitions, and increasing labour market participation through training, activation and coaching, but also by tackling employment traps and making work pay.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.2 to reduce skills mismatches and to Country Specific Recommendation 2020.2 to mitigate the employment and social impact of the crisis.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **N.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-5.01: ‘A6K/E6K Digital and Technological Innovation and Training Hub’ of the Walloon Region**

The measure aims to support digital and technological innovation and education. The investment consists of the renovation and construction of buildings hosting the centres A6K and E6K.

#### **Investment I-5.02: ‘EU Biotech Campus’ of the Walloon Region**

The measure aims to support strategic and economic sectors in Wallonia such as Biotech, Re-industrialisation or Defence sectors through advanced and digital training programmes. The measure consists of the construction and equipment of an EU Biotech Campus in Wallonia.

#### **Investment I-5.03: ‘Upgrading of advanced training infrastructure’ of the Walloon Region**

The measure aims to support skills development in Wallonia. The measure consists of the construction, renovation and/or equipment of buildings for training and employment services.

#### **Investment I-5.04: ‘Learning and career offensive’ of the Flemish Region**

The measure aims to boost training and life-long learning. The measure consists of providing support to enterprises for competence checks, innovation strategy and training.

#### **Investment I-5.05: ‘Strategy for relaunching the labour market’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

The measure aims to implement a labour market recovery strategy in the Brussels-Capital Region. The measure consists of providing support to job seekers or workers in the form of training, screening, or testing.

#### **Investment I-5.06: ‘Digital skills’ of the Flemish Region**

The measure aims to promote digital transformation in Flanders. The measure consists of making digital tools and services available for citizens, employers and the Flemish Public Employment Service (VDAB) partners.

#### **Investment I-5.07: ‘Digital lifelong learning’ of the Walloon Region**

The investment measure aims to strengthen digital training in Wallonia. The measure consists of constructing or renovating, or transferring to the beneficiary via a long-term real estate use agreement, buildings equipped for digital training.

#### Reform R-5.01: ‘Limitation of Unemployment Benefits over Time and Enhanced Degressive Structure of Unemployment Benefits’ of the Federal State

The reform measure comprises two strands: Entry into force of the legal act that (i) limits unemployment benefits to a maximum of 24 months, and (ii) enhances the degressive structure of unemployment benefits.

#### Reform R-5.03: ‘Learning account’ of the Federal State

The reform measure consist in three parts. The measure aims (i) to grant an individual right to training to each worker; (ii) to develop tax advantages for companies which provide employees with more hours of training than those already provided for by law and (iii) to remove, in consultation with the federated entities, obstacles to participation in training for workers in temporary unemployment. The implementation of the reform shall be completed by 31 December 2023.

In order to grant each worker an individual right to training (i), an amendment to the Act of 5 March 2017 on workable and manageable work is envisaged. Under the current legislation, it is necessary to ensure at cross-industry level that each worker is entitled to an average of five days of training (or the equivalent number of hours) per year. The ambition of the reform is to achieve an individual right to training for each employee before the end of the parliamentary term. Enterprises with fewer than 10 employees and enterprises with fewer than 20 employees remain, mutatis mutandis, subject to exceptions or derogations.

For (ii) the reform entered into force on 1 January 2021 as set out in Section 4 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Programme Law of 20 December 2020 published in the Official journal on 30 December 2020. Tax advantages take the form of an exemption from the payment of advance tax for employees who have completed a training course of at least 10 days in an uninterrupted period of 30 calendar days (for enterprises with shift or night work for an uninterrupted period of 60 calendar days; for small enterprises, the threshold is 5 days in an uninterrupted period of 75 calendar days).

In order to remove obstacles to participation in training for workers in temporary unemployment (iii) the reform establishes the obligation for the workers in long-term or structural temporary unemployment to be registered in the competent regional service.

The amendment to the Act of 5 March 2017 on workable and manageable work shall enter into force by 1 January 2022.

#### Reform R-5.04: ‘Life-long learning’ of the Flemish Community

The reform measure shall pave the way towards an individual learning and career account which shall make all training incentives clearly visible together in a single central place so that citizens know clearly their learning rights and the available support. Social partners and Flemish government shall agree on a vision paper, setting out how a learning and career account shall be introduced in Flanders, taking into consideration the need to increase transparency to citizens, better inclusion of vulnerable groups and ensuring alignment with digital learning account platform set up at the federal level. The vision paper shall be delivered by 30 June 2022.

#### Reform R-5.05: ‘Reform of support to jobseekers in Wallonia’ of the Walloon Region

The reform measures aim to improve the efficiency of activation of jobseekers in Wallonia by adapting the decree relating to coaching and solutions-oriented support for job seekers. The new coaching and solutions-oriented support for job seekers aims to support all job seekers, to capitalize on all the information available, to verify skills upon registration and optimise collaborations between the Walloon public employment service (Forem) and support partners. The reform shall take advantage of efficient digital tools making it possible to manage distance and / or face-to-face career paths for the most independent job seekers while strengthening face-to-face support for those most in need of support. The decree relating to coaching and solutions-oriented support for job seekers shall

be adopted by 30 September 2021 and enter into force ten days after its publication in the Official Journal.

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159	A6K/E6K Digital and Technological Innovation and Training Hub (I-5.01)	M	Activity developed through A6K-E6K	Report on business steps completed delivered by the steering committee				Q1	2023	Report on business development steps completed for the establishment of the Digital and Technological Innovation and Training Hub: development of the incubation offer by setting up a venture builder, development of digital training offer, call for projects for start-ups completed, technological demonstrators and infrastructure linked to collaborative and projects operational.
160	Upgrading of advanced training infrastructure (I-5.03)	T	Buildings and equipment		m <sup>2</sup>	0	8 935	Q4	2025	8 935 m <sup>2</sup> of buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technocité – purchase and fitting out of building(s)</li> <li>- Forem infrastructure – construction of building(s)</li> <li>- Centre des Ecotechnologies – Mons – construction, fitting out and equipment of building(s)</li> </ul>
161	EU Biotech Campus (I-5.02)	T	Building and equipment		m <sup>2</sup>	0	5 500	Q3	2025	5 500 m <sup>2</sup> of building equipped with virtual reality modules, a STEM immersion room, digital twin equipment, digital equipment for learning rooms and a robotized production line.
162	A6K/E6K Digital and Technological Innovation and Training Hub (I-5.01)	T	Finalisation of A6K-E6K renovation and extension		m <sup>2</sup>	5 000	25 000	Q2	2026	25 000 m <sup>2</sup> of renovated and constructed buildings.
163	Upgrading of advanced training	T	Buildings and equipment		m <sup>2</sup>	8 935	35 574	Q2	2026	Additional 26 639 m <sup>2</sup> of buildings, making a total of 35 574 m <sup>2</sup> :

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	infrastructure (I-5.03)									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aptaskil – construction, fitting out and equipment of building(s).</li> <li>- ‘Ecocentre de formation’ in Belgrade – construction and fitting out of building(s)</li> <li>- Technifutur – renovation, fitting out and equipment of building(s)</li> <li>- ‘Centre des Ecotechnologies’ in Jemappes – construction, fitting out and equipment of building(s).</li> </ul>
164	Learning and career offensive (I-5.04)	T	Support for training leaves and online training offer in Flanders		Number of enrolments in online training / training leave rights made use of	0	307 500	Q4	2022	Since 2021, 307 500 training leaves were made use of or enrolments in online training offer were registered.
165	Learning and career-offensive (I-5.04)	T	Support to enterprises in Flanders via competency checks and calls for projects		Enterprises	0	357	Q4	2024	357 enterprises have benefitted from support through one of the following projects: (i) Competence Checks for SMEs. (ii) Call ‘open innovation strategic transformation’ for social economy enterprises. (iii) Call ‘future-oriented training to support the most vulnerable groups in the social economy’ for social economy enterprises.
166	Strategy for relaunching the labour market focused on the efficiency and optimisation of	T	Activation support to job seekers and workers in the Brussels		Persons	0	600	Q4	2024	600 people received support in the form of training, screening, or testing for retraining or redirecting towards occupations in shortage.

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	activation and training policies (I-5.05)		Capital Region							
167	Learning and career-offensive (I-5.04)	M	Support to the temporary unemployed in Flanders	VDAB Report delivered attesting of the outreach effort				Q4	2022	All persons temporarily unemployed since 01/01/2021 shall be contacted by the Flemish Public Employment Service (VDAB) to enrol in a training, internship, temporary job or volunteering job.
168	Life-long learning of the Flemish Community (R-5.04)	M	Vision paper on learning and career account in Flanders	Publication of agreement by the Government				Q2	2022	Agreement between social partners and Flemish government on vision paper, setting out how a learning and career account shall be introduced in Flanders, taking into consideration the need to increase transparency to citizens, better inclusion of vulnerable groups and ensuring alignment with digital learning account platform set up at the federal level.
169	Digital Skills (I-5.06)	T	Development of e-learning offer in Flanders		E-learning projects	0	37	Q4	2022	37 e-learning projects are approved, launched and completed following a call for project.
170	Digital Skills (I-5.06)	M	Digital tools and services to citizens, employers and the Flemish Public Employment Service (VDAB) partners	Management and policy monitoring report of VDAB and Department WSE				Q4	2024	Following digital tools and services are available for citizens, employers or VDAB partners in Flanders: 1. Digital career platform for citizens. 2. Digital employer counter of VDAB and digital partner platform. 3. Digital employer counter of Department WSE. 4. Department WSE open data platform with datasets.
171	Digital lifelong learning (I-5.07)	M	Buildings equipped for	Projects delivered				Q2	2026	ICT equipment is available in 39 immersive training spaces.

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			digital skills training							<p>Training programs that include basic digital skills or IT skills, are available.</p> <p>6 000 m<sup>2</sup> of buildings constructed or renovated, or transferred to the beneficiary via a long-term real estate use agreement, equipped for digital skills training, with 1 500m<sup>2</sup> equipped as a re-engineering &amp; STEM platform.</p>
172	Learning account (R-5.03)	M	Federal reform developing individual entitlement to training for employees.	Publication in official journal				Q4	2021	Based on dialogue between social partners and the federal Government, adoption of the revision of the law of 5 March 2017 on feasible and manageable work introducing a pathway ensuring that from 2024, all workers are entitled to an average of 5 days of training per year.
173	Learning account (R-5.03)	M	Federal reform creating incentives for companies to provide training	Publication in official journal				Q1	2021	Adoption of the Programme Law of 20 December 2020 by the Parliament, establishing a partial exemption (11,75%) from payment of withholding tax for workers following a training of at least 10 days.
174	Learning account (R-5.03)	M	Reform establishing compulsory registration in the public	Provisions in the decree indicating the entry into force				Q4	2023	Entry into force of the decree establishing the obligation for the workers in long-term or structural temporary unemployment to be registered in the competent regional service.

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			employment service							
175	Limitation of unemployment benefits over time and enhanced degressive structure of unemployment benefits (R- 5.01)	M	Federal reform of unemployment benefits	Provision indicating the entry into force of the legal act				Q4	2025	Entry into force of the legal act that limits the duration of unemployment benefits to a maximum of 24 months and enhances the degressive structure of unemployment benefits.
177	Reform of support to jobseekers in Wallonia (R- 5.05)	M	Reform of support for jobseekers in Wallonia	Publication in official journal				Q3	2021	Adoption by the Parliament of Wallonia of the decree relating to coaching and solutions-oriented support for job seekers.

## **O. COMPONENT 5.2: SUPPORTING ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilient plan is aimed at contributing to the economic recovery and facilitating the transition to a greener and more digitalised economy by focussing resources on innovation and support to promising sectors. The measures brought together under this component have three more specific objectives:

- supporting the development of activities which offer promising opportunities in terms of adding value to and enhancing the value of the territory;
- advancing and supporting research and innovation in order to develop the country's future economic potential and to ensure its excellence and competitiveness;
- encouraging the implementation of more efficient production processes based in particular on emerging technologies.

In this component, particular attention is dedicated to SMEs, which make up the bulk of Belgium's economic fabric and have been particularly affected by the economic crisis.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3 in that it calls for focusing on research and innovation and on the low carbon and energy transition and to Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 calling for improving the business environment, front-loading public investment projects and promoting private investment to foster economic recovery.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **O.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-5.08: 'Nuclear medicine' of the Federal State**

This investment aims to ensure future sufficient availability the <sup>177</sup>Lu and <sup>225</sup>Ac radioisotopes within nuclear medicine for cancer treatment. It consists of supporting the construction of the infrastructure necessary to ensure an increase in the supply of <sup>177</sup>Lu, and delivery of a report exploring the feasibility of production of radioisotope <sup>225</sup>Ac.

#### **Investment I-5.10: 'R&D: Minimization of waste during dismantling' of the Federal State**

This investment aims at scaling up Belgian expertise to minimise the amount of radioactive waste produced during the eventual decommissioning of nuclear power plants. It consists of the construction of a Material Treatment facility.

#### **Investment I-5.11: 'Strengthen R&D' of the Flemish Region**

This investment aims at boosting innovation of Flanders' economic operators through R&D&I, with a particular focus on three areas: digitalisation, sustainability and health. Two different axes are foreseen. A first axis consists of R&D&I projects with a focus on sustainable, digital and health related activities involving companies or institutions not focused on business activities (for example hospitals, universities, research centres). The second axis consists of R&D&I support to companies.

The RRF shall support part of the costs of this investment. This investment may also receive support from other Union programmes or instruments for costs that are not supported by the RRF.

#### **Investment I-5.12: 'Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms' of the Walloon Region**

This investment aims at supporting the development of the agricultural sector. It consists of creation of small-scale infrastructure to support the food chains and the construction of two logistic hubs with renewable energy infrastructure and the construction of critical infrastructure.

#### **Investment I-5.13: 'Digitisation of the Walloon tourism sector' of the Walloon Region**

The objective of this investment is to digitalise the tourism industry in the Walloon Region. The project aims at supporting the on-line presence of touristic operators .

Investment I-5.19: Equity injection into Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV) to support companies active in the field of biotechnology

This measure aims at supporting the growth potential of the economy in Belgium or any other European Union member state by structurally adjusting the level of public support available to address market failures and inefficiencies within the economy. The measure shall consist of an equity injection of EUR 39 821 020 into Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV).

PMV shall adopt a new investment policy for the use of the additional equity. The investment policy shall include the following elements:

- a. a description of the financial product offered by PMV i.e. an equity participation, potentially taking the form of equity, convertible loans, quasi-equity, hybrid-debt equity such as deeply subordinated loans with profit participations, shareholder loans, shareholder guarantees, mezzanine finance, venture loans, warrants or other forms of equity kickers offering equity-type risk;
- b. the expected type of eligible final beneficiaries of PMV i.e. companies active in the field of biotechnology including in the area of red and green biotechnology;
- c. the targeted term of the investments by PMV is between 5 and 15 years;
- d. PMV shall use for the additional equity the same audit and control system that was positively assessed by the Commission in accordance with Article 157 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.

The Investment Policy shall require that financial products that the additional equity supports comply with the ‘Do no significant harm’ (DNSH) principle as set out in the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). In particular, the investment policy shall exclude the following list of activities and assets from eligibility: (i) activities and assets related to fossil fuels, including downstream use<sup>4</sup>, (ii) activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks<sup>5</sup>, (iii) activities and assets related to waste landfills, incinerators<sup>6</sup> and mechanical biological treatment plants<sup>7</sup>. Furthermore, in the case of general support to corporates, the investment policy shall exclude companies with a substantial focus<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Except for (a) assets and activities in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) and (b) activities and assets under point (ii) for which the use of fossil fuels is temporary and technically unavoidable for the timely transition towards a fossil fuel free operation.

<sup>5</sup> Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks, an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible shall be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447.

<sup>6</sup> This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

<sup>7</sup> This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in existing mechanical biological treatment plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency or retrofitting to recycling operations of separated waste to compost bio-waste and anaerobic digestion of bio-waste, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

<sup>8</sup> It is considered that a Final Beneficiary has a “substantial focus” on a sector or business activity if such sector or activity is identified as being an essential part of the business activity of the Final Beneficiary respectively in relation to the gross revenue, profit, or client base of the Final Beneficiary. The gross revenue generated from the restricted sector or activity shall, in any case, not exceed 50% of the gross revenue.

in the following sectors: (i) fossil fuel-based energy production and related activities<sup>9</sup>; (ii) energy-intensive and/or high CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting industries<sup>10</sup>; (iii) production, rental, or sale of polluting vehicles<sup>11</sup>; (iv) waste collection, waste treatment and disposal<sup>12</sup>, (v) processing of nuclear fuel, production of nuclear energy. Moreover, the investment policy shall require compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation of the final beneficiaries.

The implementation of the measure shall be completed by 31 August 2026.

#### Reform R-5.06: ‘Optimisation of procedures: Faster permit and appeal procedures’ of the Flemish Region

This reform aims at the simplification of the environmental permit procedures, including by introducing conditions on the possibility to appeal decisions. It shall consist in a review of the existing regulation, with the objective to reduce the time needed to process a case and to provide greater legal certainty. At the end of the review, a report shall be published providing an overview of new and reviewed measures. The implementation of the reform shall be completed by 31 December 2022.

#### Reform R-5.07: ‘Widening the innovation base’ of the Flemish Region

This reform aims at ensuring that the existing instruments do not put constraints on the access to innovation subsidies by SMEs. It shall consist in a review of the existing instruments aimed at stimulating innovation that is more easily accessible and adapted to the needs of SMEs. At the end of the review, a report shall be published providing an overview of new and reviewed measures. The implementation of the reform shall be completed by 31 December 2022.

#### Investment I-5.18: ‘SMELD: State-of-the-art METal MELting Limiting waste during D&D’ of the Federal State

The investment aims to expand the capacity for processing metals recycled from nuclear decommissioning operations. In that context, the investment consists in setting-up a melting furnace, usable with non-radioactive mode.

#### Investment I-5.20 – Capital injection into SFPIM Defence

This measure aims at enhancing the resilience of the Belgian economy by structurally adjusting the level of public support available to address market failures and inefficiencies within the security and defence sectors of the economy.

The measure shall consist of an equity injection of EUR 49 037 212 into SFPIM Defence (the “Fund”), a subsidiary of SFPIM, in order to finance defence and security investments as outlined below.

The statutes and bylaws of SFPIM Defence shall include the following elements:

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<sup>9</sup> Except for (a) assets and activities in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) and (b) activities and assets under point (ii) for which the use of fossil fuels is temporary and technically unavoidable for the timely transition towards a fossil fuel free operation.

<sup>10</sup> Including activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks. Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks, an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible shall be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447.

<sup>11</sup> Polluting vehicles are defined as non-zero-emission vehicles.

<sup>12</sup> This exclusion does not apply to actions in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

- a. A definition of the objectives of the Fund and of the eligible investment areas that the Fund can support with the equity injected under the RRF: (i) development of protective buildings and civil protection infrastructure, (ii) construction and modernisation of dual-use infrastructure, (iii) investments in cybersecurity and (iv) enterprise modernisation including R&D support.
- b. The requirement that the Fund shall operate in line with the objectives of the Recovery and Resilience Facility. The law shall also include the requirement to ensure that the scope of the investments to be implemented shall be in line with what can be financed under the EU budget, including under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- c. The requirement that the Fund shall be a subsidiary of SFPIM and that SFPIM will be the sole owner of the Fund. The equity injected under the RRF shall be dedicated to equity and quasi-equity investments
- d. The governance structure of the Fund, the composition and responsibilities of the various governance bodies, management bodies and the relevant investment committees and their nomination modalities.
- e. The requirement that the investment decisions of the Fund shall be taken by the relevant bodies and approved by a majority of votes from members who are independent from the Government of Belgium. In particular, the statutes of SFPIM Defence shall foresee that a double majority is required to approve investments supported by the RRF: simple majority of all members of the Board of directors (6/10) together with a simple majority of independent Board Members (3/4). These provisions shall ensure that no investments supported by the RRF can be approved without a majority of independent members.
- f. The requirement for the Fund to describe and establish a management and control system to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interests as defined in Article 61(2) and (3) of the Financial Regulation and to take legal actions to recover funds that have been misappropriated; and the issuance of an audit report from the Federal audit body with an unqualified opinion or qualified opinion with limited impact on the subsidiary's management and control system.
- g. The requirement that the equity injected in the Fund shall be used based on an investment policy.

The investment policy for the use of the equity injected under the RRF in the SFPIM Defence shall include the following elements:

1. The description of the investment areas for the Fund, in line with the eligible areas established in the law.
2. The description of the financial products, including equity and quasi-equity, the objectives of the Fund, the way how the Fund will provide the support and the expected eligible final recipients that the Fund shall initially support. Those financial products shall be in line with the law establishing the Fund, including with what can be financed under the EU budget.
3. The envisaged timeline for the steps for implementing the initial investments.
4. Provisions ensuring that the financial products supported by SFPIM Defence with the equity injected under the RRF shall comply with the 'Do no significant harm' (DNSH) principle as set out in the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). In particular, the investment policy shall exclude the following list of activities and assets from eligibility: (i) activities and assets related to fossil fuels, including downstream use<sup>13</sup>, (ii) activities and assets under the EU

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<sup>13</sup> Except for (a) assets and activities in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) and (b) activities and assets under point (ii) for which the use of fossil fuels is

Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks<sup>14</sup>, (iii) activities and assets related to waste landfills, incinerators<sup>15</sup> and mechanical biological treatment plants<sup>16</sup>.

5. Furthermore, in the case of general support to corporates with the equity injected under the RRF, the investment policy shall exclude companies with a substantial focus<sup>17</sup> in the following sectors: (i) fossil fuel-based energy production and related activities<sup>18</sup>; (ii) energy-intensive and/or high CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting industries<sup>19</sup>; (iii) production, rental, or sale of polluting vehicles<sup>20</sup>; (iv) waste collection, waste treatment and disposal<sup>21</sup>, (v) processing of nuclear fuel, production of nuclear energy. Moreover, the investment policy shall require compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation of the final beneficiaries.

The satisfactory fulfilment of all milestones under this measure is subject to the satisfactory fulfilment of the milestone “SFPIIM Defence’s investment policy and management and control system”.

The implementation of the measure shall be completed by 31 August 2026.

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temporary and technically unavoidable for the timely transition towards a fossil fuel free operation. ; (c) aircrafts used for civil protection or firefighting and special purpose vehicles that are based on the best available levels of environmental performance in the sector; and (d) the construction of new road connections, bridges and/or tunnels with an individual length of less than 20 kilometres and renovation of roads, bridges and/or tunnels.

<sup>14</sup> Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks, an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible shall be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447.

<sup>15</sup> This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

<sup>16</sup> This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in existing mechanical biological treatment plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency or retrofitting to recycling operations of separated waste to compost bio-waste and anaerobic digestion of bio-waste, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

<sup>17</sup> It is considered that a Final Beneficiary has a “substantial focus” on a sector or business activity if gross revenue generated from the restricted sector or activity exceeds 50% of the gross revenue.

<sup>18</sup> Except for (a) assets and activities in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) and (b) activities and assets under point (ii) for which the use of fossil fuels is temporary and technically unavoidable for the timely transition towards a fossil fuel free operation.

<sup>19</sup> Including activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks. Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks, an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible shall be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447.

<sup>20</sup> Polluting vehicles are defined as non-zero-emission vehicles.

<sup>21</sup> This exclusion does not apply to actions in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants’ waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

**O.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
179	Nuclear medicine (I-5.08)	M	Radioisotope facility constructed and licenses obtained (FANC and FAGG)	Facility constructed				Q2	2026	The <sup>177</sup> Lu radioisotope facility has been constructed. The licenses from the Agence fédérale de Contrôle nucléaire (FANC) and the Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAGG) have been obtained.
180	Nuclear medicine (I-5.08)	M	Report published	Report describing the technological package needed to proceed to the large-scale production of <sup>225</sup> Ac from <sup>226</sup> Ra published				Q2	2026	A report describing the technological package needed to proceed to the large-scale production of <sup>225</sup> Ac from <sup>226</sup> Ra has been published. The report shall include the following elements: 1) Operational hot cell installation at SCK CEN to handle <sup>226</sup> Ra sources 2) Electron-to-gamma converter design to be built for large scale production 3) Target and irradiation module design to be built for large scale production 4) A fully scaled-up radiochemical separation method and <sup>226</sup> Ra recycling process - ready for large-scale implementation 5) A conceptual design of the <sup>225</sup> Ac production facility

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184	R&D: Minimization of waste during dismantling (I-5.10)	M	Award of public contract for the construction of a Material Treatment facility (MaT)	Written notification of the award of the public contract for the construction of a Material Treatment facility (MaT)				Q4	2023	Notification of the award of the contract by the Federal Minister of Economics and Labour for the construction of a Material Treatment facility (MaT), which is needed to perform cold tests and demonstrations of the technologies to be developed for the re-use, recycling and final disposal of non-nuclear waste from the decommissioning operations of nuclear plants; necessary building permits shall be obtained. Building shall be compliant with all the applicable legislation on the Federal and Flemish level related to Directive 2011/92.
185	R&D: Minimization of waste during dismantling (I-5.10)	M	Material Treatment facility (MaT) constructed and ready for entry into use	Material Treatment facility (MaT) constructed				Q2	2026	The Material Treatment facility (MaT) is constructed and ready for entry into use. An F-Nota approving the entry into use of the MaT facility is signed by Bel V.
186	Strengthen R&D (I-5.11)	M	Award of public contracts for R&D and infrastructure projects	Notification of the award projects				Q4	2022	Notification, by VLAIO and the 'Departement Economie, Wetenschap en Innovatie' (EWI), of the award of 200 projects to the successful candidates following the call for proposals, with terms of reference including eligibility criteria that ensure that the selected projects comply with the 'Do no significant

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										harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list and the requirement of compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation. EUR 20 000 000 will be awarded to project 'PREVAIL' For projects awarded through grant schemes that do not work with calls for projects, compliance with the technical guidelines "do no significant harm" (2021/C58/01) is also enforced through an eligibility criterion based on the same exclusion list and the requirement of compliance with relevant EU and national environmental legislation.
187	Strengthen R&D (I-5.11)	M	Awarded R&D&I and infrastructure projects funded	Payments to awarded projects				Q2	2026	At least EUR 20 000 000 shall be paid to project 'PREVAIL' (TEFHW4AI).  Any amounts provided by other Union programmes or instruments shall not be counted towards this amount.  At least EUR 190 600 000 shall be paid to the projects selected by the calls for proposals and grant schemes.

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188	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	M	Award of public works contracts for the construction of 2 logistic hubs	Written notification of the award of public works contracts for the constructions of 2 logistic hubs				Q1	2024	Award of public works contracts for the construction of 2 logistic hubs, with specifications including eligibility criteria that ensure that the projects selected comply with the "Do no significant harm" Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list.
189	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	T	Support for 30 food relocation projects, 4 emerging sectors and 5 pieces of infrastructure		Projects	0	39	Q4	2022	Award of subsidies to 30 small scale infrastructures, 4 larger structuring projects (one for each sector: fruits, vegetables, cereals, vegetable proteins) and at least 5 pieces of infrastructure.
190	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	T	Construction and equipping of two logistic hubs completed		Hubs	0	2	Q2	2025	Construction and equipment of two logistic hubs, for a total surface of 5 500 m <sup>2</sup> . The equipment of the two logistic hubs includes the installation of 700 kWp (solar panels), 15 charging points for electric vehicles and of a 200kW energy storage system.
191	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	T	Construction of at least 2 pieces of infrastructure, 22 small scale infrastructure and execution of 4 larger structuring projects, is completed and		Infrastructure	0	33	Q2	2026	The construction of at least 2 pieces of infrastructure, 22 small scale infrastructure and execution of 4 larger structuring projects is completed. Strengthening of 5 decentralized hubs via:

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			reinforcing 5 decentralised logistic hubs.							<p>Pole Circuit Court Charleroi: installation of operating equipment and furniture such as a peeling and cutting line, pasteurization and packaging equipment. Market prospection for the support of the local food supply chain of the hub has been carried out. Pole Circuit Court Liège: Installation of operating equipment and furniture such as a peeling and cutting line, a washer/extractor and pasteurization and packaging equipment. Market prospection for the support of the local food supply chain of the hub has been carried out. Pole Circuit Court Luxembourg: Equipping the hub with a refrigerated truck and digital tools for logistics management. Market prospection for the support of the local food supply chain of the hub has been carried out. Pole Circuit Court Namur: Construction of a new storage hall, including a cold room, and construction of an additional cold room in the existing building at the Floreffe site. Construction of a new storage and processing space, including a cold room, at the Rhisnes site. Pole Mabio: Construction of a</p>

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					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
										cold room and installation of equipment and operating furniture for logistics and one refrigerated vehicle. Market prospection for the support of the local food supply chain of the hub has been carried out. The construction and reconstruction of the facilities shall not support fossil fuel based heating systems, including natural gas boilers.
192	Digitisation of the Walloon tourism sector (I-5.13)	T	Number of tourism accommodations, organisations or attractions available on the ‘outil regional de commercialisation’		Number of tourism accommodations, organisations or attractions	0	600	Q4	2025	600 tourism accommodations, organisations or attractions are either listed in a dashboard or available for booking on the ‘outil régional de commercialisation’ (ORC).
255	Equity injection into Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV) to support companies active in the field of biotechnology (I-5.19)	M	Investment policy	Adoption of an investment policy				Q2	2026	Adoption of a new investment policy for the use of the additional equity.

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256	Equity injection into Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV) to support companies active in the field of biotechnology (I-5.19)	M	Equity injection	Certificate of transfer				Q2	2026	Flanders shall transfer EUR 39 821 020 to the PMV to increase its equity. Beyond the equity injection into the PMV which constitutes the RRF investment, Flanders shall transmit a report outlining the actions taken by the PMV by 31 August 2026 to implement the investment policy, including the steps taken for the implementation of the financial products that the additional equity is expected to initially support, as well as the expected steps to be taken for further implementing those products.
193	Reform - Faster permit and appeal procedures (R-5.06)	M	Reform of the environmental permit and appeal procedures	Publication of a report and government decisions.				Q4	2022	Publication of a report endorsed by Cabinet van Flemish Minister for Justice and Enforcement, Environment, Energy and Tourism providing an overview of new and reviewed measures to simplify administrative procedures related to environmental permit procedures and government decisions.
194	Reform - Broadening innovation base (R-5.07)	M	Reform of the regulation for innovation support	Publication of a report and related government decisions				Q4	2022	Publication of a report endorsed by Flemish minister of Economy, Innovation, Work, Social economy and Agriculture providing an overview of new and reviewed measures to improve access for SMEs

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
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										to measures for innovation support, and the related government decisions.
249	SMELD- Fed (I-5.18)	M	An industrial scale melting furnace is set up	Industrial scale melting furnace is set up in non-radioactive mode				Q2	2026	The industrial scale melting furnace is set up in non-radioactive mode.
257	Capital injection into SFPIM Defence (I-5.20)	M	SFPIM Defence's investment policy and management and control system.	Adoption of an investment policy and issuance of an audit report from the Federal audit body with an unqualified opinion or qualified opinion with limited impact on SFPIM Defence's management and control system.				Q1	2026	Adoption of a new investment policy for SFPIM Defence for the use of the additional equity.  SFPIM Defence has described and established a management and control system to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interests as defined in Article 61(2) and (3) of the Financial Regulation and to take legal actions to recover funds that have been misappropriated. The Federal audit body shall issue an audit report with an unqualified opinion or qualified opinion with limited impact on SFPIM Defence's management and control system.
258	Capital injection into SFPIM Defence (I-5.20)	M	Equity injection	Certificate of transfer				Q3	2026	Belgium shall transfer EUR 49 037 212 to SFPIM Defence to increase its equity.

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
										Beyond the equity injection into SFPIM Defence which constitutes the RRF investment, Belgium shall transmit a report outlining the actions taken by SFPIM Defence by 31 August 2026 to implement the investment policy, including the steps taken for the implementation of the financial products that the additional equity is expected to initially support, as well as the expected steps to be taken for further implementing those products.

### **O.3. Description of the reforms and investments for the loan**

#### **I-5.21 – Scaled-up measure: Capital injection into SFPIM Defence**

This investment scales up investment I-5.20: Capital injection into SFPIM Defence. It shall consist of an additional equity injection of EUR 95 000 000 into SFPIM Defence.

The satisfactory fulfilment of all milestones under this measure is subject to the satisfactory fulfilment of the milestone “SFPIM Defence’s investment policy and management and control system”.

**O.4. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for the loan**

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
259	Scaled-up measure: Capital injection into SFPIM Defence (I-5.21)	M	Equity injection	Certificate of transfer				Q3	2026	Belgium shall transfer EUR 95 000 000 to SFPIM Defence to increase its equity.

## **P. COMPONENT 5.3: CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

The measures under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim in general to contribute to the development of a circular and low-carbon economy. In particular, they seek to develop recycling, reuse, and industrial symbiosis. In addition to promoting certain practices, the aim is to support innovation in waste and resource processing and to develop training in certain areas of the circular economy.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.3, calling on Belgium to focus investment-related economic policy on, *inter alia*, the low carbon and energy transition, and research and innovation, as well as Country Specific Recommendation 2020.3 inviting Belgium to focus investment on the green and digital transition, in particular on clean and efficient production, the circular economy and research and innovation.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **P.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-5.08: ‘Brussels Regional Strategy for the Economic Transition’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

The aim of this reform is to design a regional strategy for economic transition by mobilising all regional economic policy instruments, achieving a better coordination and cooperation between public actors, as well as active participation of the private sector. Its operational objectives are to be based on the results of 10 working groups.

The regional strategy for the economic transition shall set out targets for 2030 and an action plan for five years. It shall be adopted by Decision of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region by 31 March 2022.

#### **Reform R-5.09: ‘Governance Circular Flanders’ of the Flemish Region**

Circular Flanders is the central platform in Flanders aimed at facilitating the transition to a circular economy in cooperation with industrial partners, knowledge institutions, public administrations, banks and civil society. This reform shall significantly improve and expand the governance of this platform. In that framework, public-private partnerships shall focus on a combination of thematic work agendas, such as circular construction, chemistry/plastics, other product chains in the manufacturing industry, bio-economy and the food chain, and a number of strategic levers (financing, innovation, circular supply, research, awareness). The texts of the roadmap and work agendas are expected by 31 December 2021.

#### **Investment I-5.14: ‘Recycling Hub’ of the Flemish Region**

This investment aims to build, adapt or enlarge six recycling facilities to enable local circular production.

#### **Investment I-5.15: ‘Belgium Builds Back Circular’ of the Federal State**

This investment aims to accelerate the transition to a circular economy in Belgium. This measure consists in advancing circular economy initiatives by completing projects and implementing awareness raising actions for SME's.

#### **Investment I-5.16: ‘Deployment of the circular economy’ in the Walloon Region**

With the aim to deploy the Walloon circular economy, investments will be made in research and development projects that reuse, upscale and/or recycle metals, batteries or minerals.

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195	Brussels Regional Strategy for the Economic Transition (R-5.08)	M	Adoption of the Regional Strategy for Economic Transition	Decision of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region indicating the adoption of the strategy				Q1	2022	Brussels Region's strategy for economic transition adopted by the government of the Brussels-Capital Region ( <i>Décision du Gouvernement de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale</i> ), defining objectives for 2030, based on coordination between public actors and active participation of the private sector, including a five year action plan covering priority areas for action, putting in place a coherent package of public incentives for innovation and favourable for entrepreneurship for the ecological transition.
196	Governance Circular Flanders (R-5.09)	M	Launch of Steering Group of Circular Flanders	Steering group for the governance of Circular Flanders appointed and Roadmap and Work Agendas adopted				Q4	2021	Steering group for the governance of Circular Flanders appointed and Roadmap and Work Agendas for guiding circular economy projects and the development of strategic levers adopted.
197	Recycling Hub (I-5.14)	T	Award of six public contracts for recycling facilities		Facilities	0	6	Q4	2022	Six investment projects for recycling facilities have been selected for support. A jury shall make an assessment of the projects, the final selection shall be confirmed by the Flemish minister for Environment. Award of the contracts to the projects selected under the competitive call for proposals with terms of reference including eligibility criteria that ensure that the selected projects comply with the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list. The grant award

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										decisions shall stipulate that the aid shall be granted under the condition that the activity complies with relevant EU and national environmental legislation.
198	Recycling Hub (I-5.14)	T	Completion of works in six recycling facilities		Facilities	0	6	Q2	2026	Six recycling facilities built, enlarged, or adapted for upgraded recycling processes.
200	Belgium Builds Back Circular (I-5.15)	M	Delivery of awareness raising actions to SME's and of circular projects	Reports on the completion of circular projects				Q2	2026	<p>Delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 awareness campaign over three years</li> <li>• 1 website for SMEs including 1 self-assessment tool</li> </ul> <p>Positive evaluation letters issued for 9 circular projects under the call for proposals which includes eligibility criteria that ensure that the selected projects comply with the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list of activities: (i) activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use; (ii) activities under the EU Emission Trading System achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks; (iii) activities related to waste landfills, incinerators and mechanical biological treatment plants; and (iv) activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause harm to the environment.</p>
201	Deployment of the circular economy in	M	Award of public contracts for	Notification of the award of public contracts to				Q2	2022	Selection of successful candidates following the call for proposals for projects on recycling and reuse of metals, batteries and minerals. The call for proposals

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	Wallonia (I-5.16)		projects promoting circular economy in Wallonia	successful candidates						shall have terms of reference including eligibility criteria that ensure that the selected projects comply with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list and the requirement of compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation.
202	Deployment of the circular economy in Wallonia (I-5.16)	T	Completion of projects promoting circular economy in Wallonia		Projects	0	11	Q2	2026	Positive evaluation letters issued for 11 projects on the recycling, upscaling or reuse of metals, batteries or minerals.

## **Q. COMPONENT 6.1: SPENDING REVIEWS**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan is composed of measures centred on the conduct of spending reviews at different level of governments. The overall objective is to improve the quality and composition of public expenditures.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2019.1 on improving the composition and efficiency of public spending.

### **Q.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-6: ‘Spending reviews’**

The objective of the reform is to introduce spending reviews at different government levels. This measure includes the following five sub-measures:

- Reform R-6.01 ‘Spending reviews’ of the Federal State
- Reform R-6.02 ‘Spending reviews - Flemish general revision and spending norm’ of Flanders
- Reform R-6.03 ‘Spending Reviews - Zero-based budget’ of the Walloon Region
- Reform R-6.04 ‘Spending review’ of the Brussels-Capital Region
- Reform R-6.05 ‘Spending reviews’ of the French Community

#### **Reform R-6.01: ‘Spending reviews’ of the Federal State**

The reform measure aims to conduct spending reviews in a structural way at the federal level and in the social security sector. As part of the Commission’s Structural Reform Support Programme, the OECD has supported the preparation of spending reviews. In 2019 and 2020, it provided technical assistance and recommendations to effectively implement spending reviews in Belgium’s budgetary process. In line with the OECD’s recommendations, the federal government decided to launch pilot exercises in early 2021 in three main areas: tax expenditure, primary expenditure, social security sector. Working groups have been set up to that end and are due to submit their report in view of the preparation of the 2022 budget. At that point in time, the government shall select a new set of topics to be delivered for the next year. By the completion of the pilots, the government shall decide in 2022 how spending reviews would become a recurrent process and an integral part of the budgetary procedure.

#### **Reform R-6.02: ‘Spending reviews - Flemish general revision and spending norm’ of Flanders**

The reform measure plans to re-prioritise the expenditures of Flanders’s regional government and limit it where possible: on the one hand, through the development of an expenditure norm and, on the other hand, through the so-called “Vlaamse Brede Herovering (VBH)”, which aims to structurally anchor spending reviews in the Flemish budgetary process in the coming years. The expenditure norm to be adopted in 2022 shall define the maximum growth path of government expenditure, taking into account the trend in revenue growth and the budgetary targets set. The purpose of the VBH programme is to carry out an evaluation on ten policy domains by mid-2021 which shall serve as basis to define the scope of spending reviews. The measure aims at supporting spending reviews in eleven policy domains from September 2021 to October 2025.

#### **Reform R-6.03: ‘Spending Reviews — Zero-based budget’ of the Walloon Region**

The measure aims to conduct spending reviews to optimise budgetary processes and improve financial management of the Walloon Region. This measure consists in integrating spending reviews into the budgetary process.

#### **Reform R-6.04: ‘Spending review’ of the Brussels-Capital Region**

The measure aims to conduct spending reviews to optimise budgetary processes and improve financial management of the Brussels-Capital Region. This measure consists in integrating spending reviews into the budgetary process.

Reform R-6.05: 'Spending reviews' of the French Community

The measure aims to conduct spending reviews to optimise budgetary processes and improve financial management of the French Community. This measure consists in integrating spending reviews into the budgetary process.

**Q.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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205	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review pilot or integration into budgetary process (1)	Completed pilots and associated reports				Q4	2021	For the federal, Walloon Region, and Brussels Capital Region authorities: Spending review pilot completion and drafting of report. For the Flemish Region authorities: Spending review integration into budgetary process (1): Government decisions defining how spending reviews (or similar approach) are integrated into budgetary process. The decisions define the spending review strategy and a calendar for future reviews, potentially including quantified targets. In line with the Eurogroup guidance, ensure, amongst other elements, clear scope and design of the reviews as well as transparent monitoring, reporting and evaluation.
206	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review integration into budgetary process (1) or pilot completion	Government decision				Q4	2022	For the federal, Walloon Region, and Brussels Capital Region authorities: Spending review integration into budgetary process (1): Government decisions defining how spending reviews (or similar approach) are integrated into budgetary process. The decisions define the spending review strategy and a calendar for future reviews, potentially including quantified targets. In line with the Eurogroup guidance, ensure, amongst other

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										elements, clear scope and design of the reviews as well as transparent monitoring, reporting and evaluation. For the French Community authorities: Spending review pilot completion and report redaction.
207	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review integration into budgetary process (1) or (2) / Spending review ex-post analysis	Government decision				Q4	2023	For the French Community authorities: Spending review integration into budgetary process (1): Government decisions defining how spending reviews (or similar approach) are integrated into budgetary process. The decisions define the spending review strategy and a calendar for future reviews, potentially including quantified targets. In line with the Eurogroup guidance, ensure, amongst other elements, clear scope and design of the reviews as well as transparent monitoring, reporting and evaluation. For the federal, Flemish Region, Walloon Region and Brussels Capital-Region authorities: Spending review integration into budgetary process (2): Systematic inclusion of the outcome of spending reviews into annual and/or multiannual budget planning as of the preparation of the budgetary law for 2024. This shall include, among others, the quantification ex-post of the outcomes, including savings, associated to the spending

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										review programme. For the federal and Flemish Region authorities: Spending review ex-post analysis: Publication of assessment report of spending reviews.
208	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review integration into budgetary process / Spending review ex-post analysis	Assessment report				Q4	2024	For the French Community authorities: Spending review integration into budgetary process: Systematic inclusion of the outcome of spending reviews into annual and/or multiannual budget planning as of the preparation of the budgetary law for 2025. This shall include, among others, the quantification ex-post of the outcomes, including savings, associated to the spending review programme. For the Walloon Region, Brussels-Capital Region, and French Community authorities: Spending review ex-post analysis: Publication of assessment report of spending reviews.

## REPOWEREU CHAPTER

### R. COMPONENT 7.1: RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS

The REPowerEU chapter addresses the challenge of reducing reliance on fossil fuels and boost energy efficiency. The objective of this component of the REPowerEU chapter of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan is to renovate the existing building stock and make it more energy and resource efficient. The component is focused on the renovation of private and public buildings, including social infrastructure and residential housing, and more generally the less performing buildings in terms of energy efficiency. Therefore, this component contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering growth in sustainable construction, as well as social resilience through the reduction of energy bills.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendations 2022.4 and 2023.4, calling on Belgium to *reduce overall reliance on fossil fuels by stepping up energy efficiency improvements and the reduction of fossil fuel use in buildings*.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

#### **R.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

##### **Reform R-7.01: 'Revision of the code on air, climate and energy' of the Brussels-Capital Region**

This measure aims at revising the rules on energy performance of buildings in Brussels-Capital Region. The measure consists in the publication in the Official Journal of the legal act amending the Brussels code on air, climate and energy (COBRACE), introducing new obligations and setting a timeline for the implementation of obligations related to the renovation of buildings and new buildings. Given the significant change in costs for householders and the necessity to ensure implementation over reasonable timeframes, this RRF measure concerns the publication in the Official Journal and does not cover the entry into force or the implementation of those provisions.

##### **Investment I-7.01: 'Improved energy subsidy scheme' of the Brussels-Capital Region**

This measure aims at improving the energy subsidy scheme of Brussels-Capital Region. The measure consists of financing the grants of the RENOLUTION renovation subsidy programme for energy efficiency renovations.

##### **Investment I-7.02: 'Scaled-up measure: Improved energy subsidy scheme' of the Flemish Region**

This investment scales up reform R-1.01, sub-investment (i) 'Improved energy subsidy scheme' of the Flemish Region under component 1.1: Renovation. The scaled-up part of this measure shall finance the increase in subsidy per final recipient for energy efficient renovations of private housing. The implementation of the measure shall be completed by 30 June 2026.

##### **Investment I-7.03: 'Energy grants for private housing' of the German-speaking Community**

The measure aims at improving the energy efficiency of private housing in German-speaking Community. The measure consists in granting energy premiums for the renovation of private housing.

##### **Investment I-7.04: 'Renovation of social housing of the Walloon Region**

This investment aims at renovating social housing in Walloon Region. The measure consists in equipping social housing units with solar panels and heat pumps.

##### **Investment I-7.05: 'Energy-climate measures in public buildings' of the Federal state**

This measure aims at installing energy-climate items in public buildings of Federal state. The measure consists in equipping federal public buildings with charging stations, solar panels and LED lights.

### Investment I-7: ‘Energy saving in public buildings’ of the Flemish Region

The measure is composed of the following sub-measures/actions:

- Investment I-7.06: ‘Renovation of public buildings’ of the Flemish Region
- Investment I-7.07: ‘Energy measures for public buildings’ of the Flemish Region
- Investment I-7.08: ‘Energy measures for care buildings’ of the Flemish Region
- Investment I-7.09: ‘Energy measures for the VRT building’ of the Flemish Region

#### Investment I-7.06: ‘Renovation of public buildings’ of the Flemish Region

This measure aims at improving the energy efficiency of public buildings in Flemish Region. It consists in the energy-efficient renovation of three public buildings.

#### Investment I-7.07: ‘Energy measures for public buildings of the Flemish Region

This investment consists in the deployment of solar panels on public buildings.

#### Investment I-7.08: ‘Energy measures for care buildings’ of the Flemish Region

This investment consists in (1) performing energy audits and (2) completing energy measures in care buildings.

#### Investment I-7.09: ‘Energy measures for the VRT building’ of the Flemish Region

This investment consists in the deployment of heat pumps and roof insulation in the new VRT (*Vlaamse Radio en Televisie*) building.

#### Investment I-7.10: ‘Energy measures for AWV buildings’ of the Flemish Region

This measure consists in completing four projects of installing in AWV (*Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer*) buildings: insulation, heat pumps, solar panels and LED lights.

#### Investment I-7.26: ‘Renovation of private buildings’ of the Walloon Region

The measure aims to stimulate energy efficient renovation of private buildings in Walloon Region. The measure consists of awarding premiums that support the implementation of energy saving measures in private buildings.

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211	Revision of the code on air, climate and energy - BCR (R-7.01)	M	New obligations for building renovation	Publication in the official journal of the legal act amending COBRACE				Q2	2024	<p>Publication in the official journal of the legal act amending the Brussels code on air, climate and energy COBRACE.</p> <p>The legal act shall stipulate a gradual transition to tighter standards with the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. From 1 January 2025, the heating systems of a project for which an application for a planning permit has been submitted, and which consists exclusively of one or more new EPB units or units treated as new, shall comply with the following conditions: 1 their heat generators comply with ecodesign requirements and produce heat exclusively from electricity and/or energy generated from renewable sources; 2 and/or they are connected to an efficient thermal energy network as defined by the Government;</li> <li>ii. As from 31 December 2026, any new construction owned, occupied or intended to be occupied by a public authority shall comply with zero-emission EPB requirements and be equipped with an installation for the production of energy from solar energy;</li> <li>iii. As from 31 December 2029, new EPB units shall comply with zero-emission EPB requirements.</li> </ul>

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										<p>iv. As from 1 July 2033, any holder of a real right over an EPB unit shall possess a valid EPB certificate;</p> <p>v. EPB units of the residential building stock shall achieve, at a minimum, a primary energy consumption of less than or equal to 275 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per year by 2033, and 150 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per year by 2048.</p>
212	Improved energy subsidy scheme - BCR (I-7.01)	T	Renovation of residential dwellings		Number	0	4 200	Q2	2025	4 200 residential dwellings shall be renovated, achieving primary energy demand reduction.
213	Improved energy subsidy scheme of the Flemish Region (I-7.02)	M	Increased energy subsidy scheme of the Flemish Region	Entry into force of the amendment of the decree concerning the energy subsidy scheme of the Flemish government				Q1	2022	Entry into force of the amendment to the decree concerning the energy subsidy scheme related to R-1.01, sub-reform (i). It shall define an increase in support for the two lowest income target groups, as well as an increase in the grants for roof insulation and the grants for heat pumps.
214	Energy grants - German-speaking Community (I-7.03)	T	Renovation of private housing		Number	0	774	Q2	2024	774 energy grants awarded
215	Renovation of social housing	T	Solar panels and heat pumps		Number	0	1 532	Q2	2026	1 532 social housing units shall be equipped with solar panels including 112 social housing units shall be equipped with solar panels and heat pumps.

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	- WAL (I-7.04)		in social housing							
216	Energy-climate measures in public buildings – Federal state (I-7.05)	T	Installation projects		Number	0	52	Q4	2025	<p>Official acceptance reports of each of the 52 projects, confirming the installation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 161 kW LED;</li> <li>• 3 624 kWp solar panels; and</li> <li>• 172 charging points</li> </ul>
217	Energy measures for AWV buildings (I-7.10)	T	Completed energy measure projects		Number	0	4	Q2	2026	Four projects of installing in AWV buildings: heat pumps, insulation, solar panels and LED lights shall be completed, reducing on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption.
218	Saving energy in public buildings - VLA (I-7)	T	Energy-efficient renovation of public buildings		Number	0	554	Q2	2026	<p>Three public buildings shall be renovated, reducing on average at least 30% of primary energy consumption (I-7.06).</p> <p>At least 100 public buildings shall be equipped with at least 20 300 cumulative kWp of solar panels (I-7.07).</p> <p>At least 300 care buildings shall have an energy audit. At least 50 care buildings shall have finalised energy efficiency measures. (I-7.08). In total, at least 450 buildings shall have an energy audit or shall have finalised energy measures for which a grant was received</p> <p>The VRT building shall be equipped with heat pumps and roof insulation (I-7.09).</p>

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260	Renovation of private buildings in Walloon region (I-7.26)	T	Energy renovation premiums for private residential buildings		Number	0	48 800	Q2	2026	At least 48 800 energy renovation premiums for private residential buildings shall be paid out. Premiums shall be part of 1) housing grant scheme for renovation works; or 2) housing grant scheme for energy audits; or 3) simplified grant scheme for minor works and roofing; or 4) heating grant scheme.
261	Improved energy subsidy scheme - BCR (I-7.01)	T	Renovation of residential dwellings		Number	4 200	6 256	Q2	2026	2 056 residential dwellings shall be renovated, achieving primary energy demand reduction.

## **S. COMPONENT 7.2: NEW EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES**

This component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aims at providing a strong impetus to technological developments to support the energy transition and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, with emphasis on system integration and industrial decarbonisation.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2022.4 and 2023.4, calling on Belgium to reduce overall reliance on fossil fuels, *inter alia*, by further stimulating the decarbonisation of industry and to step up policy efforts aimed at the acquisition of skills and competences for the green transition.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **S.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-7.11: ‘Research platform for energy transition’ of the French Community**

This measure consists of investments in a series of R&D facilities and equipment for the benefit of French-speaking universities.

#### **Investment I-7.14: ‘Call for climate measures in agriculture’ of the Flemish Region**

This measure aims at reducing the greenhouse gas emissions in the agricultural sector. The measure consists in supporting energy-saving techniques , green heat and renewable energy .

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219	Research platform for energy transition (I-7.11)	M	Award of public subsidies	Award of public subsidies				Q2	2024	Award of public subsidies under the project “Research platform for energy transition” (Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles) satisfying the following conditions as regards the intended research and innovation (R&I) activities: - The R&I primarily focuses on low-impact options ; or - The R&I is dedicated to improving “best in class” technology , and flanking measures are put in place to prevent lock-in effects; or - The results of the R&I process are technologically neutral at the level of their application (i.e. they may be applied across all available technologies).
220	Research platform for energy transition (I-7.11)	M	Procurement of equipment	Final Project Report				Q4	2025	At least EUR 18 500 000 shall be executed upon completion of the procurement of equipment. The equipment corresponding to the remaining balance has been ordered. The total amount to be allocated is at least EUR 23 500 000.
225	Call for climate measures in agriculture (I-7.14)	T	Finalisation of projects awarded under the call for proposals		Number	0	270	Q2	2026	270 projects in agriculture on energy-saving techniques, green heat or renewable energy finalised.

## **T. COMPONENT 7.3: RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The objective of this component is to reduce reliance on fossil fuels by supporting the production of electricity from renewable sources, ensuring greater interconnection, and flexibility of the electricity system, as well as accelerating the integration of renewable energy sources. In particular, the measures under this component shall support renewable energy generation capacity through investments in offshore wind and solar in particular, and by reforming the regulatory framework to stimulate the installation of wind turbines and photovoltaic panels and shorten the time taken by legal proceedings related to energy transition projects.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2022.4 and 2023.4, calling on Belgium to reduce overall reliance on fossil fuels by *‘accelerating the deployment of renewable energies and related grid infrastructure by further streamlining the permitting procedures, including by reducing the length of appeal procedures, and by adopting legal frameworks to further boost investments in renewable energy installations and facilitate energy sharing.’*

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **T.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Reform R-7.02: ‘Reform of the appeal procedures of the Council of State’ of the Federal State**

This reform of the Council of State consists in (1) reducing the time taken to deal with appeal procedures relating to decisions on energy investments and renewable energy projects (insofar the Council of State is the competent body), (2) granting priority to the treatment of energy transition files. This measure aims at increasing the share and accelerating the deployment of renewable energy in Belgium by removing the administrative bottlenecks linked to appeal procedures in the process of executing the investments in renewable energy. The implementation of the measure shall be completed by 30 June 2024.

#### **Reform R-7.03: ‘PV-obligation for large consumers’ of the Flemish Region**

This reform introduces an obligation to install solar photovoltaic panels for private buildings located in Flanders that are connected to electricity offtake points where, from calendar year 2021, there is an offtake of more than 1 GWh per year and the buildings of public organizations located in Flanders that are connected to electricity offtake points where, from calendar year 2021, there is an offtake of more than 250 MWh per year. The implementation of the measure shall be completed by 30 June 2023.

#### **Reform R-7.04: ‘Accelerating the energy transition’ of the Walloon Region**

This reform aims at facilitating the development of renewable energy projects. It consists of amending the relevant legislative framework. The reform shall enter into force by 31 August 2026.

#### **Investment I- 7.17: ‘Optimisation of energy distribution’ of the Walloon Region**

This investment consists in awarding subsidies to two electricity network operators in the Walloon region (ORES and RESA) for the installation of smart meters.

#### **Investment I-7.18: Investments in electrification of port infrastructure of the Flemish Region**

The objective of the measure is to enhance the sustainability of the energy supply for berthed vessels through electrification. It consists of awarding subsidies to companies investing in the electrification of port infrastructure in Flanders.

**T.2 Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

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228	Appeal procedure to the Council of State (R-7.02)	M	Entry into force of legislation	Provision in the law indicating the entry into force of the law shortening procedures for obtaining renewable energy permits				Q2	2024	<p>(1) Entry into force of the law reforming the appeal procedures against decisions relating to renewable energy installations and energy investments before the Administrative Litigation Division of the Council of State.</p> <p>This law aims at shortening procedures for obtaining renewable energy permits, by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>abolishing the provisional intervention order,</li> <li>limiting the time in which the auditorate submits its report on the case to 6 months,</li> <li>amending the suspension procedures,</li> <li>giving priority to energy transition cases,</li> <li>reducing the time taken to deal with proceedings before the Administrative Litigation Section and</li> <li>reducing the time taken to deal with an ordinary action for annulment, except if a procedural incident occurs.</li> </ul> <p>(2) Entry into force of the Royal Decree which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gives priority treatment to appeals concerning renewable energy deployment and energy transition files,</li> <li>establishes tools to prioritise case handling, internal organisation and reinforcement of chambers or sections to ensure faster treatment of procedures for dealing with energy transition cases,</li> <li>reduces the time taken to deal with</li> </ul>

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										appeals in these cases to 15 months (except in the case of procedural incidents).
229	PV-obligation for large consumers (R-7.03)	M	Entry into force of legislation	Provision in the legal act indicating the entry into force of provisions introducing the obligation to install solar panels for certain buildings				Q2	2023	Entry into force of the decree introducing an obligation to install photovoltaic solar panels for: (1) buildings located in Flanders that are connected to electricity offtake points where, from calendar year 2021, there is an offtake of more than 1 GWh per year and (2) the buildings of public organizations located in Flanders that are connected to electricity offtake points where, from calendar year 2021, there is an offtake of more than 250 MWh per year.
230	Acceleration of the energy transition (R-7.04)	M	Entry into force of legal act	Provision in the legal act indicating the entry into force of provisions revising the Nature Conservation Act and the revised Wind Energy Reference Framework				Q4	2024	(1) Entry into force of the reform of the Nature Conservation Act, simplifying the procedures for assessing the impact of projects of power generation facilities from renewable sources on biodiversity in areas which shall be defined as 'renewables acceleration areas'. (2) Entry into force of the revised Wind Energy Reference Framework, with a view to enshrining the overriding public interest in renewable energy; adapting the distance from the masts to the habitats, modulating the obligation to install a minimum number of masts; adapting the ambitions of renewable energy installations to the best available technologies. (3) Entry into force of the revision of the legal act on the energy performance of buildings, banning the installation of coal and fuel oil for

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					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
										heating and domestic hot water systems in new buildings from 1 January 2026.
231	Acceleration of the energy transition (R-7.04)	M	Entry into force of legal act	Provision in the legal act indicating the entry into force of provisions banning coal and fuel oil for heating				Q3	2026	Entry into force by 31 August 2026 of the revision of the legal act on the energy performance of buildings, banning the installation of coal and fuel oil for heating and domestic hot water systems in existing buildings from 31 December 2030.
233	Optimization of energy distribution (I-7.17)	M	Award of subsidies to the two main electricity network operators in the Walloon Region	Written notification of subsidy awards by the Walloon government				Q1	2024	Award of subsidies to two electricity network operators in the Walloon Region (proportional to their share in the overall number of network users) in view of installation of smart meters.
234	Optimization of energy distribution (I-7.17)	T	Installation of smart meters		Smart meter	0	193 000	Q2	2026	Certificates of installation have been issued for 193 000 smart meters installed by ORES or RESA.
236	Investments in electrification of port infrastructure of	M	Acceptance letters	Acceptance letters issued				Q2	2026	Acceptance letters issued by VLAIO for four projects awarded under the calls organised under the legal framework of the ‘Decree of the Flemish Government to award grants for the

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
	the Flemish Region (I-7.18)									electrification of port infrastructure through a call for proposals under the REPowerEU plan' shall be delivered.

### **T.3. Description of the reforms and investments for the loan**

#### **Investment I-7.20: ‘Off-shore energy island’ of the Federal State**

This measure aims at constructing an offshore energy hub (‘energy island’) in the Belgian part of the North Sea through the installation and stabilisation of off-shore caissons.

**T.4. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for the loan**

Seq. Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestone)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
239	Off-shore energy island (I-7.20)	M	Finalisation of FEED and environmental studies	Publication of FEED and environmental studies				Q4	2022	Finalisation of FEED (Front-end engineering design) and environmental studies for the measure “Off-shore energy island”.
240	Off-shore energy island (I-1.7.20)	M	Environmental permits for energy island obtained	Environmental permits for energy island obtained				Q3	2023	Environmental permits obtained by the Transmission System Operator for an energy island in the North Sea, comprising five hectares of useful surface and environmental permits for the deployment of offshore connection cables between the shore and the energy island.
241	Off-shore energy island (I-7.20)	M	Completion of works related to the energy island	Completion of works				Q2	2026	Installation certificates issued for the installation and stabilisation of 23 off-shore caissons in the designated location in the North Sea.

## **U. COMPONENT 7.4: MOBILITY**

The measures proposed under this component of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan aim to support low-emission road transport and support the modal shift by investing in rail.

The component contributes to addressing Country Specific Recommendation 2022.4 and 2023.4 to *reduce overall reliance on fossil fuels by promoting the use and supply of public transport as well as soft mobility*.

It is expected that no measure in this component does significant harm to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, taking into account the description of the measures and the mitigating steps set out in the recovery and resilience plan in accordance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

### **U.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

#### **Investment I-7.21: 'Greening of the bus fleet – BCR' of the Brussels-Capital Region**

This measure aims to green the bus fleet. The measure consists in the acquisition of additional electric buses.

#### **Investment I-7.23: 'Public LED lighting' of the Flemish Region**

The aim of the investment is to increase the use of sustainable public lighting. The investment consists in installing public LED lighting in the Flemish Region.

#### **Investment I-7.24: 'Rail – efficient network' of the Federal State**

The aim of this investment is to develop rail transport. The measure consists in the re-electrification of railways.

**U.2 Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

Seq. Nb	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestone)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
242	Greening the bus fleet –BCR (I-7.21)	T	Electric buses delivered		Number	33	80	Q2	2026	23 M3 low floor articulated electric buses and 24 standard electric buses are delivered.
244	Public LED lighting – VLA (I-7.23)	T	LED lighting installed		Number	0	22 750	Q2	2026	18 500 LED luminaires installed on public roads and 4 250 LED lamps installed in tunnels.
245	Rail efficient network - FED (I-7.24)	T	Re - Electrification of rail lines		Number of km	0	72,5	Q2	2026	Re-electrification of 72,5 km of rail.

## **V. AUDIT AND CONTROL**

### **V.1. Description of the reforms and investments for non-repayable financial support**

A repository system for recording and storing all relevant data related to the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan - the achievement of milestones and targets, data on final recipient, contractors, subcontractors and beneficial owners - shall be operational before the first payment request is submitted. Belgium shall submit a dedicated audit report before the first payment request confirming the effectiveness of the functionalities of the repository system.

In addition, as well before making the first payment request under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, Belgium will ensure that the implementation of adequate coordination arrangements, including cross-checks, shall be put in place at the level of the coordinating body at inter-federal level allowing to avoid double funding from the Facility and other Union programmes in accordance with the principle of sound financial management.

In order to ensure robust internal control systems adequate to Belgium's specific setup, the coordinating bodies, in collaboration with the implementing bodies if necessary, shall adapt their manual of procedures describing the management and control system and issue instructions to the implementing bodies. The manuals/documents shall include procedures in relation to obtaining assurance for the signature of the management declarations accompanying the payment request submitted to the Commission.

In addition, where the Inspectorate of Finance has been tasked with responsibility for such controls, the coordinating bodies shall adopt and send a communication to the Inspectorate of Finance concerning the ex-ante verification of compliance with Union and national law and the protection of financial interest of the Union to be carried out in line with Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

Finally, the coordinating bodies shall issue instructions to all implementing bodies regarding the ex-ante verification of the risk of conflict of interest in the implementation of RRF measures before the signature of contracts or award of grants. This shall include mandatory declarations of absence of conflict of interest by the persons involved at all stages of the selection procedures for both calls for tenders and calls for projects, and, on a risk basis, the use of an appropriate risk assessment tool to carry out the conflict of interest checks set out in the instructions.

The milestones 250 and 251 under this measure shall be fulfilled by the time of submission of the second payment request to the Commission and shall be a prerequisite for any future payment.

**V.2. Milestones, targets, indicators, and timetable for monitoring and implementation for non-repayable financial support**

Seq Nb.	Related Measure (Reform or Investment)	Milestone / Target	Name	Qualitative indicators (for milestones)	Quantitative indicators (for targets)			Indicative timeline for completion		Description of each milestone and target
					Unit of measure	Baseline	Goal	Quarter	Year	
209	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Repository system for Audit and Controls: information for monitoring implementation of RRF	Audit report confirming repository system functionalities				Before the first payment request	Before the first payment request	<p>A repository system for monitoring the implementation of the RRF shall be in place and operational.</p> <p>The system shall include, as a minimum, the following functionalities:</p> <p>(a) collection of data and monitoring of the achievement of milestones and targets;</p> <p>(b) collect, store and ensure access to the data required by Article 22(2)(d)(i) to (iii) of the RRF Regulation.</p>
210	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Protection of EU financial interest	Implementation of arrangements				Before the first payment request	Before the first payment request	<p>The implementation of adequate coordination arrangements, including cross-checks, shall be put in place at the level of the coordinating body at inter-federal level allowing to avoid double funding from the Facility and other Union programmes in accordance with the principle of sound financial management.</p>
250	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Adaptation of the management and control system for the Recovery and Resilience Plan	Adapted manual of procedures and instructions to the implementing bodies. Adoption and sending of a communication to the Inspectorate of Finance, where relevant.				Before the second payment request	Before the second payment request	<p>The coordinating bodies in the Belgian Recovery and Resilience Plan, in collaboration with the implementing bodies if necessary, shall adapt their manual of procedures/documents outlining their management and control system and issue related instructions to the implementing bodies with the objective to strengthen the framework to prevent,</p>

										<p>detect, and correct any serious irregularities such as fraud, conflict of interest, corruption and double funding. The updated manual of procedures and related instructions shall include, as a minimum:</p> <p>(a) Provisions for anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategies/policies in all implementing bodies taking into consideration all the elements outlined in the Guidance Note on Fraud Risk Assessment and Effective and Proportionate Anti-Fraud Measures for ESIF 2014-2020;</p> <p>(b) Procedures ensuring that persons signing the management declaration(s) to the Commission obtain assurance about the satisfactorily fulfilment of the milestones and targets set in the RRP, that the funds were managed in accordance with all applicable rules, in particular rules on avoidance of conflicts of interest, fraud, prevention of corruption and double funding;</p> <p>(c) Provisions requiring functional internal and external whistleblowing channels within all bodies;</p> <p>(d) Provisions requiring on-the spot verifications by the implementing bodies or the coordinating body (Brussels-Capital Region), with particular focus to the protection of the financial interests of the Union;</p> <p>(e) Procedures on the reporting of irregularities to OLAF and other competent authorities within all bodies;</p> <p>(f) Procedures with regard to the verification of compliance with Union and</p>
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										<p>national law, in particular concerning public procurement and State aid, within the implementing bodies.</p> <p>In addition, where the Inspectorate of Finance has been tasked with responsibility for such controls, the relevant coordinating body shall adopt and send a communication to the Inspectorate of Finance with regard to the ex-ante verifications on compliance with Union and national law and on the protection of the financial interests of the Union to be conducted in line with Regulation (EU) 2021/241.</p>
251	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Prevention, detection and deterrence of conflict of interest	Issued instructions				Before the second payment request	Before the second payment request	<p>The coordinating bodies in the Belgian Recovery and Resilience Plan shall issue instructions to all implementing bodies with regard to ex-ante verifications before the signature of the contract or the award of the grant, of the risk for conflict of interest in the implementation of RRF measures. This shall include (i) mandatory declarations on the absence of conflict of interest from the persons involved at all stages of the selection procedures for both calls for tenders and calls for projects and (ii) on a risk basis, the use of an appropriate risk-scoring tool in view of performing the checks on conflict of interest outlined in the instructions. The instructions shall define conflict of interest in line with Article 61 of the Financial Regulation.</p>

## 2. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

The estimated total cost of the modified recovery and resilience plan including the REPowerEU chapter of Belgium is EUR 5 265 406 908. The estimated total cost of the REPowerEU chapter is EUR 686 376 998. In particular, the estimated total cost of the measures referred to in Article 21c(3), point (a) of Regulation (EU) 2023/435 is EUR 0 whilst the cost of the other measures in the REPowerEU chapter is EUR 686 376 998.

## SECTION 2: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### 1. Financial contribution

The instalments referred to in Article 2(2) shall be organised in the following manner:

#### 1. First Instalment (non-repayable support):

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
56	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Project management in place for the digital transformation of justice following the adoption of a decree
70	Regional data exchange platform (I-2.10)	M	Award of the public contract
72	Digitalisation of citizen-business processes (I-2.11)	M	Entry in operation of new digital platforms
89	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	EU Connectivity Toolbox
90	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	Publication of 5G spectrum assignment legislative framework
110	Mobiliteitsbudget (R-3.02)	M	Adoption of the mobility budget
116	Stimulating zero-emission transport – VLA (R-3.06)	M	Adoption of a framework for the deployment of charging infrastructure in the Flemish Region
120	Charging stations – FED (I-3.18)	M	Adoption of the tax incentive to install private and semi-public charging points
126	Zero-emission company cars (R-3.03)	M	Adoption of the law reforming the company car tax scheme
135	Personalised guidance in compulsory education (I-4.03)	M	Adoption of a new decree framework that sets the terms of intervention of the system
137	Digital turnaround for Brussels schools (I-4.05)	T	Equipping schools/institutions with adequate ICT devices and infrastructure to improve the overall performance of education systems
150	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	M	Walloon Strategy for deinstitutionalisation (Walloon health policy)
172	Learning account (R-5.03)	M	Federal reform developing individual entitlement to training for employees
173	Learning account (R-5.03)	M	Federal reform creating incentives for companies to provide training
177	Reform of support to jobseekers in Wallonia (R-5.05)	M	Reform of support for jobseekers in Wallonia
196	Governance Circular Flanders (R-5.09)	M	Launch of Steering Group of Circular Flanders
205	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review pilot or integration into budgetary process (1)

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
209	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Repository system for Audit and Controls: information for monitoring implementation of RRF
210	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Protection of EU financial interest
	Instalment amount		EUR 942 962 800

## 2. Second instalment (non-repayable support):

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
1	Improved energy grant scheme in the Flemish region (R-1.01)	M	Improved energy grant schemes in Flanders
2	Improved energy grant scheme of the Brussels-Capital region (R-1.02)	M	Entry into force of new regulation on energy grant schemes in Brussels
3	Improved energy grant scheme of the German-speaking Community (R-1.03)	M	Entry into force of new regulation on energy grant schemes in the German-speaking Community
11	Public building renovations (I-1.08)	M	Adaptation of the electricity ordinance to introduce a one-stop shop for renovation
18	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.15)	M	Award of contracts under the call for projects
21	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.16)	M	Award of contracts to hydrogen IPCEI projects
22	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.16)	M	Award of contracts for non-IPCEI hydrogen projects
24	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.17)	M	Award of contracts for hydrogen IPCEI projects
27	Developing the low-carbon industry (I-1.18)	M	Award of contracts
45	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	M	Delivery of first cybersecurity awareness campaign
54	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Requirements are defined
57	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Publication of the Just-on-Web online portal
62	eHealth Services and Health Data (I-2.06)	M	Entry into force of the law setting up the Health Data Authority
63	eHealth Services and Health Data (I-2.06)	M	Requirements for the subprojects
68	Digitalization of the Flemish Government (I-2.09)	M	Approval of support for 11 projects
78	E-government: tendering procedure (R-2.02)	M	Entry into force of a new regulatory context
81	Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges (I-2.14)	M	Completion of pilot projects by the AI for the Common Good Institute
91	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	5G auction
92	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	Status Connectivity Toolbox implementation
93	Introduction of 5G – National fixed and mobile broadband plan (R-2.03)	M	Revision of the legislative framework of the three regions on radiation standards
103	Rail refurbishment and station accessibility works (I-3C)	T	Completion of rail refurbishment and modernisation works and station accessibility works (step 1)
112	I-3H: ‘Smart Mobility tools’ of Brussels Capital Region (I-3H)	T	Smart Mobility tools are in operation

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
117	Charging stations – VLA (I-3.19)	M	Award of concessions for charging infrastructure
118	Charging stations – RBC (R-3.05)	M	Adoption of a decree specifying the security standards and of an infrastructure delivery plan
119	Charging stations – WAL (R-3.04)	M	Adoption of a plan to deploy electric charging stations
131	Provision of digital equipment and IT infrastructure to schools (I-4)	T	Equipping schools/institutions with adequate ICT devices and infrastructure to improve the overall performance of education systems
136	Personalised guidance in compulsory education (I-4.03)	T	Deployment of a reinforced support mechanism for students in need
149	Digibanks (I-4.11)	T	Signature of partnerships to promote digital inclusion
156	Pension and end of career (R-4.07)	M	Action plan based on output of the employment conference
164	Learning and career offensive (I-5.04)	T	Support for training leaves and online training offer in Flanders
167	Learning and career-offensive (I-5.04)	M	Support to the temporary unemployed in Flanders
168	Life-long learning of the Flemish Community (R-5.04)	M	Vision paper on learning and career account in Flanders
169	Digital Skills (I-5.06)	T	Development of e-learning offer in Flanders
186	Strengthen R&D (I-5.11)	M	Award of public contracts for R&D and infrastructure projects
189	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	T	Support for 30 food relocation projects, four emerging sectors and 5 pieces of infrastructure
193	Reform - Faster permit and appeal procedures (R-5.06)	M	Reform of the environmental permit and appeal procedures
194	Reform - Broadening innovation base (R-5.07)	M	Reform of the regulation for innovation support
195	Brussels Regional Strategy for the Economic Transition (R-5.08)	M	Adoption of the Regional Strategy for Economic Transition
197	Recycling Hub (I-5.14)	T	Award of six public contracts for recycling facilities
201	Deployment of the circular economy in Wallonia (I-5.16)	M	Award of public contracts for projects promoting circular economy in Wallonia
206	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review integration into budgetary process (1) or pilot completion
213	Improved energy subsidy scheme of the Flemish Region (I-7.02)	M	Increased energy subsidy scheme of the Flemish Region
250	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Adaptation of the management and control system for the Recovery and Resilience Plan
251	Monitoring and implementation of the plan	M	Prevention, detection and deterrence of conflict of interest
Instalment amount			EUR 1 006 646 610

3. Third instalment (non-repayable support) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
5	Renovation of private and social housing (I-1A)	T	Renovation of private residential and social housing (step1)

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
9	Renovation of private and social housing (R-1.01(iii))	T	Award of grants for home batteries in Flanders
12	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of public buildings (step 1)
15	Regulatory framework for the H <sub>2</sub> market (R-1.04)	M	Entry into force of the new or modified laws and related regulations to enable market development of H <sub>2</sub>
15bis	Regulatory framework for the transport of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) through pipelines market in Flanders (R-1.05)	M	Entry into force of the new or modified decrees and related regulations to enable transport of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) through pipelines in Flanders
38	Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change (I-1.22)	M	Award of grants to projects for creation of two national parks
42	Blue Deal (I-1.24)	M	Land purchases to reinforce biodiversity and/or mitigate climate change effects
44	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	M	Notification of award for public tenders
46	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	T	Instruments to increase cyber resilience available to the general public
47	Cybersecure and resilient digital society (I-2.01)	M	Global cybersecurity governance framework within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
51	Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ (I-2.04) (sub-measure 2)	T	All Public Institute for Social Security (IPSS) communications are digital and data is centralized / consolidated
77	Simplification of administrative procedures (R-2.01)	M	Entry into force of measures to simplify the online creation of a business
82	Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges (I-2.14)	M	Team of experts created within the AI for the Common Good Institute
99	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	T	Start of major infrastructure works for bus (smart road signals, and light metro (Charleroi))
104	Rail refurbishment and station accessibility works (I-3C)	T	Completion of rail refurbishment and modernisation works and station accessibility works (step 2)
111	SNCB/INFRABEL Performance (R-3.01)	M	Approval of the new performance contracts of NMBS-SNCB and Infrabel and the pluri-annual investment plan, contract
113	Modal shift grants (I-3.14)	T	First 4 375 new modal shift grants applications
121	Charging stations (I-3F)	T	Additional operational semi-public and public charging points (step 1)
124	Emission fraud (R-3.07)	M	Adoption of the legal framework for vehicle emission monitoring in Flanders
127	Digisprong (R-4.01)	M	Adoption of new ICT framework for compulsory education in Flanders
128	Higher education advancement Fund (R-4.02)	M	Vision paper for a future oriented, agile, and digital higher education
134	Higher Education Advancement Fund (I-4.02)	T	Improving high education offering in Flanders to make it more future-proof and agile
140	Tackling discrimination at the labour market (R-4.04)	M	Adapted regulatory framework and improved application of discriminatory tests
141	An inclusive labour market (R-4.06)	T	Completion of sectoral non-discrimination actions
143	Re-qualification strategy (I-4.07)	M	Award of grants related to social innovation initiatives
146	E-inclusion for Belgium (I-4.08)	T	Award of grants

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
148	Gender and work (I-4.10)	T	Signature of grant agreements
154	Building and renovation of early childcare infrastructure (I-4.13)	T	Award of works contracts for project promoters
159	A6K/E6K Digital and Technological Innovation and Training Hub (I-5.01)	M	Activity developed through A6K-E6K
174	Learning account (R-5.03)	M	Reform establishing compulsory registration in the public employment service
184	R&D: Minimization of waste during dismantling (I-5.10)	M	Award of public contract for the construction of a Material Treatment facility (MaT)
207	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review integration into budgetary process (1) or (2) / Spending review ex-post analysis
228	Appeal procedure to the State Council (R-7.02)	M	Entry into force of legislation
229	PV-obligation for large consumers (R-7.03)	M	Entry into force of legislation
	Instalment amount		EUR 688 829 691

#### 4. Fourth instalment (non-repayable support) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
15ter	Regulatory framework for the CO <sub>2</sub> market in Wallonia (R-1.06)	M	Entry into force of a decree to enable market development of CO <sub>2</sub> in Wallonia
40	Ecological defragmentation (I-1.23)	T	Finalisation of projects on ecological defragmentation
59	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05) (Sub-measure 1: Digital transformation of Justice)	M	Database for the collection of data
83	Development of an AI institute in order to use this technology to meet societal challenges (I-2.14)	M	Services delivered
94	Cycling infrastructure (I-3A)	M	Start of all cycling and walking projects
95	Cycling infrastructure (I-3A)	T	New and refurbished cycling paths
102	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	M	Signature of public service contract of OTW ('Opérateur de Transport de Wallonie')
122	Charging stations (I-3F)	T	Additional operational private, semi-public and public charging points (step 2)
129	Legislation to reduce early school leaving and absenteeism and address permanent exclusions (R-4.03)	M	Legislation against early school leaving
133	Digital strategy for higher education and adult learning (I-4.04)	T	Award of grants for digital equipment
138	Digital turnaround for Brussels schools (I-4.05)	T	Equipping schools with ICT devices and WIFI access points to improve the overall performance of education systems
139	Re-qualification strategy (R-4.05)	M	Legal acts to promote integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market
144	Re-qualification strategy (I-4.07)	T	Language and digital skills counselling of jobseekers
151	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	T	Award of part of the works

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
157	Pension and end of career (R-4.07)	M	Pension reform proposal
158	Pension and end of career (R-4.07)	M	Adoption of the pension reform
165	Learning and career-offensive (I-5.04)	T	Support to enterprises in Flanders via competency checks and calls for projects
166	Strategy for relaunching the labour market focused on the efficiency and optimisation of activation and training policies (I-5.05)	T	Activation support to job seekers and workers in Brussels
170	Digital Skills (I-5.06)	M	Digital tools and services to citizens, employers and VDAB partners
188	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	M	Award of public works contracts for the construction of 2 logistic hubs food sector
208	Spending reviews (R-6)	M	Spending review integration into budgetary process / Spending review ex-post analysis
211	Revision of the code on air, climate and energy - RBC (R-7.01)	M	New obligations for building renovation
212	Improved energy subsidy scheme- BCR (I-7.01)	T	Renovation of residential dwellings
214	Energy grants - German-speaking Community (I-7.03)	T	Renovation of private housing
219	Research platform for energy transition (I-7.11)	M	Award of public subsidies
230	Acceleration of the energy transition (R-7.04)	M	Entry into force of legislation
233	Optimization of energy distribution (I-7.17)	M	Award of subsidies to the two main electricity network operators in the Walloon Region
Instalment amount			EUR 656 896 372

5. Fifth instalment (non-repayable support) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
7	Renovation of private and social housing (I-1A)	T	Renovations of private residential and social housing
13	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of buildings (step 2)
20	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.15)	T	Projects finished
65	Digitalisation of ONE (I-2.07)	M	Digital platforms are accessible
69	Digitalization of the Flemish Government (I-2.09)	M	Digitalisation projects
73	Digitalisation of citizen-business processes (I-2.11)	T	3 digital platforms
100	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	T	Equipping crossroads with smart road traffic lights
106	Canal Albert and Trilogiport (I-3.11)	M	Award of contracts for the works of the bridges over Canal Albert / and a new platform at Trilogiport
108	Storage, analysis and visualization of mobility data on a digital platform (I-3D)	T	Setting up of mobility data use cases
115	Greening the bus fleet (I-3G)	T	Green buses delivered in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia and charging infrastructures delivered in Flanders
254	Reform of the Vehicle Circulation Tax of the Walloon Region (R-3.08)	M	Entry into force of the legal act reforming the vehicle circulation tax

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
160	Upgrading of advanced training infrastructure (I-5.03)	T	Buildings and equipment
161	EU Biotech Campus (I-5.02)	T	Building and equipment
175	Limitation of unemployment benefits over time and enhanced degressive structure of unemployment benefits (R 5.01)	M	Federal reform of unemployment benefits
190	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	T	Construction and equipping of two logistic hubs completed
192	Digitisation of the Walloon tourism sector (I-5.13)	T	Number of tourism accommodations, organisations or attractions available on the 'outil regional de commercialisation'
255	Equity injection into Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV) to support companies active in the field of biotechnology (I-5.19)	M	Investment policy
216	Energy-climate measures in public buildings – Federal state (I-7.05)	T	Installation projects
220	Research platform for energy transition (I-7.11)	M	Procurement of equipment
		Instalment amount	EUR 463 459 423

6. Sixth instalment (non-repayable support) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
14	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of buildings (step 3)
14bis	Building renovations (I-1B)	T	Renovation of buildings (step 4)
23	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.16)	M	Final projects reports
26	An industrial value chain for hydrogen transition (I-1.17)	M	Completion of projects awarded under the call for tender
28	Developing the low-carbon industry (I-1.18)	M	Positive evaluation letters issued
37	Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change (I-1.22)	M	Final delivery reports for nature protection projects
39	Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change (I-1.22)	M	Final delivery report for infrastructure works in two national parks
43	Blue Deal (I-1.24)	T	Blue Deal projects delivered
43bis	Blue Deal (I-1.24)	T	Disbursement under Blue Deal schemes
49	Cybersecurity: 5G (I-2.02)	M	Integration of systems
50	Cybersecurity: NTSU/CTIF interception registry (I-2.03)	M	Digital registry of intercepted private communications
52	Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ (I-2.04) (sub-measure 1)	M	Digital programmes
53	Digitalisation IPSS/OISZ (I-2.04) (sub-measure-3)	M	Digital solution available - Interactive platform (IPSS/OISZ)
55	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Digitalisation projects are delivered
58	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	Internal collection of court decisions
60	Digitalisation SFPS (I-2.05)	M	Case Management System in place for seven entities

<b>Seq. nb.</b>	<b>Name of the measure</b>	<b>M/T</b>	<b>Name</b>
61	Digitalisation FPS (I-2.05)	M	The front-end interface is in use
64	eHealth Services and Health Data (I-2.06)	M	Digitalisation projects are carried out
66	Digitalisation of the cultural and media sector (I-2.08)	T	Digitalisation of audiovisual and audio works and creation of native digital works
67	Digitalisation of the cultural and media sector (I-2.08)	T	Use of digital tools
80	Coverage of white areas by fibre networks (I-2.13)	T	Coverage
84	Improving the connectivity of 35 business parks in Wallonia (I-2.15)	T	Fibre connectivity for 35 business parks
96	Cycling infrastructure (I-3A)	T	New and refurbished cycling paths
96b	Cycling infrastructure - Vélo Plus - FED (I-3.03b)	T	New and refurbished cycling paths
97	Cycling infrastructure – VeloPlus – RBC (I-3.03a)	T	New public cycling parking
101	Enhancing public transport in Wallonia (I-3B)	T	Completion of works and crossroads with smart road traffic lights
105	Rail refurbishment and station accessibility works (I-3C)	T	Delivery of rail refurbishment and modernisation works and station accessibility works (step 3)
107	Canal Albert and Trilogiport (I-3.11)	T	Delivery of the works of the bridges over Canal Albert / and a new platform at Trilogiport
109	Go Live of rail IT modules (I-3E)	T	Rail – Smart mobility
115 b	Greening the bus fleet –(I-3G)	T	Green buses, charging infrastructures, and a bus depot delivered in Wallonia
125	Emission fraud (R-3.07)	M	IT system that integrates emission data with observations of periodic technical and road safety inspections operational
147	Digital platforms for prisoners (I-4.09)	M	Roll-out of digital platform
152	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	T	Installation of remote assistance boxes for vulnerable people
155	Building and renovation of early childcare infrastructure (I-4.13)	T	Opening of childcare places
153	Development of public utility housing and housing for vulnerable persons (I-4.12)	T	Housing units ready to be occupied
162	A6K/E6K Digital and Technological Innovation and Training Hub (I-5.01)	T	Finalisation of A6K-E6K renovation and extension
163	Upgrading of advanced training infrastructure (I-5.03)	T	Buildings and equipment
171	Digital lifelong learning (I-5.07)	M	Buildings equipped for digital skills training
179	Nuclear medicine (I-5.08)	M	Radioisotope facility constructed and commissioned (FANC and FAGG)
180	Nuclear medicine (I-5.08)	M	Technology package finalised
185	R&D: Minimization of waste during dismantling (I-5.10)	M	Material Treatment facility (MaT) constructed and equipped and commissioned; desk top study finalised
187	Strengthen R&D (I-5.11)	M	Awarded R&D&I and infrastructure projects funded
191	Relocation of food and development of logistics platforms (I-5.12)	T	Construction of at least 2 pieces of infrastructure, 22 small scale infrastructure and execution of 4 larger

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
			structuring projects, is completed and reinforcing 5 decentralised logistic hubs
198	Recycling Hub (I-5.14)	T	Completion of works in six recycling facilities
200	Belgium Builds Back Circular (I-5.15)	M	Delivery of awareness raising actions to SME's and of circular projects
202	Deployment of the circular economy in Wallonia (I-5.16)	T	Completion of projects promoting circular economy in Wallonia
256	Equity injection into Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV) to support companies active in the field of biotechnology (I-5.19)	M	Equity injection
215	Renovation of social housing – WAL (I-7.04)	T	Solar panels and heat pumps in social housing
217	Energy measures in AWV buildings (I-7.10)	T	Completed energy measure projects
218	Saving energy in public buildings – VLA (I-7)	T	Energy-efficient renovation of public buildings
225	Call for climate measures in agriculture (I-7.14)	T	Finalisation of projects awarded under the calls for proposals
231	Acceleration of the energy transition (R-7.04)	M	Entry into force of legal act
234	Optimization of energy distribution (I-7.17)	T	Installation of smart meters
236	Investments in electrification of port infrastructure of the Flemish Region(I-7.18)	M	Acceptance letters
242	Greening the bus fleet –BCR (I-7.21)	T	Electric buses delivered
244	Public LED lighting – VLA (I-7.23)	T	LED lighting installed
245	Rail efficient network – FED (I-7.24)	T	Re-Electrification of rail lines
246	Charging infrastructure for busses - BCR (I-3.21)	T	Charging infrastructure installed
249	SMELD – FED (I-5.18)	M	An industrial scale melting furnace is set up
252	Marine Nature Restoration Programme of the Federal state (I-1.25)	T	Finalisation of Marine Nature Restoration studies projects
257	Capital injection into SFPIM Defence of the Federal state (I-5.20)	M	SFPIM Defence's investment policy and management and control system
253	Off-shore energy project of the Federal State (I-1.26)	T	Completion of off-shore energy projects
258	Capital injection into SFPIM Defence of the Federal state (I-5.20)	M	Equity injection
260	Renovation of private buildings in Walloon region (I-7.26)	T	Energy renovation premiums for private residential buildings
261	Improved energy subsidy scheme' - BCR (I-7.01)	T	Renovation of residential dwellings
262	Renovation of social housing of the Brussels-Capital Region (I-1.02)	T	Renovations of social housing
	Instalment amount		EUR 1 275 155 339

## 2. Loan

The instalments referred to in Article 3(2) shall be organised in the following manner:

### 7. First instalment (loans) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
54b	Digitalisation SPF (I-2.05bis)	M	Requirements are defined
239	Off-shore energy island (I-7.20)	M	Finalisation of FEED and environmental studies
Instalment amount			EUR 48 840 000

### 8. Second instalment (loans) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
240	Off-shore energy island (I-7.20)	M	Environmental permits for energy island obtained
Instalment amount			EUR 24 420 000

### 9. Third instalment (loans) :

Seq. nb.	Name of the measure	M/T	Name
55b	Digitalisation SPF (I-2.05bis)	M	Digitalisation projects are delivered
98	Cycling & walking infrastructure – Schuman (I-3.04)	T	New public space for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport at Schuman
241	Off-shore energy island (I-7.20)	M	Completion of works related to the energy island
259	Scaled-up measure: Capital injection into SFPIM Defence of the Federal state (I-5.21)	M	Equity injection
Instalment amount			EUR 156 840 000

## **SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

### **1. Arrangements for monitoring and implementation of the recovery and resilience plan**

The monitoring and implementation of the recovery and resilience plan of the Belgium shall take place in accordance with the following arrangements:

The implementation of the Belgian recovery and resilience plan shall be monitored both at inter-federal level and at the level of each entity in charge of implementing the measures of the plan, taken separately. The Secretary of State for the Recovery and Strategic Investments is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the plan at inter-federal level. Taken into account the broad scope of measures included in the plan, for which the competences are spread over seven entities, the inter-federal coordinator is responsible for monitoring a coherent implementation of the plan.

The political monitoring of the plan shall be performed by the Inter-ministerial Conference. The Inter-ministerial Conference shall be chaired by the Secretary of State for Recovery and Strategic Investments, and is composed of representatives of the Federal State, the Regions and the Communities.

The administrative monitoring of the plan shall be carried out by an inter-federal Monitoring Committee. The Monitoring Committee shall be composed of representatives of all the entities responsible for reporting and administrative follow-up of projects under their responsibility. The Monitoring Committee shall be chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Public Service BOSA (*'Federale overheidsdienst beleid en ondersteuning'*), who shall ensure continuity of the overall coordination of the plan and technical contacts with the Commission, in collaboration with the Secretary of State for Recovery and Strategic Investments. The Monitoring Committee shall monitor the implementation and achievements of the plan, coordinate the preparation of each payment request, identify risks of not meeting milestones and target and propose solutions if risks materialise.

Each entity shall monitor progress of investment and reform projects under the plan. Each government level shall set up a central coordination unit responsible for horizontal monitoring and coordination of the measures under its responsibility. The regional/community central coordination levels shall ensure the monitoring and reporting in a digital monitoring tool which shall allow the inter-federal Monitoring Committee to follow-up on the implementation of the plan.

Belgium appointed two entities as Audit Authorities, Vlaamse Auditautoriteit (VAA) for the Flemish Region and the Flemish Community, and Corps Interfédéral de l'Inspection des Finances (CAIF) for the Federal State and the remaining regions and communities (Brussels Capital Region, Walloon Region, French Community and German-speaking Community). Both entities are independent from the entities implementing the RRF in Belgium.

The Belgian plan identifies the different bodies in charge of the implementation, monitoring and control of the projects in each of the seven entities (Federal State, Flemish Region, Flemish Community, Walloon Region, Brussels-Capital Region, French Community and German-speaking Community). The services responsible for the implementation (Managing Authorities), and audit and control (Audit Authorities), are also in charge of the verifications

of projects financed by other EU Funds, which allows them to have an overall view of the EU funding, and contributes to reduce the risk of double funding.

## **2. Arrangements for providing full access by the Commission to the underlying data**

In order to provide full access to the Commission to the underlying relevant data, Belgium shall have in place the following arrangements:

The Secretary of State for Recovery and Strategic Investments coordinates the implementation of the plan, while the monitoring is performed at political level by the Inter-ministerial Conference and at administrative level by the Inter-federal Monitoring Committee. In particular, the Secretary of State for Recovery and Strategic Investments acts as a coordinating body for monitoring progress on milestones and targets, for monitoring and, where appropriate, implementing control and audit activities, and for providing reporting and requests for payments. It coordinates the reporting of milestones and targets, relevant indicators, but also qualitative financial information and other data, such as on final recipients. The data encoding is taking place in decentralised IT systems throughout different ministries, which are obliged to report the required data to the Secretary of State for Recovery and Strategic Investments.

In accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, upon completion of the relevant agreed milestones and targets in Section 2.1 of this Annex, Belgium shall submit to the Commission a duly justified request for payment of the financial contribution. Belgium shall ensure that, upon request, the Commission has full access to the underlying relevant data that supports the due justification of the request for payment, both for the assessment of the request for payment in accordance with Article 24(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 and for audit and control purposes.