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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility[1], and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Following the submission of the national recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') by Czechia on 1 June 2021, the Commission proposed its positive assessment to the Council. On 8 September 2021, the Council approved the positive assessment by means of an implementing decision ('the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021')[2]. The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 was amended by the Council Implementing Decisions of 17 October 2023[3], 5 November 2024[4], 8 July 2025[5] and 12 December 2025[6].

(2) On 3 July 2026, Czechia made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 on the grounds that the RRP is partially no longer achievable because of objective circumstances. On that basis, Czechia has submitted an amended RRP.

Amendments based on Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241

(3) The amendments to the RRP submitted by Czechia because of objective circumstances concern 12 measures.

(4) Czechia has explained that one measure is partially no longer achievable, because the investment cannot be finished before the lifetime of the RRF. This concerns

[1] OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17, ELI: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj.
[2] ST 11047/21 INIT; ST 11047/21 ADD 1.
[3] ST 13383/23 INIT; ST 13383/23 REV 1 (en); ST 13383/1/23 ADD 1 REV 1.
[4] ST 14663/24 INIT; ST 14663/24 ADD 1 REV 2.
[5] ST 10509/25 INIT; ST 10509/25 COR 1; ST 10509/25 COR 1 REV 1 (el, pt); ST 10509/25 ADD 1 REV 1.
[6] ST 15755/25 INIT; ST 15755/25 ADD 1.

investment 2 (Subordinated loans facility) of component 2.10 (Affordable housing). On this basis, Czechia has requested that this measure be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be amended accordingly.

(5) Czechia has explained that eleven measures have been amended to implement better alternatives that allow the administrative burden to be reduced and simplify the Council Implementing Decision, while still achieving the objectives of those measures. This concerns investment 2 (Development of core registries and facilities for eGovernment) of component 1.2 (Digital Public Administration Systems), investment 2 (Covering 5G corridors and promoting the development of 5G) of component 1.3 (High-Capacity Digital Networks), reform 1 (Public data governance framework) and investment 2 (Improvement of the management system for digitalised services) of component 1.7 (Digital Transformation of Public Administration), investment 1 (Application of modern technologies to railway infrastructure) of component 2.1 (Sustainable Transport), investment 3 (Improving the energy performance of public buildings) of component 2.2 (Reducing Energy Consumption in the Public Sector), investment 1 (Investment aid for regeneration of specific brownfield sites) of component 2.8 (Brownfields Revitalisation), investment 3 (Development and modernisation of social care infrastructure) and investment 4 (Development and modernisation of infrastructure in the field of care for children at risk) of component 3.3 (Modernisation of Employment Services and Labour Market Development), reform 1 (Increase efficiency, pro-client orientation and the use of the principles of evidence-based decision-making in public administration) of component 4.4 (Enhancing the Efficiency of Public Administration), and investment 1 (Construction of the Czech Oncology Institute) of component 6.2 (The National Plan to Strengthen Oncological Preventative Care). On this basis, Czechia has requested that those measures be amended. The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be amended accordingly.

Commission's assessment

(6) The Commission has assessed the amended RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

(7) The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Czechia do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 points (a), (b), (c), (d),(da), (db), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k).

Positive assessment

(8) Following the positive assessment by the Commission of the amended RRP, with the finding that the RRP satisfactorily complies with the criteria for assessment set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/241, in accordance with Article 20(2) of and Annex V to that Regulation, the reforms and investment projects necessary for the implementation of the amended RRP, the relevant milestones, targets and indicators, and the amount made available from the Union for the implementation of the amended RRP should be set out.

Financial contribution

(9) The estimated total costs of Czechia's amended RRP is EUR 8 669 382 126. As the amount of the estimated total cost of the amended RRP is higher than the updated maximum financial contribution available for Czechia, the financial contribution

determined in accordance with Article 4a of Regulation (EU) 2021/1755 of the European Parliament and of the Council[7], and with Article 20(4) and Article 21a(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 that is allocated for Czechia's amended RRP should be equal to EUR 8 409 179 142. Therefore, the financial contribution made available to Czechia remains unchanged.

Loans

(10) In order to support additional reforms and investments, a total loan support of EUR 343 142 953 was made available to Czechia by means of Council Implementing Decision of 17 October 2023. Following the decrease in the level of implementation of investment 2 (Subordinated loan facility) of component 2.10 (Affordable Housing) under Article 21 of Regulation 2021/241, Czechia has not requested to use the freed-up loan resources to support new measures or to increase the level of implementation of existing measures within the RRP. The amount of the estimated total costs of the RRP is lower than the combined financial contribution available for Czechia and the loan support that had been made available to Czechia by means of Council Implementing Decision of 17 October 2023. Therefore, the total loan support made available to Czechia should be reduced to EUR 260 167 635.

(11) The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should therefore be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity, the Annex to the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be replaced entirely.

(12) This Decision should be without prejudice to the outcome of any procedures relating to the award of Union funds under any Union programme other than the Facility or to procedures relating to distortions of the operation of the internal market that may be undertaken, in particular under Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty. It does not override the requirement for Member States to notify instances of potential State aid to the Commission under Article 108 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Approval of the assessment of the RRP

The assessment of the amended RRP for Czechia on the basis of the criteria provided for in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 is approved.

Article 2
Amendments

The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Czechia is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 2a, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"1. The Union shall make available to Czechia a loan amounting to a maximum of EUR 260 167 635."

[7] Regulation (EU) 2021/1755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 establishing the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (OJ L 357, 8.10.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1755/oj).

(2) the Annex is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 3
Addressee

This Decision is addressed to the Czech Republic.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President