

ANNEX III

Tallinn, 20th of January 2026

Valdis Dombrovskis
Commissioner for Economy and Productivity,
Implementation and Simplification
European Commission

**Subject: Letter of 20th of January 2026 on the agreement to the modification of the
Operational Arrangements between the European Commission and the
Republic of Estonia**

Dear Commissioner Dombrovskis,

Article 20(6) of Regulation (EU) 241/2021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021, establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility¹ (the “RRF Regulation”) establishes that the Commission and Estonia should enter into Operational Arrangements to further specify the elements mentioned in the Council Implementing Decision of 29 October 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Estonia (ST 12532/21 INIT; ST 12532/21 ADD 1; ST 12532/21 ADD 1 COR 1; ST 12532/21 ADD 1 COR 1 REV 1), (the “**Council Implementing Decision**”).

On 22 March 2022, the Operational Arrangements between the Commission and Estonia (the “Parties”) entered into force and were modified on 17 October 2023. According to Clause 4 of those Operational Arrangements, the Parties may modify the Operational Arrangements by mutual consent through an exchange of letters.

On 20th of January 2026, Estonia and the Commission services agreed to the modifications to the Operational Arrangements as set out in the Annex to this letter. On this basis, Estonia hereby requests the Commission to formalise its agreement by replying in writing to this letter.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, OJ L 057 18.2.2021, p. 17.

The modification shall enter into force on the date on which European Commission communicates its written agreement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jürgen Ligi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Minister of Finance of the Republic of Estonia

ANNEX IV

Recovery and Resilience Facility

Second modification to the

Operational Arrangements between the European Commission and Estonia

[The modification to the Operational Arrangements shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the European Commission's agreement in writing.]

This modification to the Operational Arrangements is made by and between

the European Union, represented by the European Commission,
hereinafter referred to as “**the Commission**”

and

The Republic of Estonia, represented by the Minister of Finance,
Hereinafter referred to as “**the Member State**”,

hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and each of them a “Party”

The Parties have agreed the following:

The Operational Arrangements of 22 March 2022, amended on 27 October 2023, between the European Commission and Estonia are modified as follows:

(1) In Section 3: Timeline for payment requests

(a) The table for Financial Contribution is replaced by the following:

<i>Payment Request for the First Instalment</i>	<i>EUR 285 955 440</i>	<i>Q4 2023</i>
<i>Payment Request for the Second Instalment</i>	<i>EUR 142 977 720</i>	<i>Q2 2024</i>
<i>Payment Request for the Third Instalment</i>	<i>EUR 142 977 720</i>	<i>Q1 2025</i>
<i>Payment Request for the Fourth Instalment</i>	<i>EUR 190 636 960</i>	<i>Q1 2026</i>
<i>Payment Request for the Fifth Instalment</i>	<i>EUR 190 636 960</i>	<i>Q2 2026</i>

(2) the column entitled “Further Specifications (where necessary)” in Annex I: Milestones, Targets and Related Indicators is removed.

(3) Annex II: Arrangements and Timetable for Monitoring is removed.