30 June 2025

Positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets related to the sixth payment request of non-repayable support and of the loan support submitted by Portugal on 14 November 2024, transmitted to the Economic and Financial Committee by the European Commission

Executive summary

In accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, on 14 November 2024, Portugal submitted a request for payment for the sixth instalment of the non-repayable support and the loan support. The payment request was accompanied by the required management declaration and summary of audits.

To support its payment request, Portugal provided due justification of the satisfactory fulfilment of the 28 milestones and targets of the sixth instalment of the non-repayable support, and the four milestones and targets of the sixth instalment of the loan support, as set out in Section 3.1(1.4) of the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Portugal[1].

For five targets covering a large number of beneficiaries (target 3.6 on social responses in housing, target 13.1 on energy efficiency in residential buildings, target 16.6 on industry 4.0, target 20.6 in digitalisation of education and target 21.22 on skills related to renewable energy), in addition to the summary documents and official listings provided by Portugal, Commission services have assessed a statistically significant sample of individual files. The samples selected and the respective checks correspond to a confidence level of 95% or above in all cases.

In its payment request, Portugal has confirmed that measures related to previously satisfactorily fulfilled milestones and targets have not been reversed. The Commission does not have evidence of the contrary. Upon receipt of the payment request, the Commission has assessed on a preliminary basis the satisfactory fulfilment of the relevant milestones and targets. Based on the information provided by Portugal, the Commission has made a positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of all 32 milestones and targets.

The milestones and targets positively assessed as part of this payment request demonstrate significant steps in the implementation of Portugal's Recovery and Resilience Plan. They notably highlight the continuation of the reform momentum in key policy areas. This includes, among others, reforms to increase the efficiency of insolvency proceedings, improve the permitting procedures of renewable energy projects and strengthen the healthcare sector. The milestones and targets also confirm progress towards the completion of investment projects related to the green transition, including the installation of additional renewable energy capacity, energy-efficiency renovations in private residential buildings, sustainable public transport, forest and land management planning and wildfire prevention. Further investments concern the intervention in dwellings to improve accessibility conditions for people with disabilities, the development of innovative pilot products and services and the provision of digital equipment to public schools and the upgrade of digital infrastructures.

[1] ST 10149/21 INIT and ST 10149/21 ADD 1 REV 1, as amended by ST 13351/23 INIT and ST 13351/23 ADD 1 REV 1, ST 13497/24 INIT and ST 8055/25 INIT and ST 8055/25 ADD 1

By the transmission of this positive preliminary assessment and in accordance with Article 24(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the Commission asks for the opinion of the Economic and Financial Committee on the satisfactory fulfilment of the relevant milestones and targets.

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 1.11 Entry into force of the action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines

Related Measure: C01.r03 Completion of the reform of the governance model of public hospitals

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of the action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The reform aims to increase efficiency in the hospitals of the National Health Service, in particular to improve the organisation and internal management of public hospitals.

Milestone 1.11 consists in the entry into force of the action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines.

Milestone 1.11 is the fourth step in the implementation of this reform. It follows the completion of milestone 1.6, related to the entry into force of the new management contract template, target 1.8, related to the establishment of new integrated responsibility centres in the hospitals of the National Health System, and milestone 1.12, related to the entry into force of the new full dedication work regime in the NHS. Milestone 1.11 is accompanied by milestone 1.7, related to the entry into force of a new management accounting plan of the National Health System and by target 1.9 related to the establishment of additional new integrated responsibility centres in this payment request. Milestone 1.11 will be followed by target 1.10 related to the strengthening of the provision of healthcare services at home. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2024.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence. For legal acts please provide the full legal reference and date of entry into force	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Plan of centralised purchases 2024-2027,** produced by SPMS (Shared Services of the Ministry of Health) and signed on 2 August 2024	New action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines.
3	**Circular No. 1/2024/ACSS/SPMS**, issued by ACSS (Central Administration of the Health System) jointly with SPMS, signed on 31 July 2024	Circular disseminating the Plan of centralised purchases 2024-2027 through health services and indicating the day of the entry into force of the Plan (1 June 2024)
4	**Decision of 28 June 2024 of the Administration Board of SPMS, EPE,** signed on 30 June 2024	Decision by the Administration Board of SPMS, EPE (Shared Services of the Ministry of Health) approving the plan of centralised purchases, authorising the president of the Board

		to sign the Circular No. 1/2024/ACSS/SPMS and approving the report demonstrating how the recommendations were implemented.
5	**Assessment of Centralised Procurement of Medicines in Portugal I,** of March 2021, produced by the Austrian National Institute of Public Health	Report assessing the performance of centralised procurement of medicines (CPM) in Portugal from a public health perspective and developing policy recommendations, conducted by the Austrian National Institute of Public Health under the Structural Reform Support Programme. Available at https://jasmin.goeg.at/id/eprint/1760/1/GOe_FP_PT_CPM_Full%20Report_total_bf.pdf (last accessed on 15 April 2024)

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Entry into force of the action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines

On 28 June 2024, SPMS, EPE (Shared Services of the Ministry of Health) approved the new action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines, 'Plan of centralised purchases 2024-2027', hereinafter 'the Plan' (Point 2 of Decision of 28 June 2024 of SPMS, EPE Administration Board). The Plan entered into force retroactively on 1 June 2024 as mentioned in Circular No. 1/2024/ACSS/SPMS, signed by SPMS (Shared Services of the Ministry of Health) and ACSS (Central Administration of the Health System), which also published the Plan within the entities and services of the national public health system.

To implement the recommendations of the independent assessment of centralised procurement of medicines in Portugal, conducted by the Austrian National Institute of Public Health under the Structural Reform Support Programme.

The independent assessment of centralised procurement of medicines in Portugal, conducted by the Austrian National Institute of Public Health under the Structural Reform Programme, provided seven recommendations (Page 8 of the Assessment of Centralised Procurement of Medicines in Portugal, hereinafter 'the Assessment'), one of which is overarching. All the seven recommendations were implemented in the action plan, as described below (first sentence reporting the recommendation):

1. To develop a clear and consistent procurement strategy (Pages 8 and 9 of the Assessment), that establishes (i) objectives (page 6 of the Plan); (ii) a governance model, with a clear definition of the actors involved and their responsibilities (Page 7 and following of the Plan and page 18 of the Plan), (iii) Investments and financing (pages 68 and 70 of the Plan), (iv) collaboration with stakeholders, such as public authorities (see point below on Recommendation 4), users and partners (see point below on Recommendation 5) and experts of the National Health Service (see point below on Recommendation 3); (v) performance measurement, monitoring and evaluation (pages 66 and 67 of the Plan); and (vi) Instruments of acquisition (page 10 and 11 of the Plan).

2. To strengthen the measurement of performance (definition of performance indicators) and monitoring. The Plan establishes indicators (Pages 66 and 67 of the Plan) that contribute to

the analysis of data on centralised purchases. One example is the creation of an indicator on all centralised purchases since 2018, which allows for an analysis of amounts, providers and categories of medicines and medical devices (Page 66 of the Plan).

3. To strengthen the capacity of entities involved in public procurement of medicines, both in terms of quantity and quality. The Plan establishes different initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the entities involved in public procurement of medicines (Pages 55 and 56 of the Plan). For instance, the engagement of experts from the National Health Service or associations of professionals during the elaboration of framework agreements for the purchase of medicines, thus enhancing the accuracy of the knowledge on the operational needs of the National Health Service (Page 56 of the Plan).

4. To strengthen the institutional collaboration of the public authorities involved. The governance model defined by the plan builds on the existing logic of shared services management, where relevant health stakeholders participate in a single separate entity – the SPMS (Shared Services of the Ministry of Health) - to collaborate and jointly define the strategy for purchasing of medicines and equipment. Those stakeholders include local health units, experts, market regulators, associations of users and professionals and providers of goods and services (Pages 7 and 8 of the Plan). Hence, the Plan establishes initiatives to further improve collaboration (e.g., bi-annual meetings with the monitoring committee of procurement under health (CACS), responsible for monitoring purchases plans and developing with the SPMS policies to promote efficiency gains in the purchase of medicines and devices) (Pages 55 and 56 of the Plan). The collaboration is also promoted when authorising purchases (Pages 56 to 60 of the Plan).

5. To strengthen collaboration with users and partners. The Plan identifies the different stakeholders that interact with SPMS (responsible for managing centralised purchases), including governmental entities or the institutions under the National Health Service (Pages 23 and 24 of the Plan). In addition, it includes initiatives to strengthen collaboration (e.g., collaborative development of framework-agreements for the purchase of medicines engaging experts of the NHS and associations of professionals).

6. To strengthen the SPMS service character (project: optimisation of the electronic acquisitions architecture). As outlined in the Plan, several electronic tools under SPMS are already in place for the centralised purchases, like the electronic platform for public procurement and a public catalogue of health supplies, which provides all information on framework-agreements, prices and providers (pages 16 and 17 of the Plan). An international tender was launched for the development of a new procurement tool with an artificial intelligence mechanism incorporated to support procurement procedures-related work (page 22 of the Plan).

7. To strengthen procedures for preparing and managing purchases of medicines. Different elements of the Plan contribute to strengthening procedures for preparing and managing purchases of medicines, including: a centralised governance model in the SPMS (page 7 and following of the Plan), electronic tools with centralised information on contracts and supplies (page 16 and following on the Plan) and indicators transversal to the health sector (page 66 and 67 of the Plan).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **centralised purchasing shall be strengthened with a view to achieving further efficiency savings, notably by addressing the recommendations from a recent independent evaluation.**

The independent assessment of centralised procurement of medicines in Portugal conducted by the Austrian National Institute of Public Health under the Structural Reform Programme provided seven recommendations (Page 8 of the Assessment). All the seven recommendations were implemented in the action plan, as described above. The combined implementation of these recommendations creates further efficiency savings:

Recommendation	Efficiency saving achieved
To strengthen the measurement of performance (definition of performance indicators) and monitoring	The plan establishes indicators to analyse data on centralised purchases. This allows adjusting the amounts, providers and categories of medicines and medical devices depending on the needs, thus reducing waste and inefficiencies.
To strengthen the capacity of entities involved in public procurement of medicines, both in terms of quantity and quality	The plan establishes the engagement of experts from the NHS or associations of professionals during the elaboration of framework agreements for the purchase of medicines. This enhances the accuracy of the knowledge on the operational needs of the NHS, thus allowing for more accurate decision and reducing inefficiencies.
To strengthen procedures for preparing and managing purchases of medicines. Different elements of the Plan contribute to strengthening procedures for preparing and managing purchases of medicines	The plan establishes a centralised governance model in the SPMS. This enhances the sharing of knowledge and information, thus allowing for more accurate decision and reducing inefficiencies.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure **centralised purchasing is to be broadened to medical equipment and devices.**

Medical equipment and devices are already object of centralised purchasing, as they are included in the existing framework agreements (pages 32 to 34 of the Plan). The Plan however establishes that future framework agreements, and the so-called dynamic systems of acquisition, cover additional types of medical equipment and devices, such as knee prostheses, shoulder prostheses and medical gases (page 80 of the Plan).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 1.7 Entry into force of the new Management Accounting Plan of the National Health Service

Related Measure: C01.r03 Completion of the reform of the governance model of public hospitals

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of the new Management Accounting Plan

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the reform is to increase efficiency in the hospitals of the National Health Service.

Milestone 1.7 consists in the entry into force of the new Management Accounting Plan of the National Health Service. The new plan will allow to collect, at national level, information on the costs, revenues and results of hospital services, thereby improving the allocation of resources and benchmarking and identifying areas for improvement in the operational efficiency of the health services.

Milestone 1.7 is, simultaneously with milestone 1.11 (also assessed in the sixth instalment), the fourth step in the implementation of this reform. It follows the completion of milestones 1.6 (related to the entry into force of the new management contract template), 1.8 (related to the establishment of new Integrated Responsibility Centres in hospitals of the National Health Service) and 1.12 (related to the entry into force of the new full dedication work regime). It will be followed by targets 1.9 and 1.10, which will establish additional Integrated Responsibility Centres and strengthen the provision of health care services at home respectively.
The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 December 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Management Accounting Plan** for the National Health Service, of June 2024	New Management Accounting Plan for the National Health Service. The New Management Accounting Plan is available as annex to the Administrative Norm No. 20/2024/ACSS at https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/2016/11/24/circulares-normativas/circular_normativa_20_2024/. Commission services verified the link on 4 February 2025.
3	**Report** on the use of the new Management Accounting Plan for the National Health Service**,** of June 2024, signed by the President of the Directive Council of Central Administration of the Health System.	The report demonstrates that the new Management Accounting Plan of the National Health Service will allow to: i) collect, at national level, information on the costs, incomes, and results of hospital services; ii) improve the allocation of resources in the National Health Service; and iii) benchmark and identify areas for

		improvement in the operational efficiency of the health entities.
4	**Administrative Norm No. 20/2024/ACSS,** of 21 June of 2024 (published on the website of the Central Administration of the Health System: https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/2016/11/24/circulares-normativas/circular_normativa_20_2024/)	Administrative Norm No. 20/2024/ACSS approves the new Management Accounting Plan across the National Health Service and indicating the date of the entry into force of the new Management Accounting Plan (1 January 2025). Administrative Norm No. 20/2024/ACSS is available at https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/2016/11/24/circulares-normativas/circular_normativa_20_2024/. Commission services verified the link on 4 February 2025.
5	**Order No. 2871/2024** of 18 March of the Secretary of State for Health (published in Portugal's Official Journal *Diário da República*, Nº 55, second series of 18 March 2024), which entered into force on 19 March 2024.	Legal act defining the implementation process of the new Management Accounting Plan in the National Health Service.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Establishment of a Management Accounting Plan for the National Health Service

As of 19 March 2024, Portugal implemented a new Management Accounting Plan for the National Health Service (Point 1 of Order No. 2871/2024). The implementation of the Management Accounting Plan was gradual and started with pilot-projects in four health units (Point 2 of Order No. 2871/2024). Order No. 2871/2024 entered into force one day after its publication, on 19 March 2024 (Point 10 of Order No. 2871/2024).

On 21 June 2024, Portugal approved the Management Accounting Plan for all health units of the National Health Service (Point 1 of Administrative Norm No.20/2024/ACSS). According to Administrative Norm No 20.2024/ACSS, all health units must implement the new Management Accounting Plan on 1 January 2025 (Point 2). Portugal provided a copy of the Administrative Norm No.20/2024/ACSS which has been published at the website of Central Administration of Health System (https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/2016/11/24/circulares-normativas/circular_normativa_20_2024/) (evidence 4). This website was checked by Commission services on 4 February 2025.

(…) to collect, at national level, information on the costs, incomes, and results of hospital services, thereby improving the allocation of resources in the National Health Service

The new plan is applicable to all health units (Point 1 of Administrative Norm No.20/2024/ACSS) across the National Health Service, therefore harmonising the collection of data and allowing, at national level, to have comparable information (page 5 of the Management Accounting Plan) on the costs (pages 33 to 92 of the Management Accounting Plan), income (page 93 to 104 of the Management Accounting Plan) and results (pages 106 to 114 of the Management Accounting Plan) of health

services, which will support internal management of the health units themselves but also of the National Health Service as a whole, by contributing to the identification of cases where better allocation of resources is possible (page 5 of the Management Accounting Plan and pages 2, 6, 7 and 15 of the report on the use of the new Management Accounting Plan for the National Health Service).

The plan establishes the indicators to be used by health units for the collection and registration of monitoring data (pages 106 to 114 of the new Management Accounting Plan), including the new indicators needed for the Local Health Units created in the context of the reform of the National Health Service. The indicators presented relate to costs (e.g.: average cost per health service user of the Local Health Units – page 107) and results (e.g.: frequency of contacts per health service user of a Local Health Unit, relevant to assess the consumption of health services and, for instance, whether preventive mechanisms and integration of health care influences this pattern – page 109). The new Management Accounting Plan also establishes the framework and criteria of the information on income of health services (pages 93 to 104).

In addition, the Management Accounting Plan is based on the method of homogeneous sections. This method consists in the creation of sections focusing on a specific activity. The section is under the responsibility of a person controlling the activity of the section itself. Only the costs directly or indirectly related to that activity are attributed to the section. Each section also has methods to calculate the results (i.e. activities carried out) of each section, allowing to determine the unit costs/revenues of homogeneous sections (page 8 and following of the Management Accounting Plan). Local Health Units are required to follow this method, to guarantee adequate management of the costs and allow for a comparison between services (page 9 of the Management Accounting Plan).

(…) benchmarking and identifying areas for improvement in the operational efficiency of the health entities

As mentioned above, by establishing indicators, a framework and criteria, the new Management Accounting plan harmonises the collection of data from health units across the National Health Service. This improves the comparability and benchmarking of data between health units. For instance, specific cost accounting indicators, such as the average cost per user (pages 107 of the Management Accounting Plan) or costs with staff (page 113 of the Management Accounting Plan), facilitate the identification of areas where operational efficiency of health entities needs to be improved (page 7 of the Management Accounting Plan).

The new Management Accounting Plan shall be disseminated through a normative circular by the central administration of the health system

As mentioned above, the new plan was disseminated through a normative circular (Administrative Norm (*Circular Normativa*) No. 20/2024/ACSS), adopted by the Central Administration of the Health System on 21 June 2024.

Portugal provided a copy of the Administrative Norm No.20/2024/ACSS which has been published at the website of Central Administration of Health System (https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/2016/11/24/circulares-normativas/circular_normativa_20_2024/) (evidence 4). This website was checked by Commission services on 4 February 2025.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 1.22 Strengthening the response capacity of the national networks of integrated continued care and palliative care services in home care

Related Measure: C01.i02 National Network of Integrated Continued Care and National Network of Palliative Care

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 1200

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The investment aims to expand the national networks of palliative care, integrated continued care and home-based care.

Target 1.22 consists in the creation of (i) 1 000 new places in integrated continued home care teams, (ii) 100 new places in mental health home support teams and (iii) 100 new places in community palliative care support.

Target 1.22 is the second step in the implementation of this investment. It is preceded by milestone 1.20, which required the entry into force of the regulation on the allocation of financial support by the Regional Health Authorities. Target 1.22 will be followed by target 1.21 on the strengthening of the response capacity of the national networks of integrated continued care and palliative care services in inpatient and outpatient care. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Nine decisions of the Local Health Units** creating the teams necessary to provide new places in community palliative care support.	
		Informative circular of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit of Castelo Branco, of 10 July 2023, signed by the President of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. This circular informs of the decision of creation of the new community palliative care support team on 7 July 2023 by the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit.
		Extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit of Coimbra, of 12 September 2024, signed by the President of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit on 14 April 2025. The minutes include the decision of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit to create a new

		community palliative care support team in the Local Health Unit.
		Decision of the Local Health Unit of the Region of Leiria, of 19 February 2025, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. This decision approves the technical proposal to create a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Unit.
		Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit of Cova da Beira, of 18 February 2025, signed by the President of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. The minutes include the decision of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit to create a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Unit.
		Decision of the Local Health Unit of Arco Ribeirinho, of 10 October 2024, signed by the President of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. This decision approves the creation of a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Unit.
		Decision of the Local Health Unit of Médio Tejo, of 27 March 2025, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. This decision approves the creation of a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Team.
		Decision of the Local Health Unit of Oeste of 06 March 2025, signed by the President of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. This decision approves the creation of a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Team.
		Minutes of the meeting of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit of Amadora/Sintra, of 09 January 2025, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. The minutes include the decision of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit to create a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Unit.
		Decision of the Local Health Unit of Alto Alentejo, of 06 December 2023, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Local Health Unit. This decision approves the creation of a new community palliative care support team in the Local Health Team.
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	Four Decisions of the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' (ARS Norte) creating teams to provide 40 new places in community palliative care support.	Decision of the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte', of 11 November 2022, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Regional Health Authority, approving the creation of a new community palliative care support team in Póvoa de Varzim e Vila do Conde.
		Decision of the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte', of 30 August 2023, signed by the President and Vice-President of the Administration Council of the Regional Health Authority, approving the creation of a new community palliative care support team in Porto Oriental.
		Decision of the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte', of 03 February 2022, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Regional Health Authority, approving the creation of a new community palliative care support team in Braga.
		Decision of the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte', of 11 November 2022, signed by the President and other members of the Administration Council of the Regional Health Authority, approving the creation of a new community palliative care support team in Porto Ocidental.
4	**Nine Contracts** between Local Health Units and the National Network of Palliative Care, with the number of new places created by each Local Health Unit in community palliative care support.	
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Castelo Branco and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Centro'), signed on 12 and 13 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of ten new places by the Local Health Unit of Castelo Branco in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Coimbra and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Centro'), signed on 6 and 9 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of ten new places by the Local Health Unit of Coimbra in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of the Region of Leiria and the National Network of

		Palliative Care, signed on 11 and 13 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of ten new places by the Local Health Unit of the Region of Leiria in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Cova da Beira and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Centro'), signed on 10 and 13 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of ten new places by the Local Health Unit of Cova da Beira in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Arco Ribeirinho and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Lisboa e Vale do Tejo'), signed on 5 and 9 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of ten new places by the Local Health Unit of Arco Ribeirinho in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Médio Tejo and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Lisboa e Vale do Tejo'), signed on 10 and 11 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of ten new places by the Local Health Unit of Médio Tejo in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Oeste and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Lisboa e Vale do Tejo'), signed on 06 and 09 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of 16 new places by the Local Health Unit of Oeste in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Amadora/Sintra and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Lisboa e Vale do Tejo'), signed on 05 and 09 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of 15 new places by the Local Health Unit of Amadora/Sintra in community palliative care support.
		Contract between the Local Health Unit of Alto Alentejo and the National Network of Palliative Care (represented by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Alentejo'), signed on 06 September 2024. This contract concerns the creation of 10 new places by the Local Health Unit

		of Alto Alentejo in community palliative care support.
5	**Declaration by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' (ARS Norte)** with the number of new places in community palliative care support teams created in the region, signed by the President of the Regional Health Authority.	Declaration by the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' (ARS Norte) with the number of new places in community palliative care support teams created in the region, signed by the President of the Regional Health Authority on 15 December 2024. According to the declaration, ten places were created under each of the four teams in the region (total of 40 new places).
6	**Contract for the provision of beds,** between the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and 'Grupo Vitalino S.A., signed on 12 and 17 December 2023.	Contract for the provision of beds for integrated continued care teams and community palliative care support teams, between the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and 'Grupo Vitalino S.A (professional seller). The contract includes as an annex a list with the number of beds and teams (with address) to which they will be delivered.
7	**Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs,** between the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and 'Grupo Vitalino S.A., signed on 7 and 12 December 2023.	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs for integrated continued care teams and community palliative care support teams, between the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and 'Grupo Vitalino S.A (professional seller). The contract includes as an annex a list with the number of medical wheelchairs and teams (with address) to which they will be delivered.
8	**Declaration of provision of IT equipment to mental health home support teams,** between Claudia Alexandra Caldas dos Santos and Ass. Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Mag. Lemos, signed on 19 November 2024	Declaration of provision of IT equipment (tablets and laptops) to the mental health home support team, between Claudia Alexandra Caldas dos Santos (professional seller) and Ass. Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Mag. Lemos (mental health support team), to support the activity of the mental health home support team.
9	**Registration certificate of vehicle BI-27-EJ**	Licence of the vehicle with plate No. BI-27-EJ, issued on 12 August 2024, showing that the vehicle is electric.
10	**Transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-27-EJ,** between the Ministry of Health, the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and the Municipality of Paredes, signed on 6, 14 and 21 June 2024.	This decision transfers the vehicle to the Municipality of Paredes and includes in Annex III the identification of the vehicle and its allocation to the integrated continued care team of Paredes
11	**Registration certificate of vehicle BI-34-CR**	Licence of the vehicle with plate No. BI-34-CR, issued on 09 August 2024, showing that the vehicle is electric.
12	**Transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-34-CR,** between the Ministry of Health, the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and the Municipality of	This decision transfers the vehicle to the Municipality of Castelo Paiva and includes in Annex III the identification of the vehicle and its allocation to the integrated continued care team of Castelo Paiva.

	Castelo Paiva, signed on 29 May 2024 and 25 June 2024.	
13	**Registration certificate of vehicle BI-16-MB**	Licence of the vehicle with plate No. BI-16-MB, issued on 09 August 2024, showing that the vehicle is electric.
14	**Transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-16-MB,** between the Ministry of Health, the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and the Municipality of Póvoa de Varzim, signed on 30 August 2024, 26 September 2024 and 12 December 2024.	This decision transfers the vehicle to the Municipality of Póvoa de Varzim and includes in Annex III the identification of the vehicle and its allocation to the palliative care support team of Póvoa de Varzim.
15	**Registration certificate of vehicle BI-29-LT**	Licence of the vehicle with plate No. BI-29-LT, issued on 12 August 2024, showing that the vehicle is electric.
16	**Transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-29-LT,** between the Ministry of Health, the Regional Health Authority of the Region 'Norte' and the Municipality of Braga, signed on 18 June 2024, 1 July 2024 and 6 July 2024.	This decision transfers the vehicle to the Municipality of Braga and includes in Annex III the identification of the vehicle and its allocation to the palliative care support team of Braga.
17	**Registration certificate of vehicle BG-39-EG**	Licence of the vehicle with plate No. BG-39-EG, issued on 15 February 2024, showing that the vehicle is electric and belongs to Associação de Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Magalhães Lemos.
18	**Contract for the acquisition of one electric vehicle** between Associação de Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Magalhães Lemos and 'Caetano TEC', signed on 29 December 2023.	Contract for the acquisition of one electric vehicle for *Associação de Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Magalhães Lemos* (mental health home support team) between the above-mentioned *Associação* and 'Caetano TEC' (professional seller).
19	**Declaration by Caetano TEC of the provision of an electric vehicle** to Associação Novo Olhar, signed on 22 April 2025.	Declaration by 'Caetano TEC' (professional seller) stating that one electric vehicle was sold to Associação Novo Olhar (mental health home support team) on 19 November 2024.
20	**Contract for the acquisition of one electric vehicle** between Associação Novo Olhar and 'Caetano TEC', signed on 23 October 2024 and 24 October 2024.	Contract for the acquisition of one electric vehicle for *Associação Novo Olhar* (mental health home support team) between the above-mentioned *Associação* and 'Caetano TEC' (professional seller).
21	**Decree-Law No. 102/2023 of November 7** of the Presidency of the Council of Ministries, published on the *Diário da República* n.º 215/2023, series I of 2023-11-07, pages 4 – 20, with entry into force on 8 November 2023 (Art. 21)	Decree-Law establishing the creation of local health units

22	**Invoice of Glintt Healthcare Solutions S.A.**, issued on 20 January 2025	Invoice of provider Glintt Healthcare Solutions S.A. showing the acquisition of IT equipment for the mental health home support team SCM Porto
23	**Invoice of Tek4life Med Lda**, issued on 6 January 2025	Invoice of provider Tek4life Med Lda showing the acquisition of medical equipment for the mental health home support team SCM Porto
24	**Invoice of Marcage Interiors S.A.**, issued on 11 February 2025	Invoice of provider Marcage Interiors S.A. showing the acquisition of furniture for the mental health home support team SCM Porto

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Strengthening of the response capacity of the national networks of integrated continued care and palliative care services in home care through:

The response capacity of the national networks of integrated continued care and palliative care services has been strengthened through the creation of 1102 and 158 new places, respectively.

i) registration on the SI RNCCI platform of 1 000 new places in integrated continued home care teams;

On 15 and 16 April 2025, Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check to verify that 1 000 new places in integrated continued home care teams were registered on the SI RNCCI platform. The Commission verified that 1437 places were registered, out of which 1102 were new, thus exceeding the goal of Target 1.22 (the target under assessment) by 102. This check was completed successfully, confirming that this requirement is satisfactorily fulfilled.

For some teams, places already existed before the start of the RRF. For these teams (in the Local Health Units of Coimbra, Viseu Dão Lafões, Almada-Seixal, Lesíria, Oeste Sul and Região de Aveiro), in order to count the places created under the RRF, Commission staff subtracted the number of places that existed before the implementation of contracts for the creation of new places under the RRP from the current number of places.

Local Health Unit	Team	Places	New places created
Coimbra	Celas	25	10
Coimbra	Coimbra Saude	45	20
Coimbra	Norton de Matos	22	12
Coimbra	Penacova	10	5
Coimbra	Condeixa-a-Nova	12	6
Coimbra	Miranda do Corvo	10	5
Coimbra	Arganil	12	4
Coimbra	Mira	12	2
Coimbra	Cantanhede	30	5
Viseu Dão Lafões	Viseu	30	10
Viseu Dão Lafões	Centro de Saude Viseu 3	20	10
Almada-Seixal	Almada	60	20

Almada-Seixal	Seixal	55	10
Lesíria	Almeirim/ Alpiarça	54	13
Lesíria	Azambuja Sul	25	10
Lesíria	Salvaterra de Magos	40	10
Oeste Sul	Alenquer	20	10
Região de Aveiro	Aveiro	35	20

ii) registration on the SI RNCCI platform of 100 new places in mental health home support teams

The Commission conducted on 15 and 16 April 2025, a virtual on-the-spot check to verify that 100 new places in mental health home support teams were registered on the SI RNCCI platform. More specifically, the Commission verified that 158 new places were registered, thus exceeding the goal of Target 1.22 (the target under assessment) by 58. This check was completed successfully, confirming that this requirement is satisfactorily fulfilled. For some teams, places already existed before the start of the RRF. For these teams (in Instituto S. João de Deus, Associação de Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital de Magalhães Lemos, Santa Casa da Misericórdia Porto and Local Health Unit of Oeste), in order to count the places created under the RRF, Commission staff subtracted the number of places that existed before the implementation of contracts for the creation of new places under the RRP from the current number of places.

Entity	**Team**	**Places**	**New places created**
Instituto S. João de Deus - Casa de Saúde S. José	CuiDando Viana	35	30
AFUA-HML, Associação de Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital de Magalhães Lemos	AFUA	35	20
SCM PORTO	CHCF|SCMP - Janela	35	10
ULS do Oeste, E.P.E.	SocialMente	60	24

iii) contracts and decisions of the local health units creating the teams necessary to provide 100 new places in community palliative care support

The target requires the creation of teams necessary to provide 100 new places in community palliative care support. In line with this, the following places have been created as shown by contracts between Local Health Units and the National Network of Palliative Care, and decisions of local health units (see evidence 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Local health unit	**Number of new places**	**Created on**
Castelo Branco	10	13/09/2024
Coimbra	10	09/09/2024
Region of Leiria	10	13/09/2024
Cova da Beira	10	13/09/2024
Arco Ribeirinho	10	09/09/2024
Médio Tejo	10	11/09/2024
Oeste	16	09/09/2024
Amadora/Sintra	15	09/09/2024
Alto Alentejo	10	06/09/2024
ARS Norte - Póvoa de Varzim e Vila do Conde	10	15/12/2024
ARS Norte - Porto Oriental	10	15/12/2024
ARS Norte - Braga	10	15/12/2024

ARS Norte - Porto Ocidental	10	15/12/2024

The Council Implementing Decision required contracts and decisions of local health units. For the region of Norte, the contracts and decisions have been signed instead by the Regional Health Administration (*Administração Regional de Saúde*, ARS). The decision to create community palliative care teams in Porto Oriental, Póvoa de Varzim, Braga, and Porto Ocidental was signed in 2022 (see evidence 3) and it was carried out by the ARS Norte, which was at that time the competent authority. In fact, the formal transition of competences to local health units occurred only after the entry into force of Decree-Law No. 102/2023 of November 7, which established the creation of local health units (Art. 1). Decree-Law No. 102/2023 of November 7 entered into force on 8 November 2023 (Art 21) and it produced affects as of 1 January 2024 (Art 20). This concerns internal procedures of Portugal. Whilst this constitutes a minimal formal deviation from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision, the above-mentioned community palliative care teams have been created. As of this, this minimal deviation does not affect the progress towards achieving the investment that the target represents. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment **shall establish home teams of integrated continued care, in order to respond to 1 000 patients at home (including equipment and electric vehicles)**

For integrated continued home care teams, hospital beds and medical wheelchairs have been acquired.

Item	Quantity	Team	Evidence
Hospital beds	3	Vale de Cambra	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Hospital beds	3	Resende	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Hospital beds	3	Sernancelhe	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Hospital beds	3	Oliveira do Douro	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Vale de Cambra	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Resende	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Sernancelhe	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Oliveira do Douro	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1

Similarly, two electric vehicles have been acquired for the team Paredes (transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-27-EJ, Annex III and registration certificate BI-27-EJ) and for the team Castelo Paiva (transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-34-CR, Annex III and registration certificate BI-34-CR).

Such equipment is necessary for the work of teams, as it allows members of the teams to move across the location of the different patients and to provide adequate care to patients.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment **shall create up to 100 places in home mental health support teams (support for the acquisition of the necessary material resources and electric vehicles for the teams' activity)**

For mental health support teams, laptops, tablets, medical equipment (such as oximeters and defibrillators) and furniture (such as desks and chairs) have been acquired. Such equipment is necessary for the work of teams, as it allows for a more efficient tracking of patients, communication across teams, monitoring of vital parameters of patients and better working conditions for the teams.

Item	Quantity	Team	Evidence
Laptop	5	Ass. Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Mag. Lemos	Declaration of provision of IT equipment to mental health home support teams
Tablet	4	Ass. Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Mag. Lemos	Declaration of provision of IT equipment to mental health home support teams
Laptop	1	Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto	Invoice of Glintt Healthcare Solutions S.A.
Tablet	3	Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto	Invoice of Glintt Healthcare Solutions S.A.
Medical equipment	12	Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto	Invoice of Tek4life Med Lda
Furniture	24	Santa Casa da Misericórdia do Porto	Invoice of Marcage Interiors S.A.

Similarly, two electric vehicles have been acquired for the team Associação Familiares, Utentes e Amigos do Hospital Mag. Lemos (contract for the acquisition of the vehicle (evidence 18, clause 1) and registration certificate BG-39-EG) and for the team Associação Novo Olhar (contract for the acquisition of the vehicle (evidence 20, clause 1) and declaration by the provider Caetano TEC (evidence 19)).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment **shall create up to 100 places in community palliative care teams (support for the acquisition of the necessary material resources and electric vehicles for the teams' activity)**

For community palliative care teams, hospital beds and medical wheelchairs have been acquired. Such equipment is necessary to ensure adequate care for patients.

Item	Quantity	Team	Evidence
Hospital beds	3	Póvoa de Varzim	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Hospital beds	3	Braga	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Hospital beds	3	Carvalhosa	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Hospital beds	3	Paranhos	Contract for the provision of beds, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Póvoa de Varzim	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Braga	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Carvalhosa	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs, clause 1 and Annex 1
Medical wheelchair	3	Paranhos	Contract for the provision of medical wheelchairs

Similarly, two electric vehicles have been acquired for the team Póvoa de Varzim (transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-16-MB, Annex III and registration certificate BI-16-MB) and for the team Braga (transfer decision of electric vehicle BI-29-LT, Annex III and registration certificate BI-16-MB).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 1.28 Creation of community mental health teams in Madeira's regional health service

Related Measure: C01.i05-RAM Strengthening Madeira's Regional Health Service

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 7

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to implement the Strategic Plan for the Regional Health System of the Autonomous Region of Madeira and the Regional Strategy for the Promotion of Mental Health, which strengthens mental health and dementia care.

Target 1.28 consists in the creation of seven community mental health teams.

This target is the second step in the implementation of this investment. It follows the completion of milestone 1.29, related to the deployment of the classification system, functional profile and users' referral system. Target 1.28 will be followed by target 1.27 related to the increase of places in the system of Community Hospital of the regional health service, target 1.30 related to the increase of places in integrated continued care of the regional health service, and target 1.31 related to the refurbishment of primary health care services in Madeira's regional health service.

The implementation of the investment shall be completed by Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 19 April 2022,** with entry into force on 19 April 2022	Decision by the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira (SESARAM), signed by the members of the board, determining the creation of four community mental health teams.
3	**Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 21 April 2022,** with entry into force on 21 April 2022	Decision by the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira, signed by the members of the board, determining the creation of three community mental health teams.
4	**Report on the implementation of the target**, of April 2025 and signed on 15 April 2025	Report by the Regional Health Service of Madeira, describing how the target was implemented and the work of the new community mental health teams.
5	**Plan of activities 2022-2024,** issued by the Serviço de Saúde da Região Autónoma da Madeira and signed on 16 April 2025	A plan that describes the activities to be carried out by community mental health teams between 2022 and 2024.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Creation of the community mental health teams through decisions of the Regional Health Services.

On 19 April 2022, the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira approved the creation of four community mental health teams in the following health centre groups in Madeira: "Funchal Zona I"; "Funchal Zona II"; "Câmara de Lobos"; and "Zona Leste2 (Point 1 of the Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 19 April 2022). On 21 April 2022, the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira approved the creation of three additional community mental health teams in the following health centres groups in Madeira: "Santa Cruz"; "Zona Oeste" and "Centre Dr. Francisco Rodrigues Joaquim" (Point 1 of the Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 21 April 2022). Therefore, seven community mental health teams were created through decisions of the Regional Health Service.

The two decisions also designated the number of staff to work in the seven teams, comprising of more than 60 professionals, including psychologists, social workers and doctors (Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 19 April 2022 and Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 21 April 2022).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the target **strengthens response capacity in the area of mental health and dementias associated with ageing.**

The creation of the above mentioned seven teams in the Regional Health Service of Madeira increased the offer of mental health and dementia care available to the population, by allocating new staff to provide mental health care to the population, including doctors, psychologists and social workers (Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 19 April 2022 and Decision of the administration board of the Regional Health Service of Madeira of 21 April 2022). In this context, the activities have been planned also taking into account the aging trend of the population in Madeira (page 8 and 9 of the Plan of activities 2022-2024) and include activities tackling dementias associated with aging, such as cognitive stimulation at home and training of informal carers (pages 19-21 of the Plan of activities 2022-2024) The seven teams were created in the seven health group centres of the Madeira Island, covering the entire territory of the island and thus increasing accessibility to all the population of Madeira Island and strengthening response capacity (Page 13 of the Report on the implementation of the target).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 1.9 Establishing new Integrated Responsibility Centres in the hospitals of the National Health Service

Related Measure: C01.r03 Completion of the reform of the governance model of public hospitals

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 10

Target: 25

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The reform aims to increase efficiency in the hospitals of the National Health Service.

Target 1.9 consists in the establishment of additional new Integrated Responsibility Centres in the hospitals of the National Health System.

Target 1.9 is the fourth step in the implementation of this reform, and it is accompanied by milestone 1.11 related to the entry into force of the action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines. It is preceded by milestone 1.6, which required the entry into force of the new management contract template; target 1.8, which required the establishment of new integrated responsibility centres in the hospitals of the National Health System, and milestone 1.12, which required the entry into force of the new full dedication work regime in the NHS. Target 1.9 will be followed by target 1.10 on the strengthening of home hospitalisation responses in the hospitals of the National Health System, and milestone 1.7 on the entry into force of a new management accounting plan of the National Health System. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2024.

2. Evidence provided:

In line with the verification mechanism set out in the Operational Arrangements, the following evidence was provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Justification of how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of 25 Integrated Responsibility Centres**	List of the 25 established Integrated Responsibility Centres, of which 10 were already completed with T1.8.

3	**Fifteen administrative acts** that underpin the establishment of 15 new Integrated Responsibility Centres in the hospitals of the National Health Service: ○ Respiratory Medicine, Decision of the Executive Board of Figueira da Foz District Hospital, E.P.E. ○ Gastroenterology, Decision of the Executive Board of Setúbal Hospital Center, E.P.E. ○ Dialysis, Decision of the Executive Board of Hospital Center of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro ○ Health Medicine, Decision of the Executive Board of Coimbra Hospital and University Center ○ Multiple Sclerosis, Decision of the Executive Board of Local Health Unit San José ○ Reproductive Medicine, Decision of the Executive Board of Local Health Unit San José ○ Ambulatory Surgery, Decision of the Executive Board of Middle Tejo Hospital Center ○ Orthopaedics, Decision of the Executive Board of Middle Tejo Hospital Center ○ Surgical Treatment of Obesity, Decision of the Executive Board of the Local Health Unit of San José ○ Dermatology and Venereology, Decision of the Executive Board of the Local Health Unit San José ○ Fertility, Decision of the Executive Board of Local Health Unit in Almada-Seixal ○ Medicine and Fetal Surgery, Decision of the Executive Board of Hospital ○ Domiciliary Hospitalisation Unit, Decision of the Executive Board of Local Health Unit San José ○ Ophthalmology, Decision of the Executive Board of the Local Health Unit of Alentejano Litoral ○ Orthopaedics, Decision of the Executive Board of Local Health Unit of Alentejano Litoral	15 administrative acts underpinning the establishment of the new Integrated Responsibility Centers in the hospitals of the National Health Service.
4	Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System (*hereinafter referred to as ACSS*), signed on April 1, 2025	Report on the creation of of Integrated Responsibility Centers, showing how the new Integrated Responsibility Centres achieve the objectives established in the description of the target.
5	**Decree Law No. 52/2022** of 4 August (published in the Official Journal, *Diário da República* No. 150/2022, first series of 4 August 2022, pages 5 – 52), which entered into force on August 5, 2025	Approves the Statutes of the National Health Service and provides the legal basis for the creation of the Integrated Responsibility Centres.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities covers all constitutive elements of the target.

Establishment of new Integrated Responsibility Centres in the hospitals of the National Health Service

The target requires the establishment of 15 additional new Integrated Responsibility Centres in the hospitals of the National Health Service. According to article 71 (1) (f) and article 90 of **Decree Law No. 52/2022,** the executive boards of the state-owned enterprises, which include the hospitals of the National Health Service, are responsible for the establishment of the Integrated Responsibility Centres. In line with this and with the goal of the target, the following fifteen additional Integrated Responsibility Centres have been established by deliberation of the executive boards of the respective hospitals (fifteen administrative acts, see evidence III.):

Integrated Responsibility Centre	**Hospital of National Health Service**	**Established on**
Respiratory Medicine	Figueira da Foz District Hospital, E.P.E	28/06/2022
Gastroenterology	Setúbal Hospital Center, E.P.E.	17/02/2022
Dialysis	Hospital Center of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro	17/12/2020
Health Medicine	Coimbra Hospital and University Center	18/08/2022
Multiple Sclerosis	Local Health Unit San José	07/12/2022
Reproductive Medicine	St. João University Hospital Center, E.P.E.	11/05/2023
Ambulatory surgery	Middle Tejo Hospital Center	26/09/2024
Ortho	Middle Tejo Hospital Center	29/09/2023
Surgical Treatment of Obesity	Local Health Unit San José	17/09/2021
Dermatology and Venereology	Local Health Unit San José	23/09/2021
Fertility	Local Health Unit in Almada-Seixal	26/06/2024
Medical & Fetal Surgery	Local Health Unit San José	22/09/2022
Domiciliary Hospitalization Unit	Local Health Unit, Póvoa de Varzim/Vila do Conde	14/11/2023
Ophthalmology	Local Health Unit of the Alentejano Litoral	14/11/2023
Ortho	Local Health Unit of the Alentejano Litoral	27/12/2023

In order to:

i) improve access to, as well as quality and efficiency in the provision of heath care services;

To establish an Integrated Responsibility Centre (IRC), it is necessary to create a three-year business plan, which assesses the current and future needs of the population within a given area and takes into account the available resources of the hospital to address those needs (Report provided by the Central

Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.v). This allows to adjust available resources and therefore provide more efficient health care services.
The Integrated Responsibility Centres include multidisciplinary teams which ensure a more comprehensive treatment and monitoring of the patient (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.i). This not only saves the travel to different services locations, facilitating access to services, but more importantly ensures higher quality and efficiency of services.
In addition, the Integrated Responsibility Centres have implemented monitoring and management practices that take into account the patient's clinical path within the hospital and the hospital resources, the so-called 'clinical pathways' (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.ii), which improves both access and quality of the services provided.
One of the objectives of the Integrated Responsibility Centres is to reduce the waiting times for their respective clinical speciality(ies) (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.i). With autonomy to schedule medical appointments (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.I), Integrated Responsibility Centres can control waiting times. Annex I of the Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System shows a reduction in the waiting lists for medical appointments of general/obesity surgery, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, breast pathology, ophthalmology in their respective integrated centre of the respective hospital. The reduction in waiting times improves access to the services.

ii) strengthen clinical governance, autonomy and accountability of health care services;

Integrated Responsibility centres are constituted by multidisciplinary teams focusing in one clinical specialty (article 91(1) of Decree Law No. 52/2022), creating therefore a management at the clinical specialty level, which contributes to the improvement of clinical governance. Integrated responsibly centres have to execute an annual 'Program contract". This is an agreement concluded by the Board of the hospital and the directors of the Integrated Responsibility Centre. It includes, among others, the activity plan of the Integrated Responsibility Centre, the annual budget, the investment plan and the training and research plan (article 91(3) (j) of Decree Law No. 52/2022). The Program contract also contributes to reinforce the clinical governance. Integrated Responsibility Centres have their own management team, which is responsible for the execution of the annual 'Program-Contract (. In this way the autonomy or the services that provide health care is increased. (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section III). The 'Program-Contract' also includes productivity and service quality criteria based on which the annual results of the Centres and the performance of their healthcare professionals is monitored and assessed, thereby increasing their accountability, *i.e.* the accountability of the services that provide health care. (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, Section VI.ii).

iii) encourage health professionals to continue working at public hospitals;

Integrated Responsibility Centres provide to their health professionals several incentives to maintain them working in public hospitals. First, health professionals are encouraged to participate in the activity plan of their respective Integrated Responsibility Centre. Integrated Responsibility Centre professionals are rewarded in proportion to their contribution and the achieved outcomes, giving them 'ownership' over the activity of the Integrated Responsibility Centre (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.ii). Second, health professionals

of Integrated Responsibility Centres have access to financial incentives to perform additional services (outside their working hours) (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.iii). Third, healthcare professionals of Integrated Responsibility Centres have access to education, training and research opportunities increasing the incentive to work at public hospitals (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.iii).

iv) share risks and benefits between health care services and hospitals;

The 'Contract Program' establishes the objectives and resources allocated to each Integrated Responsibility Centre, taking into account the hospital's overall available resources and objectives. By executing this agreement, in particular by fulfilling the financial and budget obligations, the risks (of not having enough resources) and benefits (of sharing resources and knowledge) between the health services provided by the Integrated Responsibility Centre and the hospitals are shared (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.iv).

v) value the mission of each health care service and hospital in the regional and national context of the National Health Service.

Integrated Responsibility Centres respond to the population's medical needs of their respective geographic area. They pull together health professionals from different fields to focus on specific medical specialities required in that given geography. Integrated Responsibility Centres also foster cooperation between the different levels of services in the national health system, in particular between primary care services and hospital services (Report provided by the Central Administration of the Portuguese Health System, section VI.v). In this way, Integrated Responsibility Centres value the mission of the health care services and hospitals where they are included.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 3.25 Publication of a monitoring report by the Metropolitan Areas of Porto and Lisbon regarding the measures undertaken in each of the 12 intervention areas.

Related Measure: C03.i06 Integrated operations in disadvantaged communities in the Metropolitan Areas of Lisbon and Porto

Qualitative Indicator: Publication of a monitoring report by the Metropolitan Areas of Porto and Lisbon

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

This investment aims at combating poverty and social exclusion mainly in the most disadvantaged municipalities of the Metropolitan Areas of Lisbon and Porto through a set of measures linked to the specific needs of these municipalities. The measures are related to different areas of intervention such as health, education, rehabilitation of public spaces, culture, entrepreneurship, civic participation.

The milestone requires the publication of a monitoring report by the Metropolitan Areas of Porto and Lisbon describing the progress made in the implementation of the measures.

Milestone 3.25 is the second milestone of the investment and it follows the completion of milestone 3.24. It will be followed by target 3.26, requiring the implementation of at least 90% of the measures for a budget executed by these measures of at least EUR 225 000 000.

The investment has a final expected date for implementation by Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary Document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Annual Monitoring Report 2023** published on the websites of the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon on 2 October 2024 and Porto on 4 October 2024	Annual Monitoring Report 2023 by the authorities of the metropolitan areas of Lisbon and Porto of the investment 'Integrated operations in disadvantaged communities in the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon and Porto. Publication on the website of Lisbon Metropolitan Area: https://documentacao.aml.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Relatorio-Anual-2023_versao-21JUL2024.pdf Publication on the website of Porto Metropolitan area: https://www.amp.pt/_a/stljpltqzpxcsfeb/_assets/relatorio-anual-2023_draft1.pdf Commission services verified on 10 April 2025 that the report was published at the above links.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Publication of a monitoring report by the Metropolitan Areas of Porto and Lisbon…

The Metropolitan Areas of Lisbon (AML) and of Porto (AMP) published on their respective websites the joint Annual Monitoring Report 2023, a monitoring report on the integrated operations in disadvantaged communities. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 10 April 2025 to verify that the report was published on the website of the Metropolitan Areas of Lisbon and Porto. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the report was published on the website of the Metropolitan Areas of Lisbon and Porto.

… describing the progress made in the implementation of the measures financed by the programme in each intervention area, including budgetary execution and performance against the chosen indicators for each measure.

Each of the Metropolitan Areas presented progress made in the implementation of the measures financed by the programme in each of the twelve identified intervention areas (six in Lisbon and six in Porto).

For Lisbon, as outlined on pages 40 in table 7, the six Local Technical Units (LTU) contracted in the six intervention areas (*Arco Ribeirinho Sul – Nascente*, *Arco Ribeirinho Sul – Poente*, *Grande Lisboa Central*, *Grande Lisboa Norte e Nascente*, *Grande Lisboa Poente*, and *Península de Setúbal Sul*) the implementation of projects with an overall approved amount of EUR 118 861 382,64.
Table 38 on page 62 shows this budget approved for each of the 16 RRP 'main objectives' as listed in the measure description, and in each of the six intervention areas. The execution rate until the cut-off date per intervention area for Lisbon is shown in Table 24 on pages 55 and 56. The report indicates in this table that, overall, the financial implementation as of 31.12.2023 was 20 % of the total funding as a result of the two disbursements made as an advance. According to the table 24, on the same date, payment claims amounting to EUR 809.001,35 had been submitted.
Table 2 on page 18 indicates the performance indicators (output and outcome/result indicators) defined for each measures. Section 4.1.1 of the report (pages 39 to 55) indicates for each of the measures the output and result indicators achieved. For instance, regarding the output indicators, the table 10 (page 45) indicates that, for the measures linked to the category 'Environment and enhancement of public space', 87 environmental education actions had been implemented (out of the 646 planned) or that 5 197 m² of urban space had been rehabilitated (out of the 19 893 m² planned). For the outcome/result indicators, table 11 (page 45) indicates for instance that, for the measures linked to the category 'Environment and enhancement of public space', 13 883 vulnerable persons had benefited from urban generation actions (out of the 264 952 expected in fine).

For Porto, the report shows (table 40 on page 64) for the six LTUs contracted in the six intervention areas (*Sul, Centro Oriental, Centro Sul, Interior Norte, Litoral Norte, Oriental*) the implementation of projects with an approved amount of EUR 84 410 384,11. The table 40 also shows the budgetary execution rate for each of the six intervention areas.
Table 3 on pages 32 and 33 shows the alignment with the 16 'main objectives' identified in the measure description. Table 5 (page 36) indicates the results achieved so far for the various measures according to various output and outcome indicators. For instance, the table indicates the number of rehabilitation actions contracted in each intervention area and the number of m² of public spaces to rehabilitate contracted in each intervention areas.

The report thus describes the progress in the implementation of the measures in each intervention area, including budgetary execution and performance against the chosen indicators for each measure.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 3.6 Dwellings with improved accessibility for people with disability

Related Measure: C03.i02 Accessibility 360°

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 190

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to enhance accessibility for people with disabilities. It includes three programmes, the Public Way Intervention Programme focused on public spaces, the Intervention Programme in Public Buildings on public buildings, and the Housing Intervention Programme on residential dwellings.

Target 3.6 relates to 190 residential dwellings benefitting from interventions to improve accessibility conditions for people with disability under the Housing Intervention Programme.

Target 3.6 is the first step of the implementation of the investment and it will be followed by target 3.7 related to interventions in 1 000 dwellings. It will also be followed by target 3.8 and target 3.9, related to public space with improved accessibility for people with disability and public service facilities with improved accessibility for people with disability, respectively. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Decree-Law No. 163/2006 of 8 August** (published on 8 August in the national Official Journal n°152/2006) which entered into force on 8 February 2007.	Approves the accessibility regime for buildings and establishments open to the public, public roads and residential buildings
3	**Decree-Law No. 202/96 of 23 October,** (published on 23 October in the national Official Journal n°246/1996) which entered into force on 30 November 1996.	Establishes a disability assessment system for people with disabilities for access to measures and benefits provided for by law
4	**Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022 with last amendments published on 14 August 2024**	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the PIH – Housing Intervention Program
5	**Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023 with last amendments published on 5 August 2024**	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the PIH – Housing Intervention Program
6	**Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024 with last amendments published on 5 August 2024**	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the PIH – Housing Intervention Program

7	**Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024 with last amendments published on 27 December 2024**	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the PIH – Housing Intervention Program
8	**Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024 from 31 July 2024**	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the PIH – Housing Intervention Program
9	**List of 190 dwellings**	List of the dwellings benefitting from interventions to improve accessibility conditions for people with disability under the Housing Intervention Programme. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
10	**Award decisions**	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. 60 award decisions covering the 60 sample units were provided to show that the project was awarded according to the tender specifications.
11	**Acceptance declarations**	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. 55 acceptance declarations covering 55 sample units were provided to show that the works were completed.
12	**Final reports on the physical and financial execution of works**	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. 8 final reports on the physical and financial execution of work covering 8 sample units were provided to show that the works were completed.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Number of dwellings benefitting from interventions to improve accessibility conditions for people with disability.

The target requires that 190 dwellings benefit from interventions to improve accessibility conditions for people with disability.

Five competitive tenders have been launched to select the final beneficiaries for dwellings interventions (under the Housing Intervention Program).

As established in section 4.1 of each of the five tender notices (Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-

i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024), work or equipment eligible for support must improve accessibility in the house of the final recipient. It is also reflected in Annex I of each of the five tender notices that the selection is based on the so-called "Accessibility Gain" in the dwelling. This criterion is calculated based on the percentage ratio between the Accessible Area (AAF) and the Usable Area (AUF) of the unit, using the formula: (AAF/AUF) × 100. The resulting percentage determines the number of points granted to the dwelling unit. This ensures that the intervention improves the accessibility conditions.
Moreover, the tenders specify that the final recipients of the interventions must be individuals with disabilities or permanent incapacity with a certified degree of at least 60%, as established in the National Disability Table, in accordance with Decree-Law No. 202/96 (section 2 of Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024). The interventions covered by these tenders must be carried out in the dwelling that serves as the final recipient's tax domicile, whether he or she is the owner, tenant, or a member of the household of the owner or tenant (section 2 of Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024).

Portugal provided a list of 190 dwellings having benefitted from interventions to improve accessibility.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 dwellings (addresses), Portugal submitted:

- 60 award decisions signed by the National Institute for renovation (INR) awarding the support to the specific projects after analysis of the merits of the application following one of the tenders.

For 55 of the randomly selected sample, Portugal also submitted:

- the acceptance declaration signed by the owner of the dwelling. As established by section 11.1 of the five tender notices (Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024), this is one of the documents used to demonstrate the completion of the intervention for payment disbursement. . The acceptance declaration also includes the address of the dwelling and the person living in the dwelling.

For eight of the randomly selected sample, Portugal also submitted:

- The final report on the physical and financial execution of works, signed by the beneficiary municipality. As established by section 11.1 of the five tender notices (Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024), this is one of the documents used to demonstrate the completion of the intervention for payment disbursement. The report includes a description of the intervention carried out, and attests that the work has been completed. The report was submitted as supporting evidence in two circumstances:
    - In the case of five sampled units, each corresponding to a visually impaired beneficiary for whom acceptance declarations were not available, the final report has been submitted as a replacement for the acceptance declaration. The link between the award decision and the final report was established through the address of the dwelling;
    - For three sampled units, the award decisions or acceptance declarations did not sufficiently demonstrate either the dwelling address or the completion of works; the final report on the physical and financial execution of works was used to establish the

necessary connections (either by the address of the dwelling or by the unique project application identifier (PIH).

The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that the requirements of the target have been met – by establishing a clear link between the award decision (referencing one of the five tender notices) and either the acceptance declaration or the final report on the physical and financial execution of works, it was possible to demonstrate that the interventions were completed in all the sampled dwelling units under the program.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment shall be fully in line with the European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 and shall consist of three strands: the measure shall consist in particular of [...] the Housing Intervention Programme 2021-2025 (PIH), which includes renovation and construction works**.

This investment aligns with the European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030, particularly with its objectives on accessibility and independent living (as stated in section 1 of Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024). The interventions, as defined in the five tender notices, consist of physical adaptations of dwellings or the supply of assistive equipment (or both), aiming to remove physical and environmental barriers within dwellings, thereby promoting personal autonomy and enabling persons with disabilities to move and reside freely

It ensures that barriers to mobility and housing access are removed as the technical specification of the tenders include the technical accessibility standards approved by article 1(2) of Decree-Law No. 163/2006 which are listed in its Annex I.

The five tender notices (Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024) implement the Housing Intervention Program 2021-2025 (PIH) as indicated in the name and objectives (section 1) of the tenders.
Section 4.1.1 of each of the five tender notices (Tender notice no. 3/C03-i02/2022, Tender notice no. 5/C03-i02/2023, Tender notice no. 7/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 09/C03-i02/2024, Tender notice no. 10/C03-i02/2024) indicates the type of eligible interventions for support. It includes renovation or construction in the houses of the beneficiary such as ramps, lifts, sanitary facilities, entrance, and other works in the building.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 5.33 Signature of the implementing agreement (protocol) between Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and selected financial intermediaries

Related Measure: C05.i07-RAM Capitalisation instruments for companies in Madeira

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of the implementing agreement (protocol) between Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and selected financial intermediaries, covering all financial instruments envisaged in the measure

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

This measure aims to support investment in the Autonomous Region of Madeira to reinforce the financial support through a credit line (Investe RAM 2020). The instrument will provide credit guarantees to companies, guaranteeing an overall amount of EUR 15 900 000 of loans, subsidising also interest expenses on the loans.

Milestone 5.33 relates to the signature of an implementing agreement (protocol) between *Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial* and the selected financial intermediaries, covering all the financial instruments envisaged in the measure.

Milestone 5.33 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 5.34, related to the provision of guarantees on EUR 15 900 000 of loans. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Document duly justifying how the target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Implementing agreements (protocols)** between *Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial* and the selected financial intermediaries	Implementing agreement between *Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and Banco BIC Português*, signed on 10 April 2025
		Implementing agreement between *Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and Banco Caixa Geral de Depósitos S.A.*, signed on 10 April 2025
		Implementing agreement between *Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and Caixa Central- Caixa Central de Crédito Agrícola Mútuo, C.R.L.*, signed on 11 April 2025

		Implementing agreement between Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and A Banca Corporacion Bancaria S.A., signed on 11 April 2025
		Implementing agreement between *Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and Banco Santander Totta, S.A.*, signed on 09 April 2025

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Signature of the implementing agreement (protocol) between Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and selected financial intermediaries covering all financial instruments envisaged in the measure.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment shall consist in reinforcing the financial support granted through a credit line (Investe RAM 2020). The instrument shall provide credit guarantees to companies, guaranteeing an overall amount of EUR 15 900 000 of loans. The instrument shall also subsidise interest expenses on the loans (for 100% of the risk-free (Euribor) rate, plus at least 60% of a risk spread of up to 3.4%).**

The implementing agreement (protocol) was signed with five different financial intermediaries, including the same terms and contents for all intermediaries, between 09 April 2025 and 11 April 2025. The financial instruments supported are outlined in chapter 1 of the addendum to the implementing agreement, and include all instruments envisaged in the measure, which consist of a credit line (outlined in section 5) supported by guarantees (outlined in section 7), including subsidies for interest expenses on the loans (outlined in section 8 of chapter 2). In particular, the implementing agreement (protocol) specifies: i) that the financial instrument reinforces the financial support granted through the "Investe RAM 2020" credit line, providing credit guarantees to companies for an additional EUR 15 900 000 (section 5 of chapter 1); ii) that interest expenses on the loans (for 100% of the risk-free (Euribor) rate, plus at least 60% of a risk spread of up to 3.4%) are subsidised (section 8 of chapter 2).

The implementing agreement and subsequent legal documents of the financial instrument shall require the application of the exclusion list (as set out in the measure description) and a compliance check with EU and national environmental legislation. The implementing agreement (protocol) requires, in point i) of section 2, chapter 1 of its addendum, the application of the exclusion list outlined in Annex I to the implementing agreement (protocol), including all the 'Do no significant harm' requirements set out in the measure description, as well as compliance with EU and national environmental legislation. A check of compliance with EU and national environmental legislation is required in point "a)" of section 7, chapter 3.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment shall consist in reinforcing the financial support granted through a credit line (Investe RAM 2020). The instrument shall provide credit guarantees to companies, guaranteeing an overall amount of EUR 15 900 000 of loans. The instrument shall also subsidise interest expenses on the loans (for 100% of the risk-free (Euribor)**

rate, plus at least 60% of a risk spread of up to 3.4%). As detailed above, the implementing agreement (protocol) outlines in its addendum, within chapter 2, as well as in section 5 of chapter 1 and in section 8 of chapter 2, that the financial instruments referenced by the measure description are supported by the measure.

[..] **In order to ensure that the measure complies with the 'Do no significant harm' principle under the Recovery and Resilience Facility as set out in the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), the legal agreement(s) between Banco Português de Fomento, Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial and the financial intermediaries selected by them, as well as the subsequent implementing agreement (protocol) of the financial instrument shall: exclude the following list of activities and assets from eligibility: (i) activities and assets related to fossil fuels, including downstream use; (ii) activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks; (iii) activities and assets related to waste landfills, incinerators and mechanical biological treatment plants; and require compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation of the recipient.** As detailed above, point i) of section 2, chapter 1 of the implementing agreement (protocol) requires the application of the exclusion list as outlined in Annex I to the implementing agreement (protocol), including all the 'Do no significant harm' requirements set out in the measure description, as well as compliance with the national and EU environmental legislation. A check of compliance with EU and national environmental legislation required in point "a)" of section 7, chapter 3.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 8.2 Publication of integrated landscape management operations (OMGPs) in the Diário da Republica

Related Measure: RE-C08-i01- Transformation of the landscape of Vulnerable Forest Areas

Quantitative Indicator: number

Goal: 60

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The main objective of this measure is to increase the resilience of vulnerable territories in Portugal that are exposed to risks associated with climate change, in particular rural fires and biodiversity loss.

This investment consists of the following four sub-investments: a) Landscape Planning and Management Programmes, that aim to redesign landscape; b) formulation of integrated landscape management operations to enhance fire resilience; c) Support Programme for Rural Villages to ensure the change in land use and occupation, as well as fuel management around rural villages; and d) '*Emparcelar para Ordenar'* programme to increase the viability and economic sustainability of rural land.

Target 8.2 relates to sub-investment b) and requires the publication of integrated landscape management operations in the Portuguese official journal '*Diário da Republica*'.

Target 8.2 is the second target of this investment. It is preceded by Target 8.1 that aimed at the development of Landscape Planning and Management Programmes.

It is followed by Target 8.3 that is about signature of contracts within the Support Programme for Rural Villages, and subsequently by Target 8.20 on the implementation '*Emparcelar para Ordenar'.* The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q3 2025.

Evidence provided:

	Name of the Evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the target (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Ministerial Order No. 3088/2024 of 22 March** (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 59, Series 2, of 22 March) which entered into force on 22 March 2024 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/3088-2024-856836225	Order of the Office of the Minister for Internal Affairs, Office of the Minister for Territorial Cohesion, Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Food and Office of the Secretary of State of Nature Conservation and Forests for the approval of 12 OIGPs
3	**Ministerial Order No. 14844/2024 of 16 December** (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 243, Series 2, of 16 December) which entered into force on 16 December 2024	Order of the Office of the Deputy Minister and Territorial Cohesion, Office of the Minister for Administration Internal, Office of the Minister for Environment and Energy and Fisheries for the approval of 40 OIGPs

	https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/14844-a-2024-900347439	
4	**Ministerial Order No. 15261-D/2024 of 31 December** (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 253, Series 2, of 31 December) which entered into force on 31 December 2024 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/15261-d-2024-901697158	Order of the Office of the Deputy Minister and Territorial Cohesion, Office of the Minister for Administration Internal, Office of the Minister for Environment and Energy and Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries for the approval of 10 OIGPs
5	**62 financing agreements** signed between Fundo Ambiental and the respective entity, signing on behalf of the OIGPs (see table below)	Signature of 62 financing agreements for the implementation of the respective OIGPs
6	6**2 procedural conference minutes**	Minutes of procedural conferences, chaired by the DGT *(Direção Geral do Território*), to analyse the proposal of each OIGP. setting out forest management actions and financial resources and receive certain funds. The three ministerial orders directly reference these procedural conference minutes and approve the forest management actions and financial resources mentioned there.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Approval and publication in the Diario da Republica of 60 Integrated Landscape Management Operations (OIGPs)

62 OIGPs were approved by the responsible entities (Directorate-General for the Territory (DGT) and the respective entity signing on behalf of the OIGPs – see list of these below) and published in three different Ministerial Orders between March and December 2024 (Ministerial Order No 3088/2024 of 22 March 2024, Ministerial Order No 14844/2024 of 16 December 2024, Ministerial Order No 15261/2024 of 31 December 2024).

Ministerial Order	Area name (OIGPs)	Entity signing on behalf of the OIGPs
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Ortiga	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Alva e Alvoco	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra

Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Alva	Natural Sustainability, Lda.
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Serra da Lousã	Associação Gestora da AIGP Serra da Lousã
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Alqueidão da Serra	Junta de Freguesia de Alqueidão da Serra
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Envendos	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Terras do Lince - Malcata	Opaflor - Associação de Produtores Florestais da Serra da Opa
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Vouzela	VERDELAFÕES - Associação de Produtores Florestais
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Vila de Rei I	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Penafalcão	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Alvito	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 3088/2024, de 22 de março	Fórneas	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Baixa da Lombada	Associação de Produtores Agricolas Tradicionais e Ambientais
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Nova Serra	Viver Serra - Associação para a Proteção e o Desenvolvimento das Serras do Barlavento Algarvio
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Vale do Odelouca	Viver Serra - Associação para a Proteção e o Desenvolvimento das Serras do Barlavento Algarvio
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Falacho e Enxerim	Viver Serra - Associação para a Proteção e o Desenvolvimento das Serras do Barlavento Algarvio
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Pinela	Associação Norte Agricola
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Jales	AGUIARFLORESTA - Associação Florestal e Ambiental de Vila Pouca de Aguiar
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Valoura	AGUIARFLORESTA - Associação Florestal e Ambiental de Vila Pouca de Aguiar

Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Carragosa	Associação de Produtores Agricolas Tradicionais e Ambientais
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Freixo de Espada à Cinta	Associação de Produtores Agricolas Tradicionais e Ambientais
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Alfândega da Fé	Associação dos Produtores Florestais do Concelho de Alfândega da Fé
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Saldanha	Associação de Produtores Agricolas Tradicionais e Ambientais
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Serra do Picotino	Associação de Produtores Agricolas Tradicionais e Ambientais
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Açude da Ribeira	CAULE — Associação Florestal da Beira Serra
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Castelos do Alva	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Palheiras à Penha	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Riba d` Álva	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Ponte das Três Entradas	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Socorro	URZE- Associação Florestal da Encosta da Serra da Estrela
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Malhão	URZE- Associação Florestal da Encosta da Serra da Estrela
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	ALJÃO	URZE- Associação Florestal da Encosta da Serra da Estrela
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Castelo	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Amêndoa	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Penhascoso	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Carvoeiro	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Mação	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Aboboreira	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Serra da Estrela Sul	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Alva e Alvoco 2	CAULE - Associação Florestal da Beira Serra

Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Rio Seia	ENERAREA - Agência Regional de Energia e Ambiente do Interior
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Vila de Rei III	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Vila de Rei II	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Corgas	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	União das freguesias de Ermida e Figueiredo	Pinhal Natural - Serviços de Consultoria e Comércio de Produtos Regionais, Unipessoal Lda
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Ribeira de Mega	FlorestGgal — Empresa de Gestão e Desenvolvimento Florestal, S. A
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Travessa	FlorestGgal — Empresa de Gestão e Desenvolvimento Florestal, S. A
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Aguda	FlorestGgal — Empresa de Gestão e Desenvolvimento Florestal, S. A
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Alvares	SERFORAL, Sociedade de Gestão e Investimento Agro-Florestal, Lda
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	Sicó	SAURIUM FLORESTAL- ASSOCIAÇÃO PRÁ FLORESTA DE SOURE
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	ZIF Arcos de Valdevez	Associação Florestal do Lima
Despacho n.º 14844-A/2024, de 16 de dezembro	ZIF de São Lourenço	Associação Florestal do Lima
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Área Piloto de Monchique-Corredor Verde de Monchique	AMCV - ASSOCIAÇÃO DE DESENVOLVIMENTO LOCAL MONCHIQUE CORREDOR VERDE
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Caniçal	Associação da Entidade Gestora da AIGP do Caniçal (Oleiros)
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Cardigos	AZR - Gestão Territorial S.A.
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Carregal do Sal-Mondego	SOLO VIVO - Associação para a Promoção do Desenvolvimento Local, Rural, Agrícola, Florestal e Ambiental
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Carriça	F. S. A. — Floresta da Serra do Açor — Associação
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Cepos e Casal Novo	F. S. A. — Floresta da Serra do Açor — Associação

Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Ribeira de Parrozelos — Vale Grande	F. S. A. — Floresta da Serra do Açor — Associação
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Sardoal I	Associação dos Agricultores dos Concelhos de Abrantes, Constância, Sardoal e Mação
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Serra da Gardunha	Agência de Desenvolvimento Gardunha 21
Despacho n.º 15261-D/2024, de 31 de dezembro	Serras do Norte de Ourém	Associação de Desenvolvimento Serras Norte de Ourém

The OIGPs shall define the land and forest management actions […]

Paragraph 1 in Ministerial Order No. 3088/2024, Ministerial Order No. 14844/2024 and Ministerial Order No. 15261/2024 states that procedural conference minutes of each OIGP, established by the respective ministerial orders, contain the terms and conditions for each OIGP. These terms and conditions are standardised and identical for all OIGPs.

The 62 procedural conference minutes define the land and forest management actions per area: the entities present at each conference validated the design of the landscape and the relevant land and forest management actions to be conducted in areas known as intervention units (IUs) as set out in points A of the Annex to the procedural conference minutes.

The actions fall under broad categories of 1) reconversion of existing forestry or agricultural land into other types of land use, 2) valorisation or maintenance of existing forestry and agricultural land 3) creation of discontinuities in the land to improve resilience to wildfires.

For example, for OIGP Alvares, the following specific actions under these categories were agreed (pages 5-7 of the procedural conference minutes of OIGP Alvares):

Reconversion:

- 37.1% of the area (457.1ha) will be subject to reconversion, including 234.1ha of eucalyptus forests to other forest types, of which 59.5ha to other broadleaf forest, 56.2ha to cork oak forest, 38.6ha to maritime pine forest, 58.1ha to natural grasslands, and 21.2ha to groves.
- Reconversion of 22.9ha of invasive species forests to other forest types, including 10.5ha to cork oak, 5.5ha to other broadleaf forest, 3.9ha to maritime pine forest, and 3ha to natural grassland.
- Reconversion of 1.8ha other broadleaf forest to natural grassland.
- Reconversion of 36.6ha of maritime pine forest to other forest types, including 17.2ha to other broadleaf forest, 11.3ha to natural grassland, and 8.0ha to groves.
- Reconversion of 159ha of shrubland to other land uses, including 51.9ha to other broadleaf forest, 88.5ha to cork oak forest, 1.3ha to maritime pine forest, 8.2ha to natural grassland, and 9.1ha to improved grassland.
- Reconversion of 4.7ha of natural grassland improved pastures (3.1ha) and olive groves (1.6ha).
- Reconversion of 1.1ha of temporary cropland (both rainfed and irrigated) into improved grassland.

Valorisation:

- 62.3% of the area (767.9ha) will be subject to valorisation, including 27.3ha of agricultural areas and 737.5ha of forest areas, as well as the maintenance of 7.8ha of roads and associated spaces.

Creation of discontinuities:

- 56.5ha will be managed as primary network of fuel management breaks, 90.1ha managed as secondary network of fuel management breaks, 239.4ha will be managed as strategic fire management mosaics.

For all other OIGPs, the categories of actions are in line with those for OIPG Alvares, with similar specific actions over different sizes of land. These categories of actions are standardised and cover the same type of actions for all OIGPs.

[…] and the financial resources

The financial resources for each of the 62 OIGPs are outlined in the three different Ministerial Orders approved between March and December 2024 (Ministerial Order No 3088/2024 of 22 March 2024, Ministerial Order No 14844/2024 of 16 December 2024, Ministerial Order No 15261/2024 of 31 December 2024).

Moreover, the 62 financing agreements also define the financial resources to be allocated to each OIPG (fourth clause of each of the 62 financing agreements).

For example, for OIGP Alvares, the total RRP financial envelope amounts to EUR 1 837 500,00 according to the fourth clause of its financing agreement (out of an overall funding of EUR 2 523 617).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **in areas designated for Integrated Landscape Management (AIGPs), the land and forest management actions shall be set out in the Integrated Landscape Management Operations (OIGPs).**

The three ministerial orders mentioned above explain, in their first paragraphs, that the OIGPs approved by them refer to distinct AIGPs (first paragraphs of each of Ministerial Order No 3088/2024 of 22 March 2024, Ministerial Order No 14844/2024 of 16 December 2024, Ministerial Order No 15261/2024 of 31 December). Therefore, the land and forest management actions are set out for all OIGPs (Integrated Landscape Management Operations) in their respective areas, designed for Integrated Landscape Management (AIGPs).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **to enhance fire resilience, land and forest management actions may include, for example, the creation of discontinuities in forestry land and the replacement of eucalyptus by other species**

As described above, the land and forest management actions are set out in the OIGPs according to the Annex attached to the 62 procedural conferences minutes. These actions may include the creation of discontinuities in forestry land (Point A of procedural conferences minutes). As an example, for OIGP Alvares, this includes 56.5ha to be managed as primary network of fuel management breaks, 90.1ha to be managed as secondary network of fuel management breaks, 239.4ha to be managed as strategic fire management mosaics (page 6-7 of the procedural conferences minutes). As regards the replacement of eucalyptus (highly inflammable plant species) by other species, evidence of these can be found as part of reconversion actions and in the two charts that constitute point A of the 62 procedural conferences minutes, as explained above.

For OIGP Alvares the following is foreseen: (point A, page 6):

- the conversion of 234.1 ha of eucalyptus forests to other broadleaved forests (59.5 ha), cork oak forests (56.2 ha), maritime pine forests (38.6 ha), natural grasslands (58.1 ha), other oak forests (0.5 ha) and groves (21.2 ha).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 8.21 Development of awareness raising campaign to prevent risky behaviour

Related Measure: C08.i05 More Forest Programme

Qualitative Indicator: Development of awareness raising campaign

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The objectives of the measure are to upgrade the fire prevention and firefighting system, shifting from the model of combating fires to the model of prevention and to strengthen the actions of forest owners' organisations and competence centres in the forestry sector, by involving specialists and boosting the technical qualifications of all relevant actors in these entities.

Milestone 8.21 concerns the development of an awareness and information campaign under the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes in order to prevent risky behaviour in the population.

Milestone 8.21 is the third milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 8.14, the creation of regional and sub-regional structures of the National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection, and milestone 8.15 for the publication of an initial report by the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, I.P. It will be followed by target 8.13 and target 8.16, related to the reinforcement of the entities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs with vehicles and operational equipment and the implementation of a national training programme, respectively. The investment has a final expected date for implementation by Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Notice No. 9021/2023** (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República' No. 106, second series of 1 June 2023)	Call for tender for the acquisition of services under the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes
3	**Tender Specifications** No. CP/56/ANEPC/2023 (published in https://community.vortal.biz according to section 9 of the Notice No. 9021/2023 on 1 June 2023**)**	Tender specification for the "Purchase of services for awareness-raising campaign in the scope of the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes under the RRP, laying out the detailed conditions and clauses of the campaign to be contracted
4	**Contract No. 34/2023** of 31 July 2023 signed by the National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection and Nova Expressão	Contract, taking into account the tender specification for the implementation of the campaign
5	**Video spots** used in the TV campaign: 1. "Se estiver próximo de um incêndio" 2. "Se um incêndio se aproximar de sua casa" 3. "Se ficar cercado por um incêndio" 4. "Em caso de confinamento na habitação"	Video spots broadcast on TV as part of the campaign (The video spots are available on the website (https://aldeiasseguras.pt/medidas-de-autoprotecao/). Commission services accessed the link provided by the

	5. "Tenha preparado um kit de evacuação com" 6. "Em caso de evacuação	authorities on 7 May 2025 to verify the audio clips played.)
6	**Radio clips** used in the radio campaign**:** 1. "Mantenha uma faixa de proteção de 50 metros à volta da sua casa" 2. "Mantenha uma faixa pavimentada de 1 a 2 metros a volta da sua casa" 3. "Feche as portas e as janelas da sua casa" 4. "Regue paredes, telhado e 10 metros à volta de sua casa" 5. "Evite a exposição ao fumo" 6. "Dirija-se para um abrigo ou refúgio coletivo" 7. "Afaste cortinas e sofás que estejam junto às janelas" 8. "Feche portas, janelas e outras aberturas" 9. "Tenha sempre preparado um kit de evacuação" 10. Em caso de evacuação ajude crianças, idosos e pessoas com limitações de mobilidade	Audio clips used in radio broadcasts as part of the campaign. (The audio clips are available on the website Medidas de Autoproteção – Aldeia Segura Pessoas Seguras (https://aldeiasseguras.pt/medidas-de-autoprotecao/). Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 7 May 2025 to verify that the audio clips played.)
7	**Final Report Proof of Services Rendered** (*Comprovativo da prestação dos serviços)* CP/56/ANEPC/2023, dated 10 October 2023 and signed by Pedro Duarte de Almeida Teles Baltazar, President of the Administrative Council of Nova Expressão	Report by the contractor serving as a final report and proof of the provision of services as required by the contract Annex Specifications clauses 1, 2 and 3. The report also serves as proof of the ads placed in the newspapers as it contains clippings.
8	**Annual Implementation report** of July 2023-June 2024 (signed and dated on 4 December 2024 by Carlos Mendes Coelho Lopes Lúcio, National Director of Risk Prevention and Management at ANEPC)	Implementation report outlining the actions undertaken under the Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programme signed and dated on 4 December 2024 by Carlos Mendes Coelho Lopes Lúcio, National Director of Risk Prevention and Management at ANEPC.
9	**Programas – Aldeia Segura Pessoas Seguras website** https://aldeiasseguras.pt/medidas-de-autoprotecao/	Website providing information on the awareness -raising actions under the two programmes and information on their implementation (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 7 May 2025 at 17:00).

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

The milestone requires the development of an awareness and information campaign under the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes in order to prevent risky behaviour in the population.

The National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection (ANEPC) launched a public tender, Notice No. 9021/2023, published in Diário da República on 1 June 2023, for the acquisition of services under the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes. The specifications of this tender are laid out in the tender specifications No. CP/56/ANEPC/2023 launched on 1 June 2023, and contract No. 34/2023 was signed on 31 July 2023 with the contractor Nova Expressão for the implementation of the media campaign. Contract No. 34/2023 specifies in Articles 1 and 3 as well its Annex Specifications that an awareness-raising campaign should be developed under the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes. This should include video spots, radio clips as well as print advertisements in newspapers. The video spots and radio clips as well as the newspaper advertisement dealt with questions of fire prevention and behaviour in case of fire, achieving the goal of raising awareness of the population. Video spots dealt with situations such as how to behave in case a fire is approaching a person or the person's house, or in case one is encircled by a fire, in case of confinement at home due to a fire, how to prepare an evacuation kit and how to behave in case of evacuation. Radio clips dealt with, for instance, protective measures such as keeping a protective area around the house, keeping windows and doors shut in case of fire, preventively watering walls, rooves and areas outside the house, getting to a fire shelter, and other measures. As a result, according to a final report Proof of Services Rendered required by clauses 1, 2 and 3 in the Annex Specifications of contract No. 34/2003, the video spots were shown 356 times on TV, radio clips were aired 277 times on national radio, 1412 times on regional radio stations and 5679 times on local radio stations. In the press, advertisements were placed twice in national newspapers and 65 times in regional and local press. The campaign ran from 5 August to 4 October 2023 as confirmed by the final report Proof of Services Rendered (page 2).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes are required to include self-protection measures and simulations of evacuation plans, done in conjunction with local authorities.**

The above-mentioned media campaign to raise awareness was complemented with the implementation of concrete protection and awareness measures at local level as well as the development of new evacuation plans, as laid out in a calendar and full listing on the website Medidas de Autoproteção – Aldeia Segura Pessoas Seguras (https://aldeiasseguras.pt/). and explained in the annual implementation report that was prepared for the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People' programmes for the period July 2023 to June 2024. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 7 May 2025 to verify the list of actions. This check was completed successfully, confirming that information on this is publicly available:

- 68 villages joined the 'Secure Village' and 'Safe People';
- In 187 villages, places of shelter and refuge from fires were built to be used in cases where this is the most viable or the only possible option;
- for 97 villages, new evacuation plans were developed to prepare for a spontaneous or deliberate evacuation of a settlement in the event of the approach of a rural fire;
- 92 exercises took place to prepare responses to rural fires. These involved more than 1 700 participants; entities involved included municipal civil protection services, the national guard GNR, public security police PSP, municipal fire brigades and residents. Such exercises included actions aimed at executing a spontaneous evacuation in the face of the approach of a rural fire, exercises to prepare individual emergency kits, to clarify the procedures for cleaning up land around dwellings, amongst others.
- 88 awareness raising actions took place with the confirmed presence of 1 585 participants; entities involved included mainly the local population as well as local associations, such as the parish councils, fire brigades and civil protection units.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 10.13 Signature of contract for multipurpose research vessel

Related Measure: C10.i06-RAM Oceanic technologies

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of contract for multipurpose research vessel

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to meet infrastructure needs of marine science research in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, and to promote the links between marine research and the economic sector. It consists of the construction of an energy efficient multipurpose research vessel and the purchase of three unmanned vehicles to increase the capacity for marine research in the North Atlantic.

The milestone concerns the signature of the contract for the construction of a multipurpose research vessel in line with the DNSH principle.

Milestone 10.13 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by milestone 10.14, target 10.15 and milestone 10.16, related to the delivery of the multipurpose research vessel and autonomous unmanned vehicles. The investment has a final expected date for implementation of Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary Document**	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Signed contract** between Agência Regional para o Desenvolvimento da Investigação, Tecnologia e Inovação – Associação (ARDIT - Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation Association) and Exail SAS / chantier NAVAL GLEHEN SAS, signed on 11 March 2025.	Signed contract for the acquisition of a multipurpose research vessel, with a platform equipped with scientific sensors, for the Autonomous Region of Madeira.
3	**Tender Notice No. CLPQ 01/ARDITI/2024** of 31 May 2024, published in Portugal's Official Journal Diário da República No. 10946/2024, second series of 31 May 2024, procedure No. 10946/2024.	Tender notice No. 10946/2024 of 31 May 2024, including the technical specifications for the construction of a multipurpose research in its annex.
4	**Technical specifications** related to Tender Notice No. CLPQ 01/ARDITI/2024 of 31 May 2024, published in Portugal's Official Journal Diário da República No. 10946/2024, second series of 31 May 2024, procedure No. 10946/2024.	Technical specifications and terms of reference to Tender Notice No. CLPQ 01/ARDITI/2024, which includes eligibility criteria to ensure compliance with the DNSH principle.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Signature of the contract for the construction of a multipurpose research vessel.

The contract between Agência Regional para o Desenvolvimento da Investigação, Tecnologia e Inovação – Associação (ARDITI) (Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation Association) and the consortium of Exail SAS / Chantier naval Glehen SAS, signed on 11 March 2025, specifies that "*the main object of this contract is the acquisition of a multipurpose research vessel with a platform equipped with scientific sensors*" (clause 1, page 3). Furthermore, the contractors are to proceed with "*the design, construction, testing, inspection and delivery of the aforementioned multipurpose research vessel*" (clause 1, page 4). As evident from page 36, the contract was signed digitally by all parties.

The contract shall require the application of the DNSH condition set out in the measure description. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the research vessel and the autonomous unmanned vehicles shall use the best available technology with the lowest environmental impacts in the sector.**

The signed contract requires that the elements will be performed in compliance with the principle of 'do no significant harm', in accordance with the technical guidance (2021/C58/01) (Clause 2(4), point e, page 4-5). The functional specifications of the contract also require that the vessel must be multi-purpose, energy efficient and comply with the latest environmental standards and using the best available technology with the lowest environmental impact on the sector (Clause 35(2), page 28). Therefore, the functional specifications of the contract states that the vessel must be built in compliance with the DNSH principle of the Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), and that the research vessel is to use the best available technology with the lowest environmental impact, in line with the measure description.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment shall consist of
construction of an energy efficient multipurpose research vessel […]

The technical specifications related to Tender Notice No. CLPQ 01/ARDITI/2024 clarifies that the vessel should be equipped with energy efficient power (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 31) and should be multi-purpose, meaning designed to handle different tasks depending on the need, such as logistical support for marine protected areas, responding to environmental emergencies, providing support to search and rescue operations, etc. (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 32-34).

The contract between ARDITI (Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation Association) and the consortium of Exail SAS / Chantier naval Glehen SAS further specifies the characteristics of the vessel. The contract requires that the vessel is to be energy efficient, in line with the technical specifications (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 31), and able to accommodate 10 persons for 10 days without the need for refuelling (Clause 35(2) and 35(3), page 28).

aimed at research and training […]

The technical specifications and the contract specify that the vessel is to be aimed at research and training. The technical specifications related to Tender Notice No. CLPQ 01/ARDITI/2024 clarify that the main function of the vessel is for scientific research, with the aim of being the main coordination

point at sea for the different monitoring and research teams working in the archipelago (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 35). The contract specifies that the technical characteristics of the vessel includes a dry and wet laboratory, including working desks for scientists (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 30). The technical specifications further state that that the ship could be used as a maritime training centre, providing advanced training in maritime operations, safety at sea, rescue and fire-fighting on vessels for professionals, as well as be utilised for bachelor's degrees in marine science and technology (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 38).

in shallow waters around the islands of the Madeira archipelago and in open sea

The technical specifications related to Tender Notice No. CLPQ 01/ARDITI/2024 clarify that the vessel should support seabed composition studies in deep sea areas as well as provide support for monitoring the quality of coastal water bodies of the Madeira Archipelago (Part II 'Functional Specifications', page 31), meaning that the vessel is required to operate in both shallow and deep-sea conditions.

The signed contract between ARDITI and the consortium of Exail SAS / Chantier naval Glehen SAS furthermore includes the provisions that the vessel needs to be capable to operate around all Macaronesian islands (Madeira, Azores, Canary Island and Cape Verde) and requires a maximum distance of 900 nautical miles (Clause 35(1), page 8), meaning that the vessel should be able to operate also in open sea.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 13.1 Energy efficiency improvements of private residential buildings

Related Measure: C13.i01 Energy efficiency in residential buildings

Quantitative Indicator: number

Baseline: 0

Target: 45 000

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objectives of this investment are to support the energy efficiency improvements of private residential dwellings, to replace inefficient equipment and increase the capacity of renewable energy installations and to tackle energy poverty.

Target 13.1 is the first of this measure and relates to the sub-measure to support the costs energy efficiency improvements in residential buildings under the call "Programa de Apoio a Edifícios mais Sustentáveis 2021 - PAE+S II".

Target 13.1 will be followed by targets and 13.3 and 13.11 which relate to energy efficiency vouchers and energy efficiency renovations for households in energy poverty. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**List of dwellings**	The application number was used as unique identifier for each of the dwellings. The list also includes information on the relevant evidence for each dwelling: the percentage on energy improvements, the type of energy efficiency intervention and, where applicable the energy production capacity installed. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	**Order of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action No. 11740-C/2021** of 26 November 2021 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, '*Diário da República'*, No. 230/2021, second series of 26 November	The order includes and launches the call for applications for the 'Support Programme for More Sustainable Buildings' also referred to as PAE+S II. The call outlines the programme's conditions.

	2021, pages 2-15 which entered into force on 27 November 2021	
4	**Methodology on the development of indicators associated with C13-i01** ('Methodologia de construção dos indicadores asociados ao PAE+S e PVE') prepared by ADENE (National Portuguese Agency) and Fundo Ambiental (Implementing authority)	This document explains the methodology that is used to calculate the primary energy savings (on average the target is 30% of primary energy savings that correspond to medium-depth level renovations).
5	**Screenshots of terms of acceptance by the beneficiary "*Programa de Apoio a Edifícios mais Sustentáveis 2021 - PAE+S II*"**	In the context of the sampling analysis, screenshots of the terms of acceptance signed on the Fundo Ambiental´s platform were provided for the list of 60 dwellings sampled for further verification of the target. The terms of acceptance refer to the conditions that beneficiaries agree to and accept when they are awarded the grant. These conditions are the ones indicated in the call. The screenshots allow to establish the link between their application number and the specific call, demonstrating that beneficiary is aware of and agrees to the conditions of the call.
6	**Invoices of the purchase of equipment** ('*faturas*' and '*recibos*') dated between 17/10/2020 and 19/05/2022	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. The dated invoices list notably the equipment purchased and the cost of installation demonstrating purchase of equipment. In some instances, installation of equipment is also specified. For the cases of photovoltaic panels, the invoices also describe the capacity of solar PV in MW.
7	**Screenshots of the energy estimates** by ADENE´s modelling showing the energy efficiency improvement	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. These were verified by launching the model during the virtual on-the-spot check by Commission services on 6 May 2025.
8	**Photos of installation** for photovoltaic systems	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list

		of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. Photos were provided for 21 dwellings where photovoltaic panels have been installed, as required by point 10.6(b)(iv) of the Order of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action No. 11740-C/2021
9	**Screenshots for renewable energy production capacity estimates** by ADENE´s modelling showing the energy efficiency improvement with new renewable installed capacity	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 dwellings for further verification of the target. These documents were specifically related to samples of typology 4 – photovoltaic solar panels, showing the estimated capacity of the installation in MW. These were verified by launching the model during the virtual on-the-spot check by Commission services on 6 May 2025.

3. Analysis:
The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Number of dwellings with energy efficiency equipment purchased ...
The target requires that 45 000 dwellings benefit from energy efficiency equipment purchased.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed 62,923 dwellings with energy efficiency equipment purchased achieving, on average, at least a medium-depth level renovation, thus exceeding the goal of target 13.1 by 17,923 dwellings. The list of dwellings provided by the implementing authority, Fundo Ambiental, includes the application number, energy savings calculated using ADENE's methodology (%), the type of intervention and when relevant, for photovoltaic panel systems (typology 4), the additional power output for renewable energy generation (kW).

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 using the application number as the unique identifier, Portugal submitted:

- Screenshots of terms of acceptance by the beneficiary that they agree to the conditions of the relevant call;
- Invoices of the purchase of equipment matching the name of the beneficiary (that is linked to the application number via the screenshot terms of acceptance). The invoice of the purchase of equipment listed the equipment purchased and, when relevant, the installation of equipment. As stated in point 8.2(b)(i) of the Order of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action No 11740-C/2021, the invoices are provided as proof of payment by the beneficiary.

The invoices of purchased equipment provided for the 60 randomly selected application numbers showed that the following typologies of interventions were covered (a full list of eligible typologies is described in points 4.1 and 6.3 of Order of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action No. 11740-C/2021):

- 16 were typology 1- efficient 'A+' class windows,
- 19 were typology 3.1- heat pumps,
- 1 was typology 3.2 - thermal solar system.
- 3 were typology 3.3- high-efficient biomass boilers and recuperators,
- 21 were typology 4 - photovoltaic panel system (which are the only typology contributing to renewable energy production capacity)

The screenshots of terms of acceptance were verified through the on-the-spot check of the evidence held on 06 May 2025. The check was completed successfully, confirming that a clear link was established between the documents to prove that energy efficiency equipment was purchased for the 60 sampled units. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirms that this requirement of the target has been met.

... achieving, on average, at least a medium-depth level renovation as defined in Commission Recommendation on Building Renovation (EU) 2019/786.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **For energy efficiency renovations that are required to achieve, on average, at least a medium-depth level renovation as defined in Commission Recommendation on Building Renovation (EU) 2019/786, reduction in primary energy demand may be estimated using the methodology applied by ADENE (Portuguese Energy Agency) if a) energy performance certificates cannot be issued as the object of certification cannot be defined in accordance with Article 19 of Decree-Law 101-D/2020, or b) the total cost is below EUR 5 000 or c) the call for tender was published in 2020 or 2021. Average reduction of primary energy demand shall be calculated on the basis of the reduced energy demand per unit of measure.**

All of the 60 randomly selected samples responded to the call in the Order of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action No. 11740-C/2021, as seen in the first line of the screenshots of terms of acceptance by the beneficiary. The call entered into force on 27 November 2021 and entered into effect on 1 December 2021 according to paragraph 5 of Order No. 11740-C/2021, therefore fulfilling the requirement in the Council Implementing Decision that the call for tender is published in 2021.

On the CID's requirement for the reduction in primary energy demand to demonstrate at least medium-depth level renovations, the methodology of ADENE (Portuguese Energy Agency) may be applied, as presented in evidence 4. The methodology takes into account the building type and its characteristics, as well as the area renovated as explained in the methodology on the development of indicators associated with measure C13-i01.

The list of dwellings showed the estimated reduction in primary energy demand for each application numbers. The corresponding average estimated reduction in primary energy demand across all application numbers was calculated by the Commission using the list of dwellings, adding up to an average of 44.76%, which fulfils the average medium-depth criteria of 30% average energy improvement.

For all 60 of the randomly selected sample, Portugal also submitted:

- Screenshots of the energy estimates by ADENE´s modelling showing the energy efficiency improvements. The estimates were generated through the modelling owned by ADENE, and the estimates were verified through the virtual on-the-spot check of the model by Commission

services on 6 May 2025. For each applicant, Portugal showed the estimated energy savings outputs, which matched the estimated reduction in primary energy demand provided in the list of dwellings for the sampled application numbers.

The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirms that on average, at least a medium-depth level renovation as defined in Commission Recommendation on Building Renovation (EU) 2019/786 has been achieved.

35MW of renewable energy production capacity (such as photovoltaic panels and batteries) installed.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed 36.711 MW total power output installed over 62,623, thus exceeding the goal of target 35MW (the target under assessment) by 1.711MW. A total of 24,441 dwellings underwent renovation through the purchase and installation of solar panels according to the list of dwellings.
In the 60 randomly selected samples, there were 21 applications with solar panels installed according to the list of dwellings.

For the 21 application numbers in the 60 randomly selected sample, Portugal submitted:

- Invoices of the purchase of equipment that confirmed the purchase of the solar panels and provided a detailed breakdown of the installation costs, as outlined above. Furthermore, the invoices included descriptions of the equipment, such as the model reference or power rating, which enabled the determination of the installed production capacity of the solar panels in kW (equivalent to 0.001 MW).
- Screenshots for renewable energy production capacity estimates showing the power output installed resulting from the installation of the solar panels. The estimates were generated through the modelling owned by ADENE, and the estimates were successfully verified through the virtual on-the-spot check of the model by Commission services on 6 May 2025. For each applicant, Portugal showed the estimated power output after installation, which matched the estimated power output after installation provided in the list of dwellings for the sampled application numbers.

The power output of renewable energy production of a solar panel after installation is always lower than its maximum rated power in kW, also referred to as installed capacity, as verified by cross-checking the estimates with the installed capacity of the photovoltaic panels indicated in the invoices of the purchase of equipment. This is because solar panels are tested under standard laboratory conditions, which differ from real-world conditions. Factors such as temperature, angle, orientation, and shading can all reduce the output of a solar panel from the theoretical installed capacity. To account for this, ADENE estimates the power output based on the installed capacity indicated in the invoices, adjusting it to reflect the actual number and area of solar panels installed, as described in the methodology on the development of indicators associated with C13-i01. In this, Portugal adopts a conservative approach when using the power output of renewable energy production instead of installed capacity.

The CID requires that the total renewable energy production capacity installed achieves 35 MW. Portugal reported the total power output from renewable energy sources, which is lower than the total installed capacity. The estimated total power output of renewable energy is below the total installed capacity of solar panel as shown through the invoices of the purchase of equipment, indicating a total of 36.71 MW across 62,623 dwellings. Even using these conservative estimates, Portugal achieves the target set in the CID.

For 21 application numbers of the 60 randomly selected sample Portugal submitted photographic evidence for the purposes of proving the installation of photovoltaic panel systems along with reference to installation in the invoice:

- Point 10.6(b)(iv) of Order of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action No. 11740-C/2021 requires, as mandatory evidence, photographic evidence of the intervention before and after demonstrating that the equipment was installed.

The evidence provided for the relevant 21 units out of the 60 sampled units confirms that achieves 35MW of renewable energy production capacity (such as photovoltaic panels and batteries) has been installed.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the program shall **support the cost of projects promoting energy efficiency renovations, decarbonisation, water efficiency and circular economy in buildings. The measure covers the energy efficiency improvements under the call "Programa de Apoio a Edifícios mais Sustentáveis 2021 - PAE+S II".**

As seen in Annex 1 point 2.1 of Order No 11740-C/2021, the objective of this programme is to finance measures that promote rehabilitation, decarbonisation, energy efficiency, water efficiency and the circular economy, contributing to the improvement of the energy and environmental performance of buildings. Moreover, the documents and analysis through the on-the-spot check of the evidence held on 06 May 2025 confirmed that all the beneficiaries of the grant signed the terms of reference that make explicit reference to the call "Programa de Apoio a Edifícios mais Sustentáveis 2021 - PAE+S II".

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactory fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 14.5 Additional installed hydropower production capacity

Related Measure: C14.i02-RAM Renewable electricity potentiation in the Madeira Archipelago

Quantitative Indicator: MW

Baseline: 0

Target: 4

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to support renewable energy generation, storage, transmission and distribution.

Target 14.5 concerns the increase in the installed capacity of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant by adding 4 MW.

Target 14.5 is the second step of the implementation of the investment following milestone 14.4 on acquisition and installation of one new synchronous compensator. It will be followed by target 14.6, target 14.7, target 14.9, target 14.15 and target 14.10 related to the completion of the refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant, the increase in electricity storage by additional capacity installed in battery systems, provision and installation of 130 000 smart meters, an upgrade of the Socorridos hydroelectric power plant and the replacement of 8 750 public street lighting points with low energy LED lighting. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Permitting Licence** for the establishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant issued by the Regional Directorate for Trade, Industry and Energy of the Regional Government of Madeira (Região Autónoma da Madeira) on 5 March 2008.	Permitting licence for the establishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant demonstrating the installed capacity of the hydroelectric power plant before the investment.
3	**Operating licence** for the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant issued by the Regional Directorate for Trade, Industry and Energy of the Regional Government of Madeira (Região Autónoma da Madeira) on 24 April 2008	Operating licence of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant demonstrating that the initial installed capacity is in operation
4	**Works contract for the refurbishment** of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, signed by "EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A." and "AFAVIAS – Engenharia e Construções,	Signed contract for the works on the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, including the installation of two new turbines and the increase in installed capacity.

	S.A.", signed on 30 June 2022 and amended on 23 October 2023.	
5	**Certificate of delivery** of the turbine and generator, including the technical characteristics of the turbines supplied by the manufacturer and tests performed, signed by "AFAVIAS – Engineering and Construction, Lda" and "EEM – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A." with final approval on 20 January 2023	The certificate of delivery identifies the materials for the turbine and generator, including the relevant hydromechanical and electromechanical equipment. Moreover, it also includes the tests carried out and the respective results. The delivery was signed by the contractor on 2 December 2022 and subsequently approved on 20 January 2023 by the "EME – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira".
6	**Acceptance certificate** of the works on the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant signed on 23 October 2024	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the refurbishment of the Água De Serra Hydroelectric Power Plant demonstrating the new turbines and generators are installed. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA"), the constructor ("AFAVIAS – Engineering and Construction, Lda") and a third party as fiscal entity ("PLENGIL – Engineering and Management Solutions, Lda")
7	**Technical Site Report** of the works on the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant signed on 04 May 2025	Technical site report on the turbine system and the accompanying works carried out for the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, demonstrating that the new turbines are installed and operational. The site report is signed between the project owner ("EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA") and the supplier of the turbines ("Kochendörfer Hydro")

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Increase in the installed power capacity in the refurbished Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment shall consist of […] **and increase installed capacity by adding 4 MW**

The target requires that the installed power capacity in the refurbished Serra de Água hydroelectric power plant increases by 4 MW. The works were carried out by "AFAVIAS – Engenharia e Construções, S.A." as evidenced by the works contract signed on 30 June 2022, and subsequently amended on 23 October 2023, with the owner of the project ("EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A."). The works contract concerns the replacement of the plant's assets, providing it with new functionalities to support the electrical system with a view to increasing its installed capacity to around 10.8 MW (Clause 1(2), page 1 of works contract).

The works on the Serra de Água hydroelectric power plant included the delivery of two new turbines, each with a unit power capacity of 5,521 kW (or 5.521 MW) (page 3, 7 and 17 of the certificate of delivery). This represents an increase of 5.742 MW over the previous setup of 5.3 MW, as evident from the permitting licence for the establishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant of 5 March 2008 (page 3) and the operating licence for the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant issued on 24 April 2008 (page 1).

In accordance with clause 6 of the works contract, provisional acceptance of the works is subject to the completion of a survey of the works, signed by the parties concerned. The turbines were successfully installed, as confirmed by the acceptance certificate of the contract for the works of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, signed by the project owner ("EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA"), the constructor ("AFAVIAS – Engineering and Construction, Lda") and a third party as fiscal entity ("PLENGIL – Engineering and Management Solutions, Lda") on 23 October 2024, and the technical site report of the works on the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, signed by the project owner ("EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA") and the supplier of the turbines ("Kochendörfer Hydro") on 04 May 2025. The acceptance certificate clarifies that the works inspected for the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant have been completed in accordance with contractual conditions (page 1 of the acceptance certificate). The certificate also identifies that the valves of both turbines were malfunctioning and that leaks had been detected in October 2024 (page 3 of the acceptance certificate). In accordance with clause 6-8 of the works contract, if the acceptance certificate identifies defects in the works, the contractor should undertake the replacement of material or equipment and carry out repairs, and a new survey shall be carried out for the purposes of final acceptance. The subsequent technical site report verified that both the valves and leaks had been repaired as of May 2025 (Page 2 and 3 of the technical site report). Both turbine units have been put into operation, indicating that the turbines have been fully installed (Page 3 of the technical site report).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 14.12 Additional renewable electricity production by in Corvo

Related Measure: C14.i03-RAA Energy transition in the Azores

Quantitative Indicator: kW

Baseline: 0

Target: 850

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objectives of the measure are to develop electricity infrastructure and to implement projects with innovative technical solutions to increase energy self-sufficiency in the Autonomous Region of the Azores. The investment includes measures to increase the installed renewable generation capacity.

Target 14.12 concerns the increase in installed capacity to produce electricity from renewable sources on the island of Corvo, through the installation of photovoltaic and wind power parks.

Target 14.12 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 14.14, related to the increase in electricity power capacity through the installation of diffused small unit photovoltaic plants and target 14.11 related to additional capacity to produce electricity from renewable sources, in particular geothermal energy. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Operating licence of 30 September 2024** signed by Azores Regional Directorate for Energy	The licence granted to EDA Renováveis, S.A. allows for the operation of seven wind turbines, each with a capacity of 100kW, installed at Cerrado das Vacas wind farm on the island of Corvo.
3	**Operating licence** of 02 February 2023 signed by Azores Regional Directorate for Energy (part A)	The licence granted to EDA Renováveis, S.A. allows for the operation of phase A of Corvo Photovoltaic Park, with a capacity of 75kW, installed on the island of Corvo.
4	**Operating licence** of 19 May 2025 signed by Azores Regional Directorate for Energy (part B)	The licence granted to EDA Renováveis, S.A. allows for the operation of phase B of Corvo Photovoltaic Park, with an additional capacity of 75kW, installed on the island of Corvo.

5	**Three acceptance certificates of the wind and photovoltaic parks**	Acceptance certificate certifying the installation of seven wind parks for a capacity of 700kW, signed on 09 September 2024 by EDA RENOVAIS, S.A. and NORVENTO INGENIERIA, SLU
		Acceptance certificate certifying the installation of a photovoltaic park for a capacity of 75kW signed on 30 November 2021 by EDA RENOVAIS, S.A. and SEGMA- Serviços de Engenharia, Gestão e Manutenção, LDA
		Acceptance certificate certifying the installation of additional 75kW of capacity at the photovoltaic park of Corvo, signed on 18 September 2023 by EDA RENOVAIS, S.A. and SEGMA- Serviços de Engenharia, Gestão e Manutenção, LDA

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Increase the installed capacity to produce electricity from renewable sources on the island of Corvo through the installation of photovoltaic and a wind power park.

The three operating licences granted to EDA Renováveis, S.A., signed by the Azores Regional Directorate for Energy between 02 February 2023 and 20 December 2024, allow for the additional production of 850kW of electricity from renewable energy installations on the island of Corvo to supply the island's public electricity grid. More specifically, the three acceptance certificates of the wind and photovoltaic parks, signed by EDA Renovais, S.A., between 30 November 2021 and 09 September 2024, certify the installation of the wind and photovoltaic parks. The operating licence for the wind park then demonstrates that the seven wind turbines, producing 100kW of electricity each, for a total of 700kW, are ready to enter into operation. The two operating licences for the photovoltaic park demonstrate that both phase A and B of Corvo Photovoltaic Park producing 75kW of electricity each, for a total of 150kW, are ready to enter into operation. The issuance of the operating licenses (*certificados de exploração*) is the last step for the entry into operation of electricity installations, as specified in Articles 14 and 15 of the regional decree law n.º 29/2019/A.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, [**t]he investment shall consist of (…)** [an] **[i]ncrease in the installed capacity to produce electricity from renewable sources on the island of Corvo through the installation of a photovoltaic and a wind power park by 850 kW.**

As explained above, the three operating licences for a photovoltaic and wind power parks granted to EDA Renováveis, S.A., signed by the Azores Regional Directorate for Energy between 02 February 2023 and 20

December 2024, demonstrate the increase in installed capacity for the additional production of 850kW on the island of Corvo.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 15.15 Signature of contract for electronic signalling systems

Related Measure: C15.i06 Digitisation of Rail Transport

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of contract and publication on dedicated portal

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The aim of this investment is to make the Northern line of the National Railway Network compatible with the new high-speed rail line through the replacement of electronic signalling systems. The investment consists in replacing the electronic signalling systems at Campolide-Cintura, Oriente, Alverca and Azambuja stations, covering 20km of railway lines in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area.

Milestone 15.15 requires the signature of the project implementation contract for the replacement of the electronic signalling systems between Infraestruturas de Portugal and the contractor.

Milestone 15.15 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by the final target 15.16, related to the length of railway lines with new electronic signalling systems installed in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Notice of public competition No. 249525-2024**, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 26 April 2024.	The notice of public competition with international advertising provides all the details of the contract for the design and construction of "L. Cintura e L. Norte - Estações de Concentração de Campolide, Oriente e Alverca e Azambuja - Sinalização Digitalização do Transporte Ferroviário".
3	**Special Tender Specifications** issued by Infraestruturas de Portugal S.A on 21 April 2024.	Special technical specifications is one of the procurement documents which were part of the Notice of public competition No. 249525-2024. The contractor must follow these specifications under the project implementation contract. The document specifies that the works concern the Campolide-Cintura, Oriente, Alverca and Azambuja stations. This document is binding under Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024.

4	**Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024,** signed by Infraestruturas de Portugal S.A. and Siemens Mobility, Unipessoal Lda., on 25 November 2024.	Contract for the implementation of the project related to the replacement of the electronic signalling system.
5	**Law No. 43/2024,** which entered into force on 12 December 2024.	This law establishes that acts and contracts related to projects funded or co-funded by European funds, and which are subject to the Court of Auditors' preliminary review, no longer have the production of their effects suspended while waiting for the Court of Auditors' decision.
6	**Portuguese Court of Auditors' Receipt No. 57460/2024**, issued on 28 November 2024.	Statement from the Court of Auditors informing that the request for a preliminary review of Contract No10015497/DEM/2024 was lodged on 28 November 2024.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Signature of the project implementation contract for the replacement of the electronic signalling systems between Infraestruturas de Portugal and the contractor.

On 25 November 2024, the state-owned enterprise responsible for the management of the national rail infrastructure, Infraestruturas de Portugal, SA signed a contract with Siemens Mobility, Unipessoal LDA (the contractor) to replace the current signalling system (clause 1 of Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024).

According to clause 2(1), Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024 produces effects after a preliminary positive decision from the National Court of Auditors. However, on 2 December 2024, Portugal published in the National Official Journal Law No. 43/2024, which entered into force on 12 December 2024. Article 3 of Law No. 43/2024 introduces a new provision in the public procurement special rules approved by Law No. 30/2021 of 21 May, the new provision is Article 17-A. Under Art Article 17-A(2) of Law No. 30/2021, as amended by Law No. 43/2024, acts and contracts related to projects funded or co-funded by European funds, and which are subject to the National Court of Auditors' preliminary review, no longer have their effects suspended while waiting for the Court's preliminary decision. Per Article 5(1) of Law No. 43/2024, Article 17-A(2) of Law 30/2021, as amended by Law No. 43/2024 applies to all acts and contracts waiting for the National Court of Auditors' preliminary decision when Law No. 43/2024 entered into force, on 12 December 2024.

The National Court of Auditors' Receipt No. 57460/2024 shows that on 28 November 2024 the National Court of Auditors registered the request for a preliminary review of Contract No 10015497/DEM/2024, therefore the Court's preliminary decision was pending when Law No. 43/2024 entered into force. Consequently, Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024 produces effects since the day of its signature, 25 November 2024.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the aim of this investment is to make the Northern line of the National Railway Network (RFN) compatible with the new high-speed rail line (LAV) through the replacement of electronic signalling systems.**

Clause 1 of Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024 states that the aim of the contract is to replace the current signalling system (type ESTW L90P) and to make the physical and functional connections of the Northern Line of the RFN compatible with the new LAV, allowing for combined use, with the aim of bringing rail services closer to urban centres, extending the benefits of the LAV to the whole country.

The description of the measure also establishes that **this investment shall consist of replacing the electronic signalling systems at Campolide-Cintura, Oriente, Alverca and Azambuja stations, covering 20km of railway lines in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area.**

According to clause 1 of Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024, the electronic signalling system should be replaced in the stations controlled by Campolide (*Cintura* or Belt Line), Oriente, Alverca and Azambuja stations.

According to clause 4 of Special Tender Specifications, binding under Contract No. 10015497/DEM/2024, the replacement of the electronic signalling system in the stations mentioned above includes railway lines of a total length of approximately 55 km (double and quadruple tracks). According to clause 2 of the Special Tender Specifications the new electronic signalling system should be installed in at least 20 km of these railway lines, within 548 days starting from the payment of the Court of Auditors fees by the contractor, and the remaining kms within 730 days.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 16.6 Support to National Test Beds Network

Related Measure: C16.i02 Digital Transition of Enterprises

Quantitative Indicator: Euro

Baseline: 0

Target: 30 000 000

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to boost the digitalisation of business, to foster new business models and improve existing ones, increasing the competitiveness and resilience of the Portuguese economy. To this end, the investment includes four sub-measures: a) National Test Beds Network, b) Digital Commerce, c) Support to the digital transition of the business models, and d) Entrepreneurship. The National Test Beds Network sub-measure aims at creating a network of test beds providing the infrastructure needed for businesses, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, to develop and test new products and services and to accelerate their digital transition.

Target 16.6 concerns the payment of at least EUR 30 000 000 to the test beds in the national test beds network.

Target 16.6 is the second target of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 16.7 about the selection of 30 test beds. It will be followed by target 16.8, related to provision of additional support to the National Test Beds Network.

The overall investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of bank transfer receipts**	List of 146 bank transfer receipts indicating the number of the transfer and the amount paid. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	**Declaration on the use of Union funds**, signed by Estrutura de Missão Recuperar Portugal on 15 April 2025	It confirms that amounts provided by any other Union programmes or instruments have not been counted towards the amount declared with this target.

4	**Internal Management and Control System document,** published by Estrutura de Missão Recuperar Portugal in June 2022.	It describes the control and accounting mechanisms put in place by Estrutura de Missão Recuperar Portugal.
5	**Technical Guidance on double funding No. 11/2023**, published by Estrutura de Missão Recuperar Portugal in October 2024.	It complements the Internal Management and Control System document by providing guidance to avoid double funding.
6	**Bank transfer receipts**	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 units for further verification of the target. They indicate the amount paid, the date of transfer, the name and tax identification number of the beneficiary.
7	**Terms of acceptance**	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 units for further verification of the target. Signed by the leaders of the test beds consortia, these documents include in Annex IV the list of participants in the test bed consortia part of the national test beds network, including the name and tax identification number of each participant.
8	**Call for tender No. 03/C16-i02/2022**, latest publication on 17 April 2024	First call for tenders launched for the selection of Test Beds. It requires compliance with DNSH and environmental requirements.
9	**Call for tender No. 07/C16-i02/2022**, latest publication on 17 April 2024	Second call for tenders launched for the selection of Test Beds. It requires compliance with DNSH and environmental requirements.
10	**Call for tender No. 09/C16-i02/2022,** latest publication on 17 April 2024	Third call for tenders launched for the selection of Test Beds. It requires compliance with DNSH and environmental requirements.
11	**Call for tender No. 15/C16-i02/2023**, latest publication on 17 April 2024	Fourth call for tenders launched for the selection of Test Beds, it requires compliance with DNSH and environmental requirements.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

At least EUR 30 000 000 shall be paid to the test beds in the national test beds network.

Portugal submitted a list of 146 bank transfer receipts, indicating the number of the transfer as well as the amount paid. The overall amount paid indicated by Portuguese authorities equals EUR 30 412 508.46, above the required amount.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted bank transfer receipts, which reported the amount paid, the date of transfer, the name and tax identification number of the beneficiary. Portugal also submitted the terms of acceptance for the establishment of test beds as part of the national test bed network. Signed by the leading entity, these documents include in Annex IV the list of participants in the test bed consortia, including the name and tax identification number of each participant. These were used to check that the beneficiaries of the bank transfers were participants in test beds' consortia part of the national test bed network, as requested by the target. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that support was paid for the amount indicated in the list, showing that Portuguese authorities paid at least EUR 30 412 508.46 to test beds in the national test beds network, thus exceeding the goal of Target 16.6 by EUR 412 508.46.

Any amounts provided by other Union programmes or instruments shall not be counted towards this amount.

The declaration on the use of Union funds signed by Estrutura de Missão Recuperar Portugal on 15 April 2025 confirms that the amounts provided by any other Union programmes or instruments have not been counted towards the amount declared for this target.

The Internal Management and Control System document and the Technical Guidance on double funding No. 11/2023 describe the control and accounting mechanisms that Portugal put in place to ensure the clear traceability of costs, and the funding sources used to cover them, as well as the obligations of beneficiaries of the funding under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, thereby preventing double funding and guaranteeing that RRF funds are used exclusively for their intended purposes.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **For tenders, in order to ensure that the measure complies with the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), the eligibility criteria contained in terms of reference for upcoming calls for projects shall exclude the following list of activities: i) activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use; ii) activities under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) 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. The terms of reference shall additionally require that only activities that comply with relevant EU and national environmental legislation may be selected.**
The four calls for tender include eligibility criteria (point 15.3 '*Processo de admissão e de seleção de candidaturas'* of tender notice No. 03/C16-i02/2022, No. 07/C16-i02/2022, No. 09/C16-i02/2022, and No. 15/C16-i02/2023)to ensure compliance with the DNSH principle using an exclusion list and a requirement of compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation (Annex I to the calls of tender notice No. 03/C16-i02/2022, No. 07/C16-i02/2022, No. 09/C16-i02/2022, and No. 15/C16-i02/2023).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 17.9 Completion of the implementation of the State Accounting Entity

Related Measure: C17-i01 Public Financial Management Information Systems

Qualitative Indicator: Completion of the implementation of the State Accounting Entity

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The investment consists of the development of information technology solutions for public financial management. The investment operationalises the related reform TD-r32 on public financial management.

Milestone 17.9 refers to completing the implementation of the information technology solution for management of the State's treasury via the State Accounting Entity, in full compliance with Articles 49 and 55 of the 2015 Budgetary Framework Law.

Milestone 17.9 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by milestone 17.10, target 17.12, milestone 17.11, milestone 17.13 and milestone 17.14, related to the introduction of information systems for public financial management in areas such as national central public procurement and budgetary and financial control. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Report of 28 June 2024** on the implementation of information technology solutions for the State Accounting Entity, signed by the Directorate General for the Budget, UniLEO (Unit for the Implementation of the Budgetary Framework Law) and the Public Administration Shared Services Entity (ESPAP).	Report on the features, architecture, and examples of the output of the information technology solutions implemented for the State Accounting Entity. Screenshots of the information technology solutions were verified by Commission services in a virtual on-the-spot check on 9 December 2024.
3	**Terms of acceptance** of 26 December 2024 signed by UniLEO and Directorate General for the Budget and ESPAP	Terms of acceptance (annexed to the report of 28 June 2024, pages 1 to 2) of the State Accounting Entity information technology solution signed by UniLEO and Directorate General for the Budget and ESPAP.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Complete the implementation of the State Accounting Entity, …
The State Accounting Entity records the State's revenues, expenditures, liabilities, and assets. This IT tool was set up in May 2024 (report of 28 June 2024, pages 325-328 and terms of acceptance). Annex A of the report of 28 June 2024 (pages 335 to 346) explains how the State Accounting Entity works and includes screenshots of the State Accounting Entity front-end, including elements such as the initial homepage (page 335), the interfaces that allow the State Accounting Entity to produce accounting statements (page 343) and examples of these, as balance sheets and cash-flows statements (Annex A page 344 and Annex II pages 24 to 316). The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 9 December 2024 to verify the complete implementation of the State Accounting Entity, including the features shown in the report of 28 June 2024. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the State Accounting Entity was implemented, and it is operational.

… in full compliance with Articles 49 and 55 of the 2015 Budgetary Framework Law.
Articles 49 and 55 of the 2015 Budgetary Framework Law define the content of the State Accounting Entity budget and the principles that apply to its treasury management, respectively (report of 28 June 2024 Annex A pages 329 to 333):

- Articles 49(1) and 49(3) define the revenue and expenditure items of the State Accounting Entity budget. These are included in the State Accounting Entity's different accounting statements, as demonstrated on page 15 and pages 196 to 197 of the report of 28 June 2024.
- Articles 49(2) states that the Directorate General for the Budget is tasked by preparing the budget of the State Accounting Entity. The report of 28 June 2024 in its Annex III pages 317 to 320 and Annex IV pages 321 to 324 demonstrate that the Directorate General for the Budget is preparing the budget.
- Article 49(4) specifies that public administration entities that manage the State revenue make sure that these are settled and collected. As shown in Annex B page 336 of the report of 28 June 2024, the State Accounting Entity allows public administration entities that manage State revenues to settle and collect them by providing a platform where to report and keep track of these.
- Articles 55(1), 55(2) and 55(3) define the treasury management model of the State Accounting Entity. In line with this management model, the State Accounting Entity can access (pages 336 and 323 of the report of 28 June 2024) public administration entities' treasury data and information systems, as the State Budget System, that allow for a treasury management that, for instance, maximises available cash return (Article 55(1) subpart (b)) and identifies emerging financial challenges (Article 55(1) subpart (b)), in line with the 2015 Budgetary Framework Law.
- Article 55(3) specifies that a State Accounting Entity treasury budget is to be produced monthly, including a 12-month forecast. The State Accounting Entity treasury budget (page 16 and Annex III pages 317 to 320 of report of 28 June 2024) can be produced monthly and includes a 12-month forecast.

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 9 December 2024 of the functionalities shown in the report of 28 June 2024, accounting statements and treasury budget of the State Accounting Entity, as above-mentioned. This check was completed successfully, confirming the compliance with Articles 49 and 55 of the 2015 Budgetary Framework Law.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **these shall include the development of information technology solutions that shall allow for the management of the State's treasury in an integrated fashion through the State Accounting Entity…**
The information technology solutions developed to set up the State Accounting Entity (Annex IV of the report of 28 June 2024, pages 321 to 324) are functionalities that (i) allow to retrieve data across public entities' information systems, (ii) aggregate data at the State-level and (iii) produce budgetary, financial and treasury statements (report of 28 June 2024, page 15, Annex II pages 24 to 316 and Annex B page 336). The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 9 December 2024 to verify the functionalities shown in the report of 28 June 2024 and accounting statements of the State Accounting Entity, as above-mentioned. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information technology solutions were developed.

…as well as to support the preparation of the State Budget.
The information technology solutions implemented allow the State Accounting Entity to produce accounting statements which are included in the State Budget (report of 28 June 2024, Annex I pages 20 to 22 and screenshot on Annex C1 pages 338 to 339).
The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 9 December 2024 to verify the information technology solutions supporting the preparation of the State Budget as set out in the report of 28 June 2024, as above-mentioned. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information technology solutions were developed.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 18.3 Entry into force of the revised legal framework for insolvency and recovery

Related Measure: C18.r33 Economic justice and business environment

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of the revised legal framework for insolvency and recovery

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the reform is to increase the efficiency of administrative and tax courts, as regard the justice system.

Milestone 18.3 concerns the entry into force of the revised legal framework for insolvency.

Milestone 18.3 is the third milestone of the reform, it follows the completion of milestone 18.1, related to the creation of specialised chambers in administrative courts, and by milestone 18.2, related to entry into force of a legal regime to encourage in-court and out-of-court settlements. It will be followed by milestone 18.4, related to entry into force a revised licensing legal framework and by milestone 18.10 related to the entry into force of revised statutes of the judicial clerks. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q3 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Law No. 9/2022**(published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 7/2022, first series, of 11 January 2022), which entered into force on 12 Abril 2022	Law that streamlines the proceedings related to company restructuring and payment agreements, transposes Directive (EU) 2019/1023 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 and amends the Insolvency and Business Recovery Code, the Commercial Companies Code, the Commercial Register Code and related legislation.
3	**Decree-Law No. 57/2022** of 25 August 2022 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 164/2022, first series, of 25 August 2022), which entered into force on 26 August 2022	Law that simplifies the procedure for the verification of liabilities and ranking of claims in the insolvency proceedings.
4	**Decree-Law No. 48/2024**, 25 July (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 143/2025, first series, of 25 July 2024), which entered into force on 24 August	Law that limits the situations where the right of retention prevails over a mortgage.

5	**Decree-Law No. 87/2024** of 7 November 2024 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 216/2024, first series, of 7 November 2024), which entered into force on 10 November 2024	Law which regulates the electronic service of natural and legal persons
6	**Statement of Rectification No. 1-A/2025/1**, of 6 January 2025 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 3/2025, first series, of 6 January 2025)	Rectification of Decree-Law No. 87/2024
7	**Decree-Law No. 91/2024**, of 22 November 2024 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 227/2024, first series, of 22 November 2024), which entered into force on 14 January 2025	Law implementing Decree-Law No. No 87/2024
8	**Government Order No. 10/2025/1** of 14 January 2025 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 9/2025, first series, of 14 January 2025), which entered into force on 15 January 2025	Legal act that regulates the authentication, security, control, use and operation of the Digital Services Area of the Courts
9	**Government Order No. 126/2021** of 24 June 2021, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 121/2021, first series, of 24 June 2021), which entered into force on 16 June 2021	Legal act that regulates the Judicial Administrator direct and digital access to the databases of the public registries, tax office, social security, public employment pension fund.
10	**Government Order No. 137/2021**, of 30 June 2021 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 125/2021, of 30 June 2021), which entered into force on 1 July 2021	Legal act that which regulates the electronic communications between the information systems of the courts, of the enforcement agents, and of social security, general pension fund and wage guarantee fund to execute attachments of social benefits and pensions
11	**Deliberation of the High Council for the Judiciary** (PLE23-02-2021-0178) of 23 February 2021	Deliberation of the High Council for the Judiciary that creates a commercial section in Lisbon High Court
12	Webpage of the Lisbon High Court where summaries of the judgements of the commercial chamber are published: https://trl.mj.pt/1a-seccao-comercio/	Webpage of Lisbon High Court where summaries of the judgements of the commercial chamber are published Commission services verified on 10 April 2025 that the link was operational summaries were published for 2024 and 2025.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Entry into force of the revised legal framework for insolvency and rescue of companies with a view to speeding up these proceedings and adapting them to 'digital by default', including

To revise the legal framework for insolvency and rescue of companies, Portugal adopted the following legal acts which have entered into force:

- Law No. 9/2022, which entered into force 90 days after its publication, on 12 April 2022 (article 12), streamlines the proceedings related to company restructuring and payment agreements, and reviews the insolvency code.
- Decree-Law No. 57/2022, which entered into force one day after its publication, on 26 August 2022 (article 3), simplifies the procedure for the verification of liabilities and ranking of claims in the insolvency proceedings.
- Decree-Law No. 48/2024, which entered into force 30 days after its publication, on 24 August 2024 (article 4), limits the situations where the right of retention prevails over a mortgage.
- Decree-Law No. 87/2024 of 7 November 2024, as amended Statement of Rectification No 1-A/2025/1, regulates the electronic service of natural and legal persons. Decree-Law No. 87/2024 entered into force on 10 November 2024 (article 18).
- Decree-Law No. 91/2024, which entered into force on 14 January 2025 (article 11), implements Decree-Law No. No 87/2024.
- Government Order No. 10/2025/1, which entered into force one day after its publication, on 15 January 2025 (article 5), regulates the authentication, security, control, and use of the Digital Services Area of the Courts.
- Government Order No. 126/2021 of 24 June 2021, which entered into force on 16 June 2021 (article 7), regulates the Judicial Administrator's direct access to the databases of the public registries, tax office, social security, public employment pension fund.
- Government Order No. 137/2021, of 30 June 2021 which entered into force on 1 July 2021 (article 5), regulates the electronic communications between the information systems of the courts, of the enforcement agents, and of social security, general pension fund and wage guarantee fund to execute attachments of social benefits and pensions

The content and contribution of these legal acts to streamline and digitalise proceedings is explained in the following subparagraphs.

a) revision of the Insolvency Code to optimise insolvency proceedings, also reflecting the establishment of electronic proceedings:

Law No 9/2022 (article 2), which entered into force 90 days after its publication, on 12 April 2022 (article 12) revised the Insolvency Code. To optimise proceedings, in addition to the amendments mentioned in subparagraphs b), c) and d), Law No. 9/2022 introduces the following:

- New article 3 A establishes a viability test to avoid that debtors with no prospect of viability apply to the special restructuring procedure.
- The parties no longer have the possibility to appeal the Judge's decision that appoints the interim judicial administrator, according to article 17 C and article 222-C. In this way the proceedings timeline is shortened.
- The insolvency administrator has now the obligation to present and publish in the Courts' Digital Services Area a proposal for distribution and final apportionment according to article 182(3), amended by article 2 of Law No. 9/2022. Before the revision, the judicial administrator had a mere faculty. With the revision the insolvency administrator acquires a more active role.

- To ensure the profitability of the proceeds from the liquidation of the insolvent estate, article 167(3) of the Insolvency Code, as revised by article 2 of Law No 9/2022, stipulates that when relatively long periods of immobilization of deposited funds are foreseen, they must be applied in ways that do not involve significant risk and that receive the prior favourable opinion of the creditors' committee, if one exists, or of the largest creditor.

As regards the establishment of electronic proceedings, article 256(2) of the Insolvency Code was revised by Decree-Law No. 87/2024 to set as a general rule the service of legal persons by electronic means (please see below subparagraph g). In addition, Portugal adopted the following acts:

- Government Order No. 10/2025/1 which regulates the authentication, security, control, use and operation of the Digital Services Area of the Courts, for the purposes of making available and summons, notifications and other communications sent by courts, public prosecutors, bailiffs, court administrators or other court auxiliaries.
- Government Order No. 126/2021, which regulates the judicial administrator's access, direct and via the courts' digital support system, to the databases of the tax administration, social security, the wage guarantee fund, the general Pension fund, the different public registers to obtain information, on the identification of the debtor and on the identification and location of his assets, Government Order No 121/2021 entered into force on 16 June 2021, except for its provisions on the direct access to the public registries that entered into force on 2 December 2021, according to its article7.
- Government Order No on 1 July 2021, which regulates the electronic communications between the information systems of the courts, of the enforcement agents, and of social security, general pension fund and wage guarantee fund to execute attachments of social benefits and pensions. Government Order No. 137/2021 entered into force on 1 July 2021.

(**b) entrust the Insolvency Administrator with the task of drawing up a liquidation plan, with time-bound targets, for discharging the assets constituting the insolvency estate**;

According to article 158(1), as amended by article 2 of Law No. 9/2022, the Insolvency Administrator is responsible for presenting a plan for the sale of assets that constitute the insolvency estate with time-defined targets and specific actions.

(c) simplification of the procedure for the examination of liabilities and ranking of claims in the insolvency proceedings, by conferring on the Insolvency Administrator the responsibility to submit jointly with the list of recognised claims a proposal for their ranking, **allowing the judge, in the event of agreement and in the absence of any challenge, to approve both documents**, **thus allowing for a more flexible procedure**;

According to article 129(1) of Insolvency and Recovery Code, as amended by article 2 of Decree-Law No. 57/2022, the insolvency administrator is responsible for submitting a proposal for the ranking of recognised claims, with reference to the expected composition of the insolvency estate. Before this amendment the Insolvency Administrator only presented a list of recognized claims without ranking them. According to article 130(3) of Insolvency and Recovery Code, as amended by article 2 of Decree-Law No. 57/2022, the judge has the power to approve, immediately and if there are no challenges, the proposed ranking of claims and the list of recognized creditors drawn up by the insolvency administrator.

d) the institution of compulsory partial apportionment where the insolvency estate includes the proceeds of the liquidation of assets with a value of EUR 10 000 or more, the ownership of which is not disputed and the procedure is not in a position to make a final apportionment;

According to article 178 (1) (c) and (d) of Insolvency and Recovery Code, as amended by article 2 of Law No. 9/2022, it is mandatory to make partial apportionments where the sums deposited at the order of the insolvency estate (including the proceeds of the liquidation of assets) are equal or above EUR 10 000; their ownership is not disputed; and the procedure is not in a position to make the final apportionment.

(e) review of the pre-emptive regime of the right of retention when faced with the mortgage (Código Civil);
According to article 759 (1) and (2) of the Civil Code, as amended by article 2 of Decree-Law No. 48/2024, the right of retention only prevails over the right of the mortgage creditor when it includes the reimbursement of expenses to preserve or increase the value of the immovable asset. Before this amendment the right of retention always prevailed over the right of the mortgage creditor.

(f) reducing restrictions on the exercise of the profession of insolvency administrator.
The profession of insolvency administrator is carried out by judicial administrators, according to article 2 of the Statues of Judicial Administrators. One of the requirements to be able to exercise this profession is to follow a professional internship (article 3(1) of the Statutes of Judicial Administrators).
According to article 7(3) of the Statutes Judicial Administrators, as amended by article 5 of Law No. 9/2022, the body responsible for monitoring, supervising and regulating judicial administrators no longer sets a number of candidates for an internship. A fix number of candidates limited the access to this profession and consequently to its exercise.

(g) establish as a rule the electronic service of legal persons, in particular in insolvency proceedings;
Under article 246 (6) of the Civil Process Code (CPC), as amended by article 2 of Decree-Law No. 87/2024, legal entities are served electronically. This rule applies also in insolvency proceedings according to article 256 (2) the Insolvency and Recovery Code, as amended by article 4 of Decree-Law No 87/2024, and which refers to the above-mentioned article 246(6) of CPC.
According to article 16(2) of Decree-Law No. 87/2024, these two legal provisions enter into force on the same date of the entry into force of the implementing Decree-Law No. 91/2024. Decree-Law No. 91/2024 entered into force on 14 January 2025 (according to its article 11).

(h) the creation and operation of at least one specialised chamber in the higher courts for commercial matters.
On 23 February 2021, the High Council for the Judiciary approved the creation of a specialised commercial chamber in the High Court of Lisbon with effects on 1 April 2021 (Deliberation of the High Council for the Judiciary). The summaries of 2024 and 2025 judgements of this specialised commercial chamber can be consulted in the webpage of Lisbon High Court: https://trl.mj.pt/1a-seccao-comercio/
The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 2 May 2025 to verify that the chamber had issued its judgements and was therefore in operation. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the operation requirement is satisfactorily fulfilled]

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the review of the insolvency framework shall include the strengthening of the role of insolvency practitioners, review of the legal framework strengthening the rights of the lender, and introduce compulsory partial apportionment in specific cases.**

The revision gives the judicial administrator a more active role with more competences, as mentioned in item a) third bullet point, items b) and c). The lender's rights are also reinforced with the amendments

mentioned in item a) fourth bullet point, items d) and e). The partial apportionment is compulsory where the insolvency estate includes the proceeds of the liquidation of assets with a value of EUR 10 000 or more, the ownership of which is not disputed, and the procedure is not in a position to make a final apportionment as mentioned in item d).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 18.6 'Enterprise 2.0' information system

Related Measure: C18.i01 Economic justice and business environment - Investment

Qualitative Indicator: 'Enterprise 2.0' information system in operation

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to ensure the digital transition and resilience of the Portuguese justice IT systems. It aims at integrating the 'digital by definition' paradigm in the judiciary and public registries.

Milestone 18.6 consist in the entry into operation of the 'Enterprise 2.0' information system, which is a new platform that includes company information on businesses' life cycle (creation, management and termination).

Milestone 18.6 is the second milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 18.5. It will be followed by milestone 18.7, milestone 18.8 and milestone 18.9, related respectively to a new information system for the digital transformation of Courts and Public Prosecutor's Office, a new Technology Plan, and knowledge management platforms. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Summary Report** of the Institute of Registries and Notary ("*Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado, I.P.*") on 29 April 2024	Report signed by the implementing authority explaining the works and the functionalities of Entreprise 2.0. It includes as its annexes the signed certificates of the suppliers, indicating the completion of the respective works: Babel Ibérica, S.A on 2 May 2024; Bool Software Consulting on 23 May 2024; Ernst & Young S.A on 12 May 2024; Great-Grupo de Reestruturação Empresarial e Assessoria Tecnica Lda on 20 May 2024; IGFEJ on 21 May 2024;WRIGHTIA, S.A. on 7 May 2024; and Winning on 23 May 2024.
3	**Decree-Law No. 28/2024**, of 3 April 2024 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 66/2024, first series, of 3 April 2024), which entered	Legal framework necessary to provide online the registrar services included in Enterprise 2.0

	into effect on 4 April but produces effects since 31 2024	
4	**Government Order No. 155/2024/1**, of 24 May 2024 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 101/2024, first series, of 24 May 2024), which entered into effect on 25 May 2024 but produces effects since 5 April 2024	Legal act implementing Decree-Law No. 28/2024
5	Website of the Enterprise 2.0 platform https://registo.justica.gov.pt/Empresas	Website of the Enterprise 2.0 platform Commission services verified on 26 March 2025 that the link was operational.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Entry into operation of the 'Enterprise 2.0' information system, which is a new platform that includes company information on businesses' life cycle (creation, management and termination).

Enterprise 2.0 information system is an IT platform to access remotely the services of public registries. Through the platform it is possible to request and proceed with all necessary registers related to the creation, management and termination of a company. It also provides information about each registered company, including interactions with public administration bodies responsible for services, throughout its life cycle, as well information related to its creation, management and possible termination. The platform is accessible via the website: https://registo.justica.gov.pt/Empresas. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 25 March 2025 to verify that the platform is accessible to the general public.

According to the certificates signed by seven suppliers in May 2024, the respective works to set up the platform were concluded - such as, application forms on front-end in *outsystems and respective back-office,* authentication and payment functionalities - and Enterprise 2.0 information system is operational (Annexes to the Summary Report). Portugal also adopted the necessary legal framework to be able to provide all these services on-line: Decree-Law No. 28/2024, of 3 April 2024, which entered into force on 31 March 2024 (article 10 of Decree-Law No. 28/2024), and its implementing act, Government Order No. 155/2024/1, of 24 May 2024, which entered into force on 5 April 2024 (article 17 of Government Order No. 155/2024/1).

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 26 March 2025 to verify that new information system Enterprise 2.0 entered into operation and was in use: the functions to request and process the creation of a company, changes related to its management (e.g. changes in the constitution of corporate bodies) and request to terminate are functioning. It was also verified that the new system includes information regarding the creation, management and termination of companies. This check was completed successfully, confirming that this requirement is satisfactorily fulfilled.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the development of the digital platform** (…) **for business includes data migration**, **making new services available online, and ensuring a dematerialisation of some services**

The new platform, Enterprise 2.0, gathers in one place data from different authorities and allows for the same data to be updated and communicated between them. In this way Enterprise 2.0 ensures interoperability and therefore data migration between the services of the Institute of Registries and Notary and other public entities such as Bank of Portugal, the Portuguese Securities Market Commission, the Tax Authority (page 18 of the Summary Report and Certificate of supplier WRIGHTIA, S.A.).

Enterprise 2.0 also offers new online services, such the company's electronic page in the reserved area of the platform, which has all the official data of a company (page 11 of the Summary report and Certificate of supplier Babel Ibérica, S.A. in the annex of the summary report); as well as the opening of a new branch by a foreign company (page 18 of the Summary report and Certificate of supplier Bool Software Consulting in the annex of the summary report).

Finally, Enterprise 2.0 ensured the dematerialisation of services through the offering of new online services, such as creation of new branches of a company online, and several transactional services - a transactional service is understood as a service that is not only informative, but allows commercial or administrative transactions to be carried out (e.g. filling out a form to submit an order), such as the registration of a change in the capital of the company; registration of a merger (all these services are available in the webpage of the new information system as verified by Commission services on 26 March 2025 and Certificate of supplier Ernst & Young in the annex of the summary report).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **providing integrated service platform[s] for businesses (…) throughout their 'life cycle'**

As mentioned above, Enterprise 2.0 is a platform that aggregates all registration services available throughout the company's life cycle, from its creation to its extinction. With this platform, PT therefore provides an integrated service (covering all possible registration events that business have to comply with throughout their life cycle.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.12 Completion of upgrades in critical digital infrastructures

Related Measure: C19.i04 Efficient, secure and shared digital critical infrastructures

Qualitative Indicator: Completion of upgrades of the National Internal Security Network and of the State Communications Emergency Network

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to increase the resilience of critical digital infrastructures, namely emergency and security communications networks, as well as of the Portuguese government computer network (RING).

Milestone 19.12 consist in the upgrades of critical digital infrastructures: (i) 112 Operational Centre and National Internal Security Network projects (with the exception of the installation and operationalisation of a new data centre which is included in Milestone 19.13); (ii) change in ground infrastructure (core network) technology from E1 to IP (Internet Protocol) and increase the capacity of the State Emergency Communication Network (SIRESP).

Milestone 19.12 is the second milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 19.11 on the secure mobile communications system for government employees. It will be followed by milestone 19.13 related to the completion of upgrades in critical digital infrastructures; milestone 19.14 related to the upgrade of the IT system of security forces and services; and milestone 19.15 related to strengthening the government's IT network management centre (RING).

The investment has a final expected date for implementation on Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Certificate of work related to 112 Operational Centres** of 19 December 2024 signed by SGMAI and the Consortium	The certificate of work is issued within the contract between Secretariat-General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (SGMAI) and the Consortium of Intergraph / Fujitsu / Decunify. With this certificate the project owner, SGMAI accepts the works completed by the Consortium for technological Update, corrective and evolutionary maintenance of the four operational centres of 112
3	**Certificate of work related to electoral platforms**, of 20 October 2022 signed by SGMAI and Altice	The certificate of work is issued within the contract between SGMAI and Altice. With this certificate the project owner, SGMAI accepts

		the works completed by Altice regarding election platforms which are part of the National Internal Security Network
4	**Certificate of work related to virtual workstations and services**, of 20 October 2022 signed by SGMAI and A2ITwb Tecnologia SA	The certificate of work is issued within the contract between SGMAI and A2ITwb Tecnologia SA. With this certificate the project owner, SGMAI, accepts the works completed by A2ITwb Tecnologia SA regarding virtual workstations and services
5	**Certificate of work related to NISN data centres** of 20 June 2023 signed by SGMAI and Altice	The certificate of work is issued within the contract between SGMAI and Altice. With this certificate the project owner, SGMAI, accepts the works completed by Altice regardingthe NISN data centres
6	**Certificate of work related to SDN platform** of 20 June 2023 signed by SGMAI and Altice	The certificate of work is issued within the contract between SGMAI and Altice. With this certificate the project owner, SGMAI accepts the works completed by Altice regarding the SDN platform
7	**Certificate of work related to router services** of 29 December 2023 signed by SGMAI, MEO and SIRESP	The certificate of work is issued within the contract between SGMAI, and MEO. With this certificate the project owner, SGMAI accepts the works completed by MEO regarding the placement into service of Router Services Aggregation Equipment (RAS) in the SIRESP Network
8	**10 Certificates of work related to radio equipment** signed by SGMAI, Motorola and SIRESP on respectively 28 March 2024 18 May 2024 30 September 2024 25 October 2024 28 October 2024 8 November 2024 18 November 2024 of 25 November 2024 of 6 December 2024 3 December 2024	The certificates of work are issued within the contract between SGMAI and Motorola. With these certificates the project owner, SGMAI accepts the works completed by Motorola regarding the sale, installation, configuration and placement into service of the TETRA Dimetra radio equipment in the SIRESP Network
18	**3 Certificates of work related to dispatch consoles** signed by SGMAI, Oramix and SIRESP on: 27 Mai 2024 27 June 2024 23 July 2024	The certificates of work are issued within contract between SGMAI and Oramix. With these certificates the project owner, SGMAI accepts the works completed by Oramix regarding the sale and installation of equipment for Secure Web Access of dispatch consoles.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Completion of upgrades to critical digital infrastructures: (i) 112 Operational Centres
As regards the 112 Operational Centres upgrade project, Portugal improved the operational centres with the following standards and functionalities (Certificate of work related to 112 Operational Centres, page 2):

- Adoption of standard New Generation 112 to integrate other media in addition to the phone calls, such text messages and video calls ;
- Development of the application MAI112 APP for hearing impaired people;
- Improvement of geolocation of 112 calls by using Advanced Mobile Location and Global Navigation Satellite System technologies

and National Internal Security Network projects, with the exception of the installation and operationalisation of a new data centre which is included in Milestone 19.13

The National Internal Security Network Project consists in the improvement of this network, including the creation and operationalisation of a new data centre, which will be assessed in Milestone 19.13. All other improvements are reported as follows:

- Further development and security of the computing infrastructure of electoral platforms, with the (Certificate of work related to electoral platforms, pages 2 to 5);
- Creation of virtual desktops and applications, enabling approximately 2,000 virtual workstations with remote access and secure storage (Certificate of work related to virtual workstations and services,pages 2 to 5);
- Update of the communication network and strengthening the security systems of the national internal Security network data centers the (Certificate of work related to NISN data centres, page 2);
- Installation of SDN Platform providing a speedier and more reliable use the NSI system (Certificate of work related to the SDN platform,page 2).

(ii) change in ground infrastructure (core network) technology from E1 to IP (Internet Protocol) and **increase the capacity of the State Emergency Communication Network (SIRESP)**.
Portugal upgraded the ground infrastructure of SIRESP by changing from E1 technology to IP communication technology infrastructure (Certificate of work of related to router services, page 1).
Portugal increased the transmission capacity of 35 Base Stations in mainland (Certificates of work related to radio equipment) and updated the dispatch (communication) consoles (Certificate of work of 27 June related to dispatch consoles), increasing the capacity of SIRESP.

Commission Preliminary Assessment: satisfactory fulfilment

Number and name of the Target: 20.6 New projection equipment installed

Related Measure: C20.i01 Digital transition in education

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 40 000

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to foster the digitalisation of the Portuguese education system by providing equipment, connectivity services and changing the curriculum and teaching to develop digital and technological competences.

Target 20.6 concerns the installation of 40 000 projectors in public education establishments.

Target 20.6 is the third step of the implementation of the investment and it follows completion of target 20.2, related to the signature of contracts for the purchase of laptops for students and teachers and 20.3, related to the provision of laptops to students and teachers. It will be followed by targets 20.4 related to upgrading the connectivity of primary and secondary schools, 20.5 related to the provision of Digital Education Laboratories to schools, 20.7 related to the digitalisation of school management systems, 20.8 related to the production of digital education resources and 20.9 related to the implementation of digital testing. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of installed projectors**	List containing serial numbers of projectors installed in education establishments. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	**Contract: CTR/41/2022/DSCP** - lot 2 – supply and installation of video projectors in the establishments of public education – signed on the 22 March 2022.	Contract between the Secretariat-General for Education and Science and the supplier for the provision and installation of 20 000 video projectors.
4	**Contract: CTR/47/2023/DSCP** - lot 1 - video projectors in public educational establishments – signed on 22 September 2023	Contract between the Secretariat-General for Education and Science and the supplier for the provision and installation of 10 000 video projectors.

5	**Contract: CTR/48/2023/DSCP** - lot 2 - video projectors in public educational establishments – signed on 22 September 2023	Contract between the Secretariat-General for Education and Science and the supplier for the provision and installation of 10 000 video projectors.
6	**Final Acceptance Certificates**	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 projects for further verification of the target. 24 Final acceptance certificates covering the 60 sample units were provided.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Number of new projectors installed…

The list of projectors details that 40 000 projectors were installed in educational establishments in Portugal.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted Final Acceptance Certificates, which are issued following the installation of projectors, containing the serial number of each item that has been installed. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that this requirement of the target has been met.

The Final Acceptance Certificates are issued in accordance with clause 7(3) in each of the supply and installation contracts (CTR/47/2023/DSCP; CTR/48/2023/DSCP; CTR/41/2023/DSCP). According to clause 7, once the projectors are installed, the project owner verifies and signs a provisional acceptance certificate. Ten days later and provided there are no defects in the operation of any of the installed projectors, the project owner signs the final acceptance certificate.

…in public education establishments

According to Clause 1(1) of each of the supply and installation contract (CTR/47/2023/DSCP; CTR/48/2023/DSCP; CTR/41/2023/DSCP), the projectors are supplied and installed in public education establishments.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.12 Signature of terms of acceptance for the implementation of industrial projects

Related Measure: C21.i05 Support to the Development of Green Industry

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of terms of acceptance for the implementation of industrial projects

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to increase the production capacity of technologies for renewable energy, decarbonisation, and energy efficiency. The investment consists of grants targeted at individual companies or projects, supporting industrial investment in the production of strategic technologies for the climate transition.

Milestone 21.12 concerns the signature of terms of acceptance for the implementation of industrial projects related to strategic technologies for the climate transition.

Milestone 21.12 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 21.13 related to the completion of at least five industrial projects in strategic technologies for the climate transition. The investment has a final expected date for implementation of Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Document duly justifying how the target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024** published on the website of Recuperar Portugal https://recuperarportugal.gov.pt/candidatura/01-apoio-ao-desenvolvimento-de-uma-industria-ecologica-aviso-n-o-01-c21-i05-2024/	This tender notice specifies the criteria for the selection of the projects and the specific requirements, including the requirement for strategic technologies for the climate transition. Commission services verified on 15/01/2025 that the link was operational.
3	**Seven terms of acceptance** with the seven consortia, including the list of projects supported	Terms of acceptance with 'Florinda Maria Alves de Brito LDA', signed on 6 September 2024;
		Terms of acceptance with 'Tecnilab Av Portugal - Sociedade De Planeamento

		Tecnico E Cientifico S.A.', signed on 10 September 2024;
		Terms of acceptance with 'Momsteelpor S.A.', signed on 9 September 2024;
		Terms of acceptance with 'Hychem, Química Sustentável, S.A.', signed on 16 September 2024;
		Terms of acceptance with 'Pradecon - Construções Metálicas, S.A.', signed on 13 September 2024;
		Terms of acceptance with 'Mecwide S.A', signed on 6 September 2024;
		Terms of acceptance with 'Hen - Serviços Energéticos LDA', signed on 3 September 2024.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

The terms of acceptance shall be signed for the implementation of industrial projects, which shall be selected through competitive calls, related to strategic technologies for the climate transition, as specified in the description of the measure.

The seven terms of acceptance for the implementation of the industrial projects were signed on page 4 and 5 in September 2024 by the entities implementing the industrial projects, thereby agreeing to the terms and conditions in each contract. The industrial projects were selected through a competitive call, Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024, which was published on the website of Recuperar Portugal and referenced in the preamble of each of the seven terms of acceptance. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 16 April 2025 to verify the Render Notice. This check was completed successfully, confirming that Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 had been published. Section 3 of Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 requires the projects to be related to strategic technologies for the climate transition (as shown below in more detail in the analysis of different elements of the measure description).

The terms of acceptance shall ensure compliance with the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) of supported transactions under this measure through the use of an exclusion list, and the requirement of compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation.

The terms of acceptance require compliance with the 'Do no significant harm' requirements, including the exclusion list defined in Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 (line 's' of clause 8). Furthermore, line 'a' of clause 8 of the terms of acceptance require compliance with the conditions set in Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024. The Tender Notice requires each beneficiary to comply with the exclusion list (annex I) and with the DNSH requirements (line 'd' of clause 6.2), in line with the 'Do no significant harm' Technical

Guidance (2021/C58/01). Lines ‘d’ of sections 6.1 and 6.2 of Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 require compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment shall consist of grants targeted at individual companies or projects…**
Line ‘a’ of section 8 of Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 specifies that the support provided through this investment will be in the form of grants (non-repayable support). Section 4 of Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 specifies that the investment is targeted at projects from individual companies.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **[…] and shall support industrial investment in the production of strategic technologies for the climate transition, which shall be directly linked to solar photovoltaic and solar thermal, electrolysers and fuel cells, onshore wind and offshore renewables, sustainable biogas/biomethane, batteries and storage, carbon capture and storage, heat pumps, energy efficiency, geothermal energy or grid solutions.**
Section 3 of Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i05/2024 requires individual projects to be related to strategic technologies for the climate transition. Line ‘i’ of section 3 refers to the specific sectors of operation for projects as required by the measure description.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.17 Entry into force of the legal framework for renewable gases

Related Measure: C21.r46 Regulatory framework for renewable hydrogen

Qualitative Indicator: Provision in the legal acts indicating the entry into force

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this reform is to promote renewable hydrogen, decarbonise the Portuguese natural gas network and promote the development of the renewable hydrogen value chain.

Milestone 21.17 relates to the entry into force of the regulatory framework for renewable hydrogen, specifying the criteria for the injection of renewable hydrogen into the gas network.

Milestone 21.17 is the second and last milestone of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 21.16 related to the entry into force of an administrative or legal act on renewable hydrogen specifying which installations should be considered as renewable hydrogen production installations. The implementation of the reform shall be completed by Q2 2024.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence. For legal acts please provide the full legal reference and date of entry into force	Short description
1	**Decree-Law No 79/2025**, amending Decree-Law No 62/2020, published in Portugal´s Official Journal "*Diário da República*", No 97, first series of 21 May 2025 which entered into force on 22 May 2025	Legal act amending DL No 62/2020 that establishes the regulatory framework for the organisation and operation of the National Gas system by i) introducing definitions to ensure consistency with the developments in the renewable gas sector, including renewable hydrogen; ii) defining the process for the designation of the entity responsible for the management of the hydrogen network and iii) appointing the relevant regulatory entity for renewable hydrogen
2	**Order No 2791/2025** of the Energy and Geology Directorate-General, of 28 February 2025, published in Portugal´s Official Journal "*Diário da República*", No 42, second	Order No. 2791/2025 establishes the technical and safety conditions that must be met for the design, construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the National Gas Distribution Network infrastructure, as well as basic principles for planning and managing the

	series of 28 February 2025, entered into force on 2 January 2025	injection of renewable gases into the distribution network.
3	**Order No 3264/2025** of the Energy and Geology Directorate-General of 13 March 2025, published in Portugal´s Official Journal "*Diário da República*", No 51, second series of 13 March 2025, entered into force on 20 February 2025	Order No. 3264/2025 establishes the technical and safety conditions that must be met for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the National Gas Transmission Network (RNTG) infrastructure, as well as the basic principles for planning and managing the injection of renewable or low-carbon gases into the transmission network.
4	**Order No 6750-C/2025** of the Office of the Minister of Environment and Energy , published in Portugal's Official Journal, "*Diário da República*", No 118, second series of 23 June 2025,	Order No. 6750-C/2025 appoints (before final certification) the entity responsible for the planning, development, and management of the dedicated hydrogen network infrastructure.
5	**Decree-Law No 85/2025**, published in Portugal´s Official Journal *Diário da República*, No 119, first series of 24 June 2025, which enter into force on 23 December 2025	The decree-law introduces renewable hydrogen targets for the industry and transport sectors
6	**Regulation no. 827/2023** of the Energy Services Regulatory Authority, of 28 July 2023, published in Portugal´s Official Journal "*Diário da República"*, No 146, second series of 28 July 2023, which entered into force on 28 July 2023.	Regulation that approves the Commercial Relations rules in the Electricity and Gas sectors
7	**Law no. 74/98 of 11 November** published in Portugal's Official Journal *Diário da República*, No 261, first series of 11 November 1998. This Law was amended by Law No. 2/2005; Law No 26/2006; Law No	Regulation governing the entry into force of legal acts in the absence of an entry into force date specified in the adopted legal act.

	42/2007 and by Law No 43/2014 which entered into force on 12 July 2014	

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Entry into force of the regulatory framework for renewable hydrogen. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the reform shall consist of the revision of the legislative framework for renewable gases.**

The regulatory framework for renewable gases, including renewable hydrogen, introduced by Portugal in the context of this reform consists of:

i) Order No. 2791/2025, which approves the new Regulation of the National Gas Distribution Network (Article 1). According to Article 6 of Order No. 2791/2025, it entered into force on 2 January 2025.

ii) Order No. 3264/2025, which approves the new Regulation of the National Gas Transmission Network (Article 1). According to article 7 of Order No. 3264/2025, it entered into force on 20 February 2025.

iii) Decree-Law No. 79/2025, which amends the Decree-Law No 62/2020 on the organisation and functioning of the National Gas System. According to Article 10 of Decree-Law No 79/2025, it entered into force on 22 May 2025.

iv) Order No. 6750-C/2025, which appoints the entity responsible for the planning, development and management of the dedicated hydrogen network infrastructure was published on 23 June 2025. In accordance with the general rule of entry into force, laid down in Article 2 of Law no. 74/98, as amended, in the absence of an entry into force date specified in the adopted legal act, the legal act enters into force on the fifth day after publication. Since Order No. 6750-C/2025 does not specify the date of its entry into force, the general rule applies. Therefore, Order No 6750-C/2025 entered into force on 28 June 2025.

v) Decree-law No. 85/2025, which sets targets for the integration of energy from renewable sources used in the industrial and transport sectors. According to Article 4, the decree-law takes effect six months after the date of publication, meaning 23 December 2025.

vi) Regulation No. 827/2023, which approves the rules on Commercial Relations in the Electricity and Gas Sectors. In accordance with Article 451 of Regulation No. 827/2023, it entered into force on 29 July 2023, the day following its publication in the Official Journal.

specifying the criteria for the injection of renewable hydrogen in the gas network. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the reform shall consist of the revision of the legislative framework for renewable gases. The revised framework shall set out the technical criteria and operational aspects for (…) if relevant, for injection into the gas network,**

The criteria for the injection of renewable hydrogen in the gas network are established both in Order No. 2791/2025 and Order No. 3264/2025.

According to article 1(1) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation, approved by Order No. 2791/2025, (hereinafter referred to as the 'National Gas Distribution Network Regulation') this regulation establishes the technical criteria and safety precautions to construct, operate and manage the infrastructures of the Gas Distribution Network, including the operational aspects to inject renewable or low carbon gases into the distribution gas network such as the procedures and responsibilities for injection, ensuring safe and efficient flow, interoperability and environmental protection. Annex III (Technical Regulation) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation defines the technical criteria and operational aspects and procedures for the injection of renewable or low-carbon gases. The criteria for injection are specified in Article 2 of the Annex III (Technical Regulation), which states that the introduction of renewable gases or low-carbon gases into the network requires the fulfilment of a set of actions associated with the management of injection capacity and operating conditions. Article 3 of Annex III (Technical Regulation) establishes the actions that the network operator should perform to ensure the quality of the injected gas. Article 6 of Annex III (Technical Regulation) establishes that renewable or low-carbon gas has priority over fossil gas when being injected into the National Gas Distribution Network (RNDG), subject to conditions and technical limitations. Article 8 sets out the obligation by the network operator to annually publish the allocation of injection capacity for renewable gases or low-carbon gases in the gas distribution network. The methodology for calculating injection capacity is specified in Article 9 of Annex III (Technical Regulation). The injection of renewable hydrogen in the gas distribution network is also subject the technical conditions and methodologies defined in Article 2(4) of Annex III (Technical Regulation), ensuring the safe and efficient integration of renewable gases into the existing gas distribution infrastructure.

According to article 1(1) of National Gas Transmission Network Regulation, approved by Order No. 3264/2025, (hereinafter referred to as the 'National Gas Transmission Network Regulation') this regulation establishes the operational aspects by setting principles on planning and management for hydrogen injection. The operational requirements for planning and management of injection capacities of hydrogen in the national gas transmission network are specified in Chapter IX. The National Gas Transmission Network Regulation also specifies the technical criteria for injection into the transmission network. In particular, article 72 defines the rules for allocation hydrogen injection capacity in the national gas transmission network, including physical limits, annual publication of available capacities and monitoring and control responsibilities of the network operator. Article 73 establishes a methodology for calculating the hydrogen injection capacity in the national gas transmission network, which divides the network into five distinct zones and determines the capacity based on projected gas consumption and zone-specific parameters. Article 74 requires that hydrogen injection points meet specific technical requirements to ensure safety and operational quality and be controlled within established parameters. Article 76 specifies the methodological criteria for assigning hydrogen injection capacity, considering factors such as market context, operational variations, and consumption patterns.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall set out the technical criteria and operational aspects for renewable hydrogen production,**

The Decree-Law No. 79/2025, amending Decree-Law No. 62/2020 and Decree-Law No. 70/2022, extends the definition of gases to include gases of renewable and low-carbon origin, and defines the characteristics of renewable hydrogen. In accordance with Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 79/2025 amending article 3(ppp) of Decree-Law No. 62/2020 , renewable hydrogen is defined as hydrogen produced through electrolysis of water, using renewable electricity, specifying the technical criteria for producing renewable hydrogen. Article 3 of Decree-Law No. 79/2025, amending Article 70 of Decree-Law 62/2020, further establishes the

new operational requirements for pre-registering as a producer of renewable hydrogen, including the procedure for applications and the procedure for accepting or rejecting such applications.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall set out the technical criteria and operational aspects for renewable hydrogen (…) certification,**

The National Gas Transmission Network Regulation and the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation establish technical criteria and operational aspects for grids certification to ensure the use of renewable hydrogen in their grids.

Article 27 of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation establishes differentiated certification criteria based on the type of gases. This technical regulation defines a non-exhaustive list of rules, standards, codes and technical specification for the certification of renewable or low-carbon gases in the distribution grids.

Article 3 of National Gas Transmission Network Regulation defines operational aspects, notably the normative references for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of pipelines, including those for renewable hydrogen and the need to ensure that all the products and materials are certified, and the quality of pipelines are also certified.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall set out the technical criteria and operational aspects for renewable hydrogen (…) transport,**

Regarding the national gas distribution network, the technical criteria of transport of hydrogen are established in Annex III (Technical Regulation) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation:

I) Control of gas mixture characteristics: the operator of the distribution network must ensure that blending in the network meets the quality requirements (article 4(1));

II) Odorization: The gas within the quality parameters established for injection into the distribution grids must be odorised to allow detection of the odour at the consumption location (article 5(1));

III) Limits for hydrogen blending: blending hydrogen in volume at the points of consumption of the distribution grid shall not exceed 20% (article 11(1))

The operational aspects of transport of hydrogen are established in Annex III (Technical Regulation) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation:

i) Monitoring of gas characteristics: the operator of the distribution network must develop the necessary actions to ensure compliance with the provisions of the regulator regarding the monitoring of gas characteristics and the methodology for measuring the parameters essential for billing energy consumption by gas users (article 4(2));

ii) Management of hydrogen injection: the injection of hydrogen in the gas network is subject to limits both at consumption points and from hydrogen coming from the transmission grid (article 11 – see below for more detailed justification of the maximum allowed for injection of hydrogen in the gas grid).

Article 70 of the National Gas Transmission Network Regulation establishes the technical requirements of hydrogen dedicated pipelines or conversion of gas pipelines into 100% hydrogen pipelines. In case of injection of hydrogen into the gas network, article 75 the National Gas Transmission Network Regulation

specifies that the operator of the network must ensure that the infrastructure is operated within the limits that guarantee the technical conditions necessary for the injection of hydrogen into the gas network.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall set out the technical criteria and operational aspects for renewable hydrogen (…) leaks avoidance**

The injection of hydrogen in the distribution grids demands at least two types of installations: Hydrogen reception or conditioning installations, which ensure that the incoming hydrogen meets purity, pressure, and safety standards defined by applicable regulations (as defined by Order No. 2791/2025, Article 4(2), point m); and hydrogen injection stations, which are facilities that manage the controlled blending of hydrogen into the distribution grid and ensure compliance with gas quality standards (as defined by Order No. 2791/2025, Article 4(2), point k).

Article 15(g) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation requires hydrogen injection stations to have a control system to detect leaks. Article 17(2)(f) specifies that hydrogen reception installations have a control system to detect leaks.

Regarding the transmission networks, article 57(6)(b) of National Gas Transmission Network Regulation specifies that precautions and provisions must be taken to ensure the safe operation of the network, namely conduct systematic audit for leaks detection. Article 64 of the National Gas Transmission Network Regulation, on maintenance, modifications, and reparation of pipelines also defines the periods of inspections depending on the types of pipelines. Article 69 of the National Gas Transmission Network Regulation defines the details of the required contingency plan including in case of leaks.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall set out (…) criteria for not exceeding the maximum allowed concentration of hydrogen in the gas network.**

For the gas distribution networks, article 1(5) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation stipulates that the maximum technical limit for hydrogen concentration in the gas distribution network is set at 20% by volume. Article 10 of its Annex III (Technical Regulation) indicates the conditions under which this limit can be amended. Article 11 of its Annex III (Technical Regulation) identifies the criteria for managing hydrogen concentration limits in interconnected transmission and distribution networks. More specifically, according to article 11(1) of Annex III (Technical Regulation), it is necessary to coordinate the level of injection of hydrogen in both transmission and distribution grids, so that the hydrogen concentration at consumption points does not exceed 20% and that gas from the transmission network can contain up to 10% hydrogen. Article 11(2) of Annex III (Technical Regulation) specifies that the level of injection of hydrogen can be adjusted in real-time to maximise the reception capacity of hydrogen at a certain moment, as long as the established limits for the transmission network and concentration limits at consumption points are not exceeded. Article 8(3) of Annex III (Technical Regulation) specifies that the distribution network operator is responsible for evaluating and adjusting gas injection into the network to ensure quality and compliance with regulatory limits. Furthermore, article 8(4) of Annex III (Technical Regulation) states that the maximum allowable renewable gas injection volumes into the distribution gas network depends on network demand and storage options.

Regarding the transmission networks, article 6 of National Gas Transmission Network Regulation stipulates that the maximum concentration allowed for hydrogen into the network is limited by the capacity of the infrastructure. In chapter IX, article 71 defines how the limits of hydrogen in transmission networks are established and article 75 ensures that the coordination of hydrogen injection capacity in

transmission and distribution networks limits hydrogen concentration to 20% at consumption points and 10% at delivery points.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall also set out targets for difficult to decarbonise sectors such as industry and transport,**

The Council Implementing Decision states that the revised framework shall set out targets for difficult to decarbonise sectors such as industry and transport. The RRP specifies that the difficult sectors to decarbonise are industry and transport. In light of the purposive interpretation of this requirement from the Council Implementing Decision, this element is interpreted as setting out the two sectors that are difficult to decarbonise. Portugal has established targets for the use of renewable fuels of non-biological origin in industry and transport, as laid down in Decree-Law No. 85/2025 of 24 June 2025. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the milestone is satisfactorily fulfilled.

Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 85/2025 of 24 June 2025 sets out the targets for Portugal's share of renewable sources in the amount of energy sources used final energy and non-energy purposes in the industry and transport sectors as exactly those defined in the european legislation. Specifically, the article states that '*the targets and deadlines applicable in the national legal system for the integration of energy from renewable sources in industry and in the final consumption of energy in the transport sector are those defined in Paragraph 1, Article 22a and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 25 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001, as amended by Directive (EU) 2023/2413*'. Therefore, the targets aim to achieve a minimum of 42% of hydrogen used for final energy and non-energy purposes in industry to be from renewable fuels of non-biological origin by 2030, increasing to 60% by 2035. Additionally, for the transport sector, fuel suppliers shall ensure that the amount of renewable fuels and renewable electricity supplied to the transport sectors leads to a share of renewable energy within the final energy consumption in the transport sector of at least 29% by 2030. The combined share of advanced biofuels, biogas, and renewable fuels of non-biological origin in the energy supplied to the transport sector is set to reach at least 1% by 2025 and 5.5% by 2030, with a minimum of 1 percentage point to be accounted for by renewable fuels of non-biological origin by 2030.

The Council Implementing Decision required that the revised framework shall enter into force, setting out targets for difficult to decarbonise sectors such as industry and transport. Portugal has adopted Decree-Law No. 85/2025 of 24 June 2025, which enacts binding targets for the use of renewable hydrogen in industry and transport. However, these targets will not enter into force until six months after publication (Article 4). Whilst this constitutes a minimal temporal deviation from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision, the delay between the adoption of this law and the actual application of the provisions is considered both limited and proportional. Portugal has explained that the reason for the delay in the actual application of the provisions is intended to allow stakeholders sufficient time to plan on the implementation of the targets and allowing for the subsequent transposition of the accompanying requirements of the recast Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2023/2413. As such, this is a reasonable period of implementation that allows coherent application of both the targets and the technical regulations. Moreover, the Decree-Law No. 85/2025 was adopted by Council of Ministers and approved by the President of the Republic of Portugal on 24 June 2025, and there is thus legal certainty that these targets will be become binding from the beginning of their application on 23 December 2025, in accordance with Article 4. The entry into force of these targets is not subject to any further legislative acts, although enabling legislation to comply with the requirements of the recast Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2023/2413 will be required. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the milestone is satisfactorily fulfilled.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall set out (…) rules to ensure transparency of the billing system,**

Article 194 of Regulation No. 827/2023, specifies the rules by which the gas billing system is governed. Notably, the regulation stipulates that energy content for billing purposes must be calculated in energy units (kWh) (Article 194(1)), based on consumption measured in volume units (m3). The conversion from volume to energy units is performed using the Higher Calorific Value (HCV), also known as the Gross Calorific Value (GCV) (Article 194(2)). In this respect, the rules ensure transparency for the consumer of the billing system.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall (…) define (before certification) the entity responsible for operating the hydrogen network**

Article 6 of Decree-Law No. 79/2025 establishes the procedure for designating and certifying the entity responsible for operating the hydrogen network. According to Article 6(2), following an open call to the market, the Member of the Government responsible for the energy sector nominates the responsible entity before certification. On these terms, Article 1 of Order No. 6750-C/2025 nominates REN Gás, SA, as the entity responsible for planning, developing and operating the hydrogen network. In accordance with Article 2, this appointment remains in effect until the definitive designation of the responsible entity at certification.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the revised framework shall (…) set out methods to control for the injection of hydrogen, that could be based on heating capacity and gas quality (such as gross caloric value (GCV), the Wobbe Index (quality indicator of the combustion) and the percentage of hydrogen in the mixture.**

Annex III (Technical Regulation) of the National Gas Distribution Network Regulation sets out the methods for controlling the injection of hydrogen into the network. Specifically, Article 19 stipulates that the distributor operator is responsible for controlling the injection of hydrogen and may utilise various control methods, including the Wobbe index, the percentage of hydrogen in the mixture, and heating capacity. Furthermore, Article 14 defines the quality control requirements for gas injection into the distribution grid.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.19 Adoption of the Biomethane Action Plan

Related Measure: C21.r47 First auction for sustainable biomethane and biomethane action plan

Qualitative Indicator: Adoption of the Biomethane Action Plan

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this reform is to promote and boost production and consumption of sustainable biomethane. The reform entails the launch of the first auction for the centralised purchase of sustainable biomethane as well as the adoption of the Biomethane Action Plan.

Milestone 21.19 concerns the adoption of the Action Plan for Biomethane, which establishes a strategy for the development of the biomethane market in Portugal, by supporting its production and encouraging its consumption. Milestone 21.19 is the last milestone of the reform, and follows the completion of milestone 21.18, related to the launch of the first auction for centralised purchase of sustainable biomethane. The reform has a final expected date for implementation of Q1 2024.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024,** of 15 March, published in the Official Journal *Diário da República* No. 54, first series of 23 May 2024, pages 30-81, which entered into force on 15 March 2024.	Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024 approves the Biomethane Action Plan 2024-2040 and establishes a strategy for the development of the biomethane market.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Adoption of the Action Plan for Biomethane, which shall establish a strategy for the development of the biomethane market.
On 15 March, Portugal published in the Official Journal *Diário da República* No. 54, Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024 which approves and adopts the Biomethane Action Plan 2024-2040. The Biomethane Action Plan establishes a strategy for the development of the biomethane market (point 1 of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024). Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024 entered into force on 15 March 2024 (point 7 of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the Action Plan shall propose actions to ensure a favourable regulatory framework, coupled with a set of public policies that support the creation of an internal market for biomethane, both to support production and encourage consumption.**

The Action Plan presents:

A set of measures to ensure a favourable regulatory environment, such as those introduced in action line 8 (pages 30, 31 and 44 of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024), including:
(i) the streamlining and clarification of the environmental licensing processes required for the implementation of biomethane projects (page 30); (ii) creation of a single portal for all the contacts necessary for the assessment and proper execution of the required licensing procedures (page 31); (iii) provision of legal standards and guidelines, defining deadlines and clarifying all necessary licensing processes throughout the value chain (page 31); (iv) consolidation of the existing legislation related to the construction and licensing of biogas and biomethane production units (pages 31 and 32).

The Action Plan also describes a complementary set of public policies supporting the creation of an internal market for biomethane, such as those introduced under priority 2 (page 22 of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024), and detailed in section 4.1.2 (page 28 of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024) in action line 7 (pages 29 and 30 of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 41/2024), including (i) the transposition of the European directive 2023/2413, to promote the production of biogas and its injection into the gas network (page 29); (ii) the definition of a cost-sharing policy for the integration of new producers into the gas network, including costs of connection and access to the network (page 29); (iii) the application of a "right to inject" policy for biomethane producers who wish to inject in the gas network, including waivers where appropriate (page 29) and (iv) the adjustment of the tariff regime for gas injection into the transmission network (page 30).

These policies are complemented by the measures introduced in action line 8 (pages 30 and 44), as mentioned above.

The above measures contribute to support the production and encourage the consumption of biomethane by, among others, simplifying and streamlining the regulatory requirements for the production and distribution of biomethane, as well as by reducing its distribution costs, resulting in lower costs to consumers.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 21.22 Training of staff involved in permitting of renewable projects

Related Measure: C21.r48 Simplification of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to renewable energy projects

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 500

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The reform consists in the revision of the permitting legal framework for renewable energy projects and in training managers and technicians of public administration on the respective permitting procedures.

The target involves training a total of 500 managers and technicians from the central, regional, and local public administration in permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and energy storage.

Target 21.22 is the third target of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 21.20 related to the establishment of EMER 2030, and milestone 21.21 related to the entry into force of the Regulation for municipal licensing of renewable energy and storage projects. It will be followed by milestone 21.23, related to the adoption of a timetable for the allocation of new renewable energy capacity, and milestone 21.44, related to capacity building in permitting of renewable projects.

The reform shall be completed by Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of 500 managers and technicians**	Excel list with the names of the 500 managers and technicians from the central, regional and local administrations that participated in the training Post of Transformation ('Posto de Transformação'), which took place on 1 October 2024. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	**Certificates** of participation in the training	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 managers and technicians for further verification of the target. 60 certificates of participation in the training Post of Transformation ('Posto de Transformação') of a sample of 60 people that participated in the training. The certificates were

		issued by the Training Centre for the Energy Transition ('Centro de Formação para a Transição Energética'). The certificates were issued between 21 November 2024 and 29 April 2025.
4	**Declarations** from the employers of the participants in the training	In the context of the sampling analysis, supporting documents were provided for the list of 60 managers and technicians for further verification of the target. Declarations from the employers of a sample of 60 people that participated in the training Post of Transformation ('Posto de Transformação'), attesting the entity of the central, regional or local public administration in which the individuals are employed, as well as the roles of the individuals as either managers or technicians within that entity. The declarations were issued between 4 November 2024 and 2 May 2025.
5	**Recording of some of the sessions of the training** Post of Transformation ('Posto de Transformação'), available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COAdv9Dd4nc	Publicly available recording of some sessions of the training Post of Transformation ('Posto de Transformação'), which took place on 1 October 2024 and was focused in areas related to permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and energy storage. Commission services verified on 12 May 2025 that the link was operational.
6	**Agenda of the training,** available at: https://emerpt.rsvpify.com/?securityToken=bAueA49imQN1F8bHoRKCdFdK5xLQTYVz#block-anchor-11547338	Online available platform for the registration in the training, containing the agenda with topics covered in the different sessions and workshops of the training. Commission services verified on 12 May 2025 that the link was operational.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

500 managers and technicians of the central, regional and local public administration shall be trained

Portugal submitted a list of the 500 managers and technicians from the central, regional, and local public administration that participated in the renewables permitting training Post of Transformation ('Posto de Transformação', hereinafter 'the training') on 1 October 2024 (List of 500 managers and technicians).

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted certificates of attendance in the training and declarations from the employers of the participants in the training. The certificates and declarations proved that the 60 sampled individuals attended the training on 1 October 2024 and that they work for the central, regional, or local public administration. The certificates were issued by the Training Centre for the Energy Transition ('Centro de Formação para a Transição Energética') and attested that the individuals corresponding to the 60 units of the sample attended eight hours of the training on 1 October 2024. The declarations were signed by entities of the central, regional or local public administration in which the individuals corresponding to the 60 units of the sample were employed and attested the roles of the individuals as either managers or technicians within that entity.

The analysis of the evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that this requirement of the target has been met – that the 60 individuals participated in a training and that they are managers and technicians of the central, regional and local public administrations.

... in areas related to permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and energy storage

The training on 1 October 2024 focused on the following areas related to permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and energy storage: acceleration zones for renewable energy, urban and municipal licencing, electrical and environmental licencing, self-consumption and renewable energy communities, ecological systems and water resources, and licencing guidance (Agenda of the training). The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities (Agenda of the training) on 12 May 2025 to verify that the training focused on the areas related to permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and energy storage described before.

The Commissions services also accessed the link with the recording of some of the sessions of the training, publicly available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COAdv9Dd4nc, on 12 May 2025, to further verify that the sessions of the training focused in areas related to permitting procedures for renewable energy projects and energy storage: for example, at minute 1:30:35 a presentation on municipal licencing took place, at minute 5:50:20 a presentation on environmental licencing and at minute 7:22:40 a presentation on the guidance for licencing of onshore renewable energy projects.

These checks were completed successfully, confirming that this requirement was satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.26 Signature of contract(s) for offshore technical studies

Related Measure: C21-i07 Technical studies for offshore energy potential

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of contract(s) for offshore technical studies

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to support Portugal in the preparatory technical work for the identification of the areas to install floating offshore wind capacity. The investment consists of the development of offshore wind related technical studies in an area of at least 2 000 km2 in the Atlantic Ocean.

The milestone concerns the signature of contracts for technical studies aimed at supporting the technical work for the identification of the areas to be indicated in the auctions of the offshore wind energy**.**

Milestone 21.26 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by milestone 21.27 related to the completion of the offshore wind technical studies. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 of 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone requirements (including all its constitutive elements, as set out in the description of the milestone and of the corresponding measure in the CID Annex) have been satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Order of Offices of the Secretaries of State for the Sea, the Environment and Energy and Infrastructure No. 11404/2022** of 23 September 2022, published in Portugal's Official Journal ("Diário da República"), series II, no. 185, pages 62-65, which entered into force on 23 September 2022.	Legal act establishing the working group that will have the responsibility of identifying preferential areas for development of offshore wind in Portugal.
3	**Report of the Working Group** for the Planning and Operationalisation of power plants based on renewable energy sources of oceanic origin or location of May 2023.	Report of the Working Group for the Planning and operationalisation of power plants based on renewable energy sources of oceanic origin or location which specifies the preferential areas for development of offshore wind energy. The report is a deliverable of the Working Group which was established in accordance with Article 7 of the Order No 11404/2022.
4	**Addendum to the protocol agreement** between "Instituto Português Do Mar e	Contract for the geophysical studies (hydrographic survey and remote seabed characterisation) off the

	Da Atmosfera, I.P." and "Instituto Hidrográfico" for geophysical studies, signed on 13 August 2024.	coasts of Viana do Castelo, Leixões and Figueira da Foz
5	**Contract No. 94/2024 for the acquisition of geotechnical studies for the potential of offshore wind** between "Instituto Português Do Mar e Da Atmosfera, I.P. (IPMA)" and "Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, I.P. (LNEC)" signed on 30 September 2024.	Contract for the acquisition of services for technical studies for the offshore wind studies
6	**Work proposal 0501/1201/24263** signed by Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, I.P. (LNEC) on 21 August 2024	Work proposal on the technical studies for offshore energy potential for the signed contract No. 94/2024
7	**Contract No. 95/2024 for the acquisition of survey services for the 2025 campaign for geophysics and geotechnical data collection** between "Instituto Português Do Mar e Da Atmosfera, I.P." and "Ocean Iinfinity A.B." signed on 01 October 2024.	Contract for the acquisition of services for technical studies for the offshore wind studies
8	**Terms of reference P.A. NO. 41/GJC/2024** of the public tender No. 16262/2024 for the Acquisition of services for the installation, operation, and maintenance of offshore meteorological stations for wind energy resource monitoring using FLS - Floating LiDAR Systems technology and the provision of energy resource data for the development of Offshore Renewable Energy Projects under action RP-C21-I07/2.02 - Technical Studies for Offshore Energy Potential" signed by "Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, I.P." on 29 July 2024.	Terms of reference of the public tender No. 16262/2024 as published in the official journal ("Diário da República"), series II, no. 150, on 5 August 2024 for wind, wave and current studies, published by Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, I.P. on 29 July 2024. The public tender specifies four different lots with each lot corresponding to an area for development of studies (Zone A, B, C and D). The public tender is accessible at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/anuncio-procedimento/16262-2024-874306605 . A check by Commission Services on 15 May 2025 confirmed the active nature of the website.
9	**Contract D26805; Activity 1 - Lot 1 P.A.; No. 41/GJC/2024** related to the No. 41/GJC/2024 public tender signed between "Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, I.P." and "Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L." on 19 November 2024.	Contract for wind, wave and current studies for offshore wind related to lot 1 – Zone A.
10	**Contract D26806; Activity 1 - Lot 2 P.A.; No. 41/GJC/2024** related to the abovementioned public tender signed between "Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, I.P." and "Eolos	Contract for wind, wave and current studies for offshore wind related to lot 2 – Zone B.

	Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L." on 19 November 2024.	
11	**Contract D26807; Activity 1 - Lot 3 P.A.; No. 41/GJC/2024** related to the abovementioned public tender signed between "Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, I.P." and "Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L." on 19 November 2024	Contract for wind, wave and current studies for offshore wind related to lot 3 – Zone C.
12	**Contract D26808; Activity 1 - Lot 4 P.A.; No. 41/GJC/2024** related to the abovementioned public tender signed between "Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, I.P." and "Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L." on 19 November 2024	Contract for wind, wave and current studies for offshore wind related to lot 4 – Zone D.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Signature of the contract(s) for offshore geophysical, geotechnical, wind, wave and current studies aimed at facilitating the installation of offshore wind energy[…].

The Portuguese Institute for the Sea and Atmosphere, I.P. (hereinafter IPMA) and the National Laboratory for Energy and Geology (hereinafter LNEG) are the two competent authorities responsible for the implementation of the measure that consists of technical studies on areas with potential for offshore energy production.

IPMA, being a public institution with responsibilities at national level in the areas of the sea and atmosphere, signed three contracts related to geophysical and geotechnical studies with three entities: Hydrographic Institute ("*Instituto Hidrográfico*"), National Laboratory for Civil Engineering ("*Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, LNEC*") and Ocean Infinity as shown in the table below:

Contract Reference	Contractor	Date of signature	Scope of works
Addendum to the protocol agreement between IPMA and Instituto Hidrográfico	Instituto Hidrográfico	13/08/2024	On 26 April 2024, a Protocol for Technical and Scientific cooperation was signed between these two entities in the areas of hydrography, physical oceanography and cartography. The addendum to this protocol agreement signed on 13 August 2024 represents a contractual agreement between IPMA and Hidrográfico. Paragraph 2 (page 2) of the addendum to the protocol agreement between "Instituto Português Do Mar e Da Atmosfera, I.P." and "Instituto Hidrográfico" for geophysical studies, signed on 13 August 2024 specifies that this concerns carrying out the services of "*hydrographic survey and remote classification of the type of bottom off Viana do Castelo sul, Leixões and Figueira da Foz*".
Contract No. 94/2024	Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, I.P. (LNEC)	30/09/2024	The first clause of the contract (page 2) specifies that it relates to the acquisition of technical studies for offshore energy potential in line with the proposal submitted by LNEC. The work proposal 0501/1201/24263 signed by Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, I.P. (LNEC) on 21 August 2024 clarifies that the studies concern development of "*wind resource studies and high-resolution geophysical and geotechnical characterisation studies*" (section 1, page 3).
Contract No. 95/2024	Ocean Infinity A.B.	10/11/2024	The first clause of the contract (page 2) specifies that it relates to the purchase of survey services for the collection of geophysical and geotechnical data.

LNEG, being an R&D institution supporting the Portuguese government in the areas of energy and geology, signed four contracts for wind, wave and current studies. The signature of the contracts follows the result of a public tender No. 16262/2024 as published in the official journal ("Diário da República"), series II, no. 150, on 5 August 2024, for applications for the acquisition of services for the installation, operation and maintenance of floating system for the monitoring of offshore wind resources and the provision of wind data, as well as other marine energy sources such as waves and currents. According to the terms of reference for the tender P.A. NO. 41/GJC/2024, four areas for the studies were defined (Zona A, B, C and D) and each area corresponds to one contract (Lot 1, 2, 3 and 4). The areas assigned for public procurement are defined in Annex I of the terms of reference P.A. NO. 41/GJC/2024. For each lot, the following contracts have been signed:

Contract Reference	Contractor	Date of signature	Scope of works
Contract No. D26805	Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L.	19/11/2024	Clause 6, point 1 (page 5) of the contract specifies that this concerns "*i) Wind energy resources, monitored using transducers with vertical beam LiDAR technology installed on buoys or floating platforms and ii) Wave and current energy resources, monitored through sensors*".
Contract No. D26806	Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L.	19/11/2024	Clause 6, point 1 (page 5) of the contract specifies that this concerns "*i) Wind energy resources, monitored using transducers with vertical beam LiDAR technology installed on buoys or floating platforms and ii) Wave and current energy resources, monitored through sensors*".
Contract No. D26807	Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L.	19/11/2024	Clause 6, point 1 (page 5) of the contract specifies that this concerns "*i) Wind energy resources, monitored using transducers with vertical beam LiDAR technology installed on buoys or floating platforms and ii) Wave and current energy resources, monitored through sensors*".
Contract No. D26808	Eolos Floating Lidar Solutions, S.L.	19/11/2024	Clause 6, point 1 (page 5) of the contract specifies that this concerns "*i) Wind energy resources, monitored using transducers with vertical beam LiDAR technology installed on buoys or floating platforms and ii) Wave and current energy resources, monitored through sensors*".

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the studies, after their completion, shall serve as a basis for launching subsequent auctions for the offshore areas listed in the National Maritime Spatial Planning Situation Plan (PSOEM).**

Order of the Offices of the Secretaries of State for the Sea, the Environment and Energy and Infrastructure No. 11404/2022 sets out the framework for identifying preferential areas for the deployment of offshore wind energy. It establishes the interministerial working group with the objective of preparing a report with contributions and recommendations in order to propose, in particular, a set of spatialised areas to be allocated to offshore wind, within the scope of the National Maritime Spatial Planning Situation Plan (PSOEM), distinguishing "preferential" areas, as defined in the REPowerEU plan (paragraphs 1 and 2(a)). The working group should further propose a timeline for these areas, establishing an indicative energy production capacity to be assigned to them for the purposes of launching of competitive procedures for private use of the maritime space (Article 2(b)).

The Report of the Working Group, as mandated in Article 7 of Order No. 11404/2022, includes the recommendations of the working group. It includes the need to carry out studies for the geophysical, geotechnical, wind, wave and current studies of the spatial areas prior to launching the actions for the offshore areas (Section IV.1, page 207 of report of the Working Group). The studies will serve as a basis for launching subsequent auctions for the offshore areas listed in the National Maritime Spatial Planning Situation Plan (PSOEM) in line with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Order of the Offices of the Secretaries of State for the Sea, the Environment and Energy and Infrastructure No. 11404/2022.The Report of the Working

Group recognises that such efforts will also reduce the risk for potential investors (Section IV.2.2, page 213). The studies to be carried out by selected tenderers must comply with a minimum specification to be proposed by the IPMA for geophysical and geotechnical studies, and by the LNEG for the study of wind, wave and currents (Section IV.2.2., page 214). As described above, those are the authorities with responsibility for the implementation of this measure.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.28 Signature of terms of acceptance for the installation of electricity storage capacity

Related Measure: C21.i08 Network flexibility and storage

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of terms of acceptance for the installation of at least 500 MW storage capacity

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to increase flexibility in the public electricity grid, allowing for the optimisation and flexible management of the electricity system. The investment includes support for the installation of at least 500 MW of energy storage capacity in the electricity grid, at least 400 MW of which to be allocated to areas most in need.

Milestone 21.28 relates to the signature of terms of acceptance for the installation of at least 500 MW of storage capacity, including at least 400 MW in the areas considered most in need.

Milestone 21.28 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 21.29, related to the installation the electricity storage capacity. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Document duly justifying how the target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Technical report on preferential areas for the installation of storage capacity**, signed by Direção-Geral de Energia e Geologia (Directorate-General for Energy and Geology) in July 2024	Technical report outlining the preferential areas (areas most in need) for the installation of new storage capacity
3	**Tender notice No. 01/C21-i08/2024** for investment RP-C21-i08 on Network Flexibility and Storage published on the website of Fundo Ambiental: *https://www.fundoambiental.pt/ficheiros/2024/aviso-rp-c21-i08-flexibilidade-de-rede-e-armazenamento-pdf.aspx*	This tender notice specifies the criteria for the selection of the projects and the specific requirements. Published by Fundo Ambiental on 31 July 2024. Commission services verified on 25 April 2025 that the link was operational.
4	**30 terms of acceptance with 25 different entities**	Terms of acceptance with 25 different entities, signed between 14 April 2025 and

		18 April 2025, for the installation of 541.6 MW of storage capacity (see table in the analysis section).

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Terms of acceptance signed for the installation of at least 500 MW of storage capacity [..]
The 30 terms of acceptance, signed by 25 different entities between 14 April 2025 and 18 April 2025, account for the installation of 541.6 MW of storage capacity. The details of each of the 30 projects are reported in the table below.

[..] , with at least 400 MW in the pre-identified areas considered most in need.
19 of the 30 terms of acceptance relate to projects in areas pre-identified as most in need, and account for the installation of 435 MW of storage capacity in these areas. Annexes 1 and 2 to the technical report on preferential areas for the installation of storage capacity outline the areas considered most in need (as outlined in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the technical report). These areas include all the areas specified in the fourth column ("Preferential area") of the table below, while areas not classified as preferential are marked as "N/A".

Project application number	Entity	MW installed	Preferential area	MW installed in areas most in need
6	Solar Mais Energia e Ambiente, Lda	1	Ferreira do Alentejo	1
10	Hyperion Energy Elvas Unipessoal Lda.	6	Caeira	6
12	Hyperion Renewables UPPS SA.	1,25	N/A	0
20	Days of Luck, Unipessoal, Lda.	42	Fundão	42
21	Projeto Fotovoltaico do Rolhão - Unipessoal Lda.	3	N/A	0
22	PV Feira - Produção de Energia, SA	3,874	Ferreira do Alentejo	3,874
27	GREENVOLT - ENERGIAS RENOVÁVEIS, S.A.	11,4	N/A	0
32	EÓLICA DO ALTO DOURO, S.A.	16,1	Valdigem	16,1
39	Eólica do Campanário, S.A.	11	Ferro	11
43	GALP Parques Fotovoltaicos De Alcoutim, LDA.	15	Tavira	15
46	Galp Parques Fotovoltaicos de Alcoutim, Lda	10	Tavira	10
48	Galp Parques Fotovoltaicos de Alcoutim, Lda	10	Tavira	10
49	Galp Parques Fotovoltaicos de Alcoutim, Lda	20	Tavira	20
57	Parque Eólico Vale do Chão, S.A. - Storage de Picos Vale do Chão	6	N/A	0
58	Brisa Esparsa - Energias Renováveis, S.A.	4,4	N/A	0
60	Fotovoltaica Lote A, S.A.	30	Ribatejo	30
61	Parque Eólica da Serra da Capucha, S.A.	4,4	N/A	0

Project application number	Entity	MW installed	Preferential area	MW installed in areas most in need
62	Revendosol, Unipessoal Lda.	80	Estremoz	80
63	Iberdrola Renewables Portugal, S.A.	25	N/A	0
64	Parque Eólico da Serra do raio SA (Grupo TrustEnergy)	10	Chafariz	10
66	Iberdrola Renewables Portugal SA	20	N/A	0
70	Iberdrola Renewables Portugal, S.A.	15	Montechoro	15
72	Parque Eólico de Mourisca, S.A.	10	Bodiosa	10
73	Amargilha, Unipessoal, Lda	20	Pego (‘Abrantes’)	20
75	GÉNESE NATURAL - LDA	9,635	N/A	0
76	Simplewatt, Unipessoal, Lda.	10	N/A	0
79	EWE Triana Unipessoal, Lda.	11,562	N/A	0
81	Solara4 Phase4 S.A.	100	Tavira	100
86	Boavista Sun Cernache, Unipessoal Lda.	20	Pereiros	20
87	Albisparks S.A	15	Castelo Branco	15
Total	**-**	**541,62**	**-**	**434,97**

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment shall include support for the installation of at least 500 MW of energy storage capacity in the electricity grid (both at transmission and distribution level).**
As explained above, the 30 terms of acceptance prove the installation of 541,6 MW of storage capacity. Furthermore, Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i08/2024 outlines, in paragraph 1(4), page 6, that the investment must include support for the installation of at least 500 MW of generation capacity of energy storage in the electricity grid, both in terms of transport and distribution.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **storage capacity shall be primarily allocated based on the pre-identification of areas most in need, such as the ones with most grid constraints or with the highest renewable energy penetration.**
As outlined above, the 30 terms of acceptance prove that 19 of the 30 projects are being developed in areas pre-identified as most in need as identified by Annexes 1 and 2 to the technical report, and account for the installation of 435 MW of storage capacity in these areas. As outlined in Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i08/2024, in section 12, page 18, projects in the areas most in need were granted additional marks (4, out of a maximum of 28) during the selection phase.

Projects shall be supported for up to 20% of eligible costs.
The projects are supported for close to (and up to) 20% of their eligible costs, as detailed in clause 3, page 4, of each of the 30 terms of acceptance.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.35 Signature of the terms of acceptance for the purchase of clean buses under the Public Transport Decarbonisation Programme

Related Measure: C21-i12 Scaled-up measure: Decarbonisation of Public Transport

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of terms of acceptance for the purchase of clean buses under the Public Transport Decarbonisation Programme

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

This investment is a scale-up of investment TC-C15-i05: Decarbonisation of public transport under component 15. The measure aims to increase the number of new zero emission buses used for public transport. The scope of the investment extends TC-C15-i05 from the metropolitan areas of Lisbon and Porto to the whole continental Portuguese territory and also includes the installation of recharging or refuelling stations.

Milestone 21.35 requires the signature of contracts for the 300 zero emission (electric and hydrogen) buses following a competitive tender procedure.

Milestone 21.35 is the first step of the implementation of the (scale up) investment. It will be followed by target 21.36, related to the purchase of the new zero emission (electric or hydrogen) buses to be used for public transport. The investment has a final expected date for implementation of Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**11 terms of acceptance** signed by Fundo Ambiental and transport operators between 3 and 13 January 2025	Terms of acceptance concluded between Fundo Ambiental and Alsa Todi Metropolitana de Lisboa, Lda., Nex Continental Holding SL Sucursal Em Portugal, Barraqueiro Transportes, S.A., Scotturb – Transportes Urbanos, Lda., Serviços Municipalizados de Transportes Colectivos do Barreiro, Guimabus Empresa Transportes De Guimarães, Unipessoal, LDA, TUB - Transportes Urbanos De Braga, E.M, Municipio de Viana do Castelo, Serviços Municipalizados de Transportes Urbanos de Coimbra, Transdev Norte SA, RDL Rodoviária do Lis, LDA for the acquisition of zero-emission buses and charging infrastructure.
3	**Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i12/2024**, published on 19 March 2024 on https://www.fundoambiental.pt/apoios-prr/c21-repowereu1/c21-i012-medida-	This Notice specifies the requirements for the financing of zero-emission buses and charging infrastructure and the criteria for the selection of the companies.

	reforcada-descarbonizacao-dos-transportes-publicos1.aspx	
4	**Final report** of 30 December 2024 by Fundo Ambiental	Final report signed by the managing public authority (Fundo Ambiental) on 30 December 2024 on the analysis, selection and decision process of Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i12/2024
5	**Government Order No.109/2024/1** of 18 March (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 55/2024, first series of 18 March 2024), which entered into force on 19 March 2024	This legal act approves the regulations of the Decarbonisation of Public Transport scheme in relation to C21-i12

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Signature of terms of acceptance between the beneficiaries and the managing body,…
The terms of acceptance, giving commitment to purchase new zero emission (electric or hydrogen) buses, were signed (page 8) in January 2025 between Fundo Ambiental (managing body) and transport operators (Alsa Todi Metropolitana de Lisboa, Lda., Nex Continental Holding SL Sucursal Em Portugal, Barraqueiro Transportes, S.A., Scotturb – Transportes Urbanos, Lda., Serviços Municipalizados de Transportes Colectivos do Barreiro, Guimabus Empresa Transportes De Guimarães, Unipessoal, LDA, TUB - Transportes Urbanos De Braga, E.M, Municipio de Viana do Castelo, Serviços Municipalizados de Transportes Urbanos de Coimbra, Transdev Norte SA, RDL Rodoviária do Lis, LDA).

The terms of acceptance concern the financial support and the commitment to purchase new zero emission (electric or hydrogen) buses as well as charging infrastructure for their operation (as per Clause 4 of each of terms of acceptance and the investment fiche annexed to each of the terms of acceptance, describing the specifics of the projects financed).

…based on a competitive tender procedure,
The eleven beneficiaries were selected through a competitive public tender process which started on 19 March 2024 and ended on 31 July 2024, as set out in Tender Notice No. 01/C21-i12/2024. Tender notice No. 01/C21-i12/2024 was made publicly available through publication on the website of the implementing body, Fundo Ambiental. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 17 March 2025 to verify that it was publicly available. The final report (pages 3-19) shows the results of the public tender and explains how the eligibility criteria was applied in accordance with Points 11 and 12 of Tender notice No. 01/C21-i12/2024. This resulted in the selection of the abovementioned eleven beneficiaries out of a total of 112 applications to the tender.

….giving a commitment to purchase 300 zero emission (electric or hydrogen) buses.
According to the evidence provided, Portugal has committed to purchasing 413 electric buses, thus exceeding the goal of 300 buses by 113. The number of buses to be purchased per beneficiary stated in point A of clause 4 in their respective signed terms of acceptance.

Transport Operator	Date of signature of terms of acceptance	Region	Number of buses	Charging station	Electric or hydrogen
Alsa Todi Metropolitana de Lisboa, Lda.	08 Jan 2025	Lisbon AML	60	0	Electric
NEX CONTINENTAL HOLDING SL SUCURSAL EM PORTUGAL	08 Jan 2025	Porto AML	53	53	Electric
Barraqueiro Transportes, S.A	07 Jan 2025	Lisbon AML	55	13	Electric
SCOTTURB - TRANSPORTES URBANOS LDA	08 Jan 2025	Lisbon AML	31	9	Electric
Serviços Municipalizados de Transportes Colectivos do Barreiro	08 Jan 2025	Lisbon AML	40	38	Electric
GUIMABUS EMPRESA TRANSPORTES DE GUIMARÃES, UNIPESSOAL, LDA.	07 Jan 2025	Ave	50	13	Electric
TUB - TRANSPORTES URBANOS DE BRAGA, E.M.	08 Jan 2025	Cávado	38	19	Electric
Municipio de Viana do Castelo	08 Jan 2025	Alto Minho	17	10	Electric
SERVIÇOS MUNICIPALIZADOS DE TRANSPORTES URBANOS DE COIMBRA	03 Jan 2025	Coimbra	30	17	Electric
Transdev Norte SA	08 Jan 2025	Ave	22	8	Electric
RDL RODOVIÁRIA DO LIS, LDA	13 Jan 2025	Leiria Region	17	4	Electric

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **[T]he scope of the investment shall be extended from the metropolitan areas of Lisbon and Porto to the whole continental Portuguese territory…**
Article 3(1) in the annex of Government Order No.109/2024/1 sets out the eligible territorial scope of the investment as mainland Portugal (NUTS1 PT1). Article 3(2) divides the total allocation of funds across two geographical categories, Category 1 encompassing the metropolitan areas of Lisbon and Porto and Category 2 encompassing the other areas of mainland Portugal covering the whole continental Portuguese territory.

and shall also include the installation of recharging or refuelling stations.
The Council Implementing Decision required the installation of recharging or refuelling stations. Clause 4(b) of the terms of acceptance sets out the number of charging stations to be purchased by the beneficiary while clause 2(g) requires the beneficiary to have certification relating to the installation of the stations. The terms of acceptance for Alsa Todi does not include the purchase of charging stations. Whilst this constitutes a minimal substantive deviation from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision with regards to one of the transport operators, the investment fiche annexed to the terms of acceptance signed by Alsa Todi outlines that the 60 vehicles to be purchased by Alsa Todi under C21-i12 will use the charging stations previously funded under C15-i05 and which are already in place. As of this, this minimal deviation does not change the nature of the measure and does not affect the progress

towards achieving this investment. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the investment is satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Loan support

Number and name of the Target: 6.28 Signature of terms of acceptance for financing building and renovation of public schools
Related Measure: RE-C06-i09: New or renovated schools

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 77

Time: Q2 2024

1. Context:

The aim of this investment is to improve the quality of public schools. The investment consists in the construction of new schools or the renovation of existing ones.

Target 6.28 relates to the signature of the terms of acceptance by municipalities to finance the building or renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools.

Target 6.28 is the first step in the implementation of this investment. It will be followed by target 6.29, related to the conclusion of the building or renovation of 77 public schools. The investment has a final expected date for implementation by Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023**, of 1 March 2024, published on: https://recuperarportugal.gov.pt/candidaturas-prr/	Tender launched by the Portuguese authorities to select the municipalities that receive financing for the building and renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools.
3	**Agreement between the Government and Municipalities,** signed on 21 July 2023 by the Prime-Minister and other Members of the Portuguese Government, and by the President of the Directive Council of the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities.	Agreement between the Government and the Association of Portuguese Municipalities agreeing on a program to finance the building and renovation of schools across the country. The agreement contains as an Annex 1 a list of the schools in greater need of works, and as an Annex 2 a list of schools which do not require works or only require partial works.
4	**Extract of minutes of the 17 January 2024 meeting and of the 28 February meeting of the board of directors of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the northern region** (CCDR Norte), both signed on 2 December 2024.	Extract of the minutes of two meetings of the board of directors of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the Northern Region of Portugal (CCDR Norte), approving the admissibility of additional schools not listed in Annex 1 of the Agreement between

		the Government and Municipalities, due to the recognition of needs for priority intervention. The schools are listed in the documents that were submitted for deliberation by the board of directors in those meetings as an annex.
5	**Decision of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley** (CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo), signed on 8 April 2024.	Decision of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the Region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley (CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo) of Portugal approving the admissibility of additional schools not listed in Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities, due to the recognition of needs for priority intervention. This document contains a report with the evaluation of the additional schools, which was submitted and approved by the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination.
6	**Decision of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the central region** (CCDR Centro), signed on 8 March 2024.	Decision of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the central region (CCDR Centro) of Portugal approving the admissibility of additional schools not listed in Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities, due to the recognition of needs for priority intervention. This document contains the technical note that was submitted to and approved by the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the central region (CCDR Centro) with the identification of needs of intervention in one school that was selected under Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023.
7	**Terms of acceptance** of the municipalities receiving financing to build or renovate schools, signed 7 May 2024 and 14 August 2024 (information included in the analysis section) by the representatives of the municipalities.	75 terms of acceptance signed by each of the 75 Municipalities selected to receive financing for the building or renovation of 75 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools.
8	**Contract between the taskforce 'Recuperar Portugal' and the Portuguese Ministry of National Defence – Army,** signed on 24 and 25 February 2025.	Contract for the financing of the renovation of two military schools, between the taskforce 'Recuperar Portugal' (managing the implementation of the RRP and the tender for the financing of the building or renovation of schools) and the Ministry of National Defence-Portuguese Army.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Terms of acceptance shall be signed by the Municipalities for the financing of the building or renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investments shall focus on 75 public schools for the 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education (…) and 2 military schools**.

The Council Implementing Decision states in the measure description that 'the investments shall focus on 75 public schools for the 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education that have been identified as needing priority intervention, and 2 military schools'. The Council Implementing Decision also includes a target goal of 77 and states in the target description that 'terms of acceptance shall be signed by Municipalities for the financing of the building or renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools'. The target's goal, interpreted together with the measure description, requires that 75 terms of acceptance are signed by the municipalities for the financing of the building or renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools and that works for two military schools are also contracted. Thus, the 77 goal includes not only the 2nd, 3rd and secondary public education schools but also the two military schools. On this basis and for the reasons explained below, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

On 1 March 2024, PT launched Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023 to finance the renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools (section 1 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023). The final beneficiaries of the tender were the municipalities, which are responsible for commissioning construction and renovation works in schools within their territorial jurisdiction (section 2 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023). Municipalities could submit one application per school (section 5 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023). For each selected school, the municipalities signed a term of acceptance to receive the respective financing for the construction or renovation (section 7 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023).

A total of 75 schools were selected and 75 terms of acceptance were signed by the municipalities responsible for each school (see Terms of Acceptance). A list of the selected schools, the respective municipality and date of signature of the terms of acceptance is presented below:

School	Municipality	Date
EB2,3 Frei Estevão Martins	ALCOBAÇA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica da Agrela e Vale do Leça	SANTO TIRSO	2024-05-31
Escola Básica e Secundária Padre José Augusto da Fonseca em Aguiar da Beira	AGUIAR DA BEIRA	2024-08-01
Escola Básica Integrada de Ferreiras	ALBUFEIRA	2024-05-29
Escola Secundária de Alcanena	ALCANENA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica e Secundária Dr. João de Brito Camacho (Almodôvar) – Fase I	ALMODÔVAR	2024-06-11
Escola Básica e Secundária Padre José Agostinho Rodrigues – Alter do Chão	ALTER DO CHÃO	2024-06-11
Escola Básica e Secundária Dr. Manuel Ribeiro Ferreira	ALVAIÁZERE	2024-06-21
EB2+3 de Alfornelos	AMADORA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica Vilarinho do Bairro	ANADIA	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária de Arganil	ARGANIL	2024-06-21
Escola Básica Professor Mendes Ferrão, em Côja, Arganil	ARGANIL	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária de Barcelinhos	BARCELOS	2024-05-31

School	Municipality	Date
Escola Secundária de Carregal do Sal	CARREGAL SAL	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária de Cascais	CASCAIS	2024-05-07
Escola EB 123 de Castro Daire	CASTRO DAIRE	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária da Chamusca	CHAMUSCA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica Eugénio de Castro	COIMBRA	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária Fernando Namora	CONDEIXA-A-NOVA	2024-08-14
Escola Básica Dr. José de Jesus Neves Júnior	FARO	2024-05-29
Escola EB 2.3/S Pedro Ferreiro	FERREIRA DO ZEZERE	2024-05-07
ESCOLA SECUNDÁRIA DR. BERNARDINO MACHADO	FIGUEIRA DA FOZ	2024-06-21
Escola Básica Frei Manuel Cardoso	FRONTEIRA	2024-06-11
Escola Básica 2/3 da Serra da Gardunha	FUNDÃO	2024-08-01
Escola Básica José Ferreira Pinto Basto	ÍLHAVO	2024-06-21
Escola Básica Professor Fernando Martins	ÍLHAVO	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária Doutor João Carlos Celestino Gomes	ÍLHAVO	2024-06-21
Escola Padre Benjamim Salgado	VILA NOVA DE FAMALICÃO	2024-05-31
Escola Básica 2/3 Maria Veleda, Santo António dos Cavaleiros	LOURES	2024-07-31
Escola Secundária da Lousã	LOUSÃ	2024-06-21
Escola Básica 2.3 Maria Pais Ribeiro - A Ribeirinha	VILA DO	2024-05-31
Escola Básica e Secundária Professor Armando de Lucena - Malveira	MAFRA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica e Secundária António Bento Franco - Ericeira	MAFRA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica n.º 2 da Mealhada	MEALHADA	2024-06-21
Escola Básica de Paços de Ferreira	PAÇOS DE FERREIRA	2024-05-31
Escola EB 2/3 do Milharado - Póvoa da Galega	MAFRA	2024-05-07
Escola Secundária Dr.ª Maria Cândida	MIRA	2024-06-21
Escola do Ensino Básico do 2.º e 3.º ciclo, Manuel do Nascimento	MONCHIQUE	2024-05-02
Escola EB 2/3 Dr. José dos Santos Bessa	MONTEMOR-O-VELHO	2024-06-21
Escola Básica e Secundária Dr. José Vieira de Carvalho (2.ª fase)	MAIA	2024-05-31
Escola Secundária de Nelas	NELAS	2024-08-01
Escola EB 2,3/S Eng.º Dionísio Augusto, em Canas de Senhorim	NELAS	2024-08-01
Escola Secundária Prof. José Augusto Lucas	OEIRAS	2024-05-07
ESCOLA SECUNDÁRIA DE OLIVEIRA DO BAIRRO	OLIVEIRA DO BAIRRO	2024-06-21

School	Municipality	Date
Escola Básica de Frazão	PAÇOS DE FERREIRA	2024-05-31
Escola Básica e Secundária Dr. Manuel Pinto de Vasconcelos, Freamunde, Paços de Ferreira	PAÇOS DE FERREIRA	2024-05-31
Escola Básica de Eiriz	PAÇOS DE FERREIRA	2024-05-31
Escola Básica e Secundária de Penacova	PENACOVA	2024-08-02
Escola D. António Ferreira Gomes - 2ºFase	PENAFIEL	2024-05-31
Escola Básica de Paço Sousa	PENAFIEL	2024-05-31
Escola Gualdim Pais	POMBAL	2024-06-21
Escola João Pedro de Andrade	PONTE DE SOR	2024-06-11
Escola Básica Gaspar Correia, Portela (EB do 2.º e 3.º ciclo)	LOURES	2024-05-07
Escola Secundária de Porto de Mós	PORTO DE MÓS	2024-06-21
Escola Básica e Secundária Pedro da Fonseca, Proença-a-Nova	PROENÇA À NOVA	2024-08-07
Escola Básica e Secundária Miguel Torga	SABROSA	2024-05-31
Escola Básica e Secundária Fernão de Magalhães	CHAVES	2024-05-31
Escola Básica 2º e 3º Ciclo e Secundário de Santo António	BARREIRO	2024-05-07
Escola Secundária Rosa Viterbo - Sátão	SÁTÃO	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária de Seia	SEIA	2024-06-21
Escola Secundária de Tábua	TÁBUA	2024-06-21
Escola Básica e Secundária de Pinheiro	PENAFIEL	2024-05-31
Escola Básica Gualdim Pais_Tomar	TOMAR	2024-05-07
Escola Básica e Secundária de Coronado e Castro	TROFA	2024-05-31
Escola Secundária Henrique Medina - 2.ª Fase	ESPOSENDE	2024-05-31
Escola Secundaria de Monção	MONÇÃO	2024-05-31
Escola Secundária de Mogadouro e Pavilhão Gimnodesportivo	MOGADOURO	2024-05-31
Escola Básica 2/3, Álvaro Coutinho - “O Magriço”	PENEDONO	2024-05-31
Escola EB 2 E 3 Dr. Pedro Barbosa	VIANA DO CASTELO	2024-05-31
Escola Básica da Abelheira	VIANA DO CASTELO	2024-05-31
Escola Básica e Secundária de Vialonga	VILA FRANCA DE XIRA	2024-05-07
Escola Básica e Secundária de Vila de Rei	VILA DE REI	2024-06-21
Escola Básica e Secundaria Tenente-Coronel- Adão Carrapatoso	VILA NOVA DE FOZ COA	2024-05-31
Escola Básica 2/3 D. José I	VILA REAL DE SANTO ANTONIO	2024-05-29
Agrupamento de Escolas de VVR	VILA VELHA DE RÓDÃO	2024-06-21

In addition, Portugal submitted a contract for the financing of two military schools signed on 24 and 25 February 2025.

The Council Implementing Decision states in the measure description that 'the investments shall focus on 75 public schools for the 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education that have been identified as needing priority intervention, and two military schools'. The description of the related target in the Council Implementing Decision states that 'terms of acceptance shall be signed by Municipalities for the financing of the building or renovation of 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools'. In light of the purposive interpretation of this requirement from the Council Implementing Decision, it is interpreted that the Portuguese authorities are not required to sign a "terms of acceptance" with a Municipality for the financing of the two military schools. In addition, the submitted financing contracts for the two military schools are legally equally as binding on its respective parties as the "terms of acceptance" are on the Municipalities. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

The choice of which schools to renovate and where new schools are needed shall be based on an assessment of needs.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investments shall focus on 75 public schools for the 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education that have been identified as needing priority intervention.**

The Council Implementing Decision states in the measure description that 'the investments shall focus on 75 public schools for the 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education that have been identified as needing priority intervention, and 2 military schools'. The Council Implementing Decision also states in the target description that 'the choice of which schools to renovate and where new schools are needed shall be based on an assessment of needs'. This requirement of the target description needs to be interpreted together with the measure description. It applies to the public schools only and not the two military schools included in the target's goal. On this basis and for the reasons explained below, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

The Portuguese authorities conditioned the selection of the 2nd and 3rd cycles and secondary education public schools under Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023 to a prior identification of needs, as well as to a justification of the merits of the project in terms of addressing education or infrastructure needs. This was done by including the following requirements in Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023:

1. The schools selected should be among those included in Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities (line 'a' of point 1 of section 5 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023). Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities contains a list of schools in the country requiring priority intervention (see recital ii and Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities), while Annex 2 of the same document contains a list of schools which do not necessarily require works or only require partial works (see Annex 2 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities).
2. Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023 also established that the schools selected could be outside Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities, provided that the municipalities and respective Commissions of Regional Development and Coordination (CCDR) justified the need for intervention on the grounds of the state of the buildings and the demographic evolution trend of the respective region (line 'b' of point 1 of section 5 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023).
3. Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023 also included among the selection criteria the contribution of the proposed renovation or building project to satisfy educational needs, modernise the

infrastructure and promote a more inclusive education (section 10 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023).

Out of the 75 schools selected under Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023, 65 were included in Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities (see Terms of Acceptance and Annex 1 of the Agreement between the Government and Municipalities).

The remaining ten schools were selected under the case foreseen in line 'b' of point 1 of section 5 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023, i.e., based on an identification of needs by the Municipalities and respective Commission of Regional Development and Coordination (CCDR). These cases are listed in the table below, which includes the justification provided acknowledging the need for intervention.

School	Justification provided
Escola EB 123 de Castro Daire	The Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the central region (CCDR Centro) carried out an analysis and an on-site visit to the school proposed by the Municipality of Castro Daire. It identified the following infrastructure-related needs: school buildings require major interventions at a facades, frames, landscaping, accessibility and requalification of spaces interiors, of which the classrooms and sanitary facilities stand out. In addition, it stressed the aim of providing students, teachers and staff with a motivating environment suitable for the promotion of a quality public education. (See Decision of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the central region)
Escola Básica de Paços de Ferreira	The Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the norther region (hereinafter, CCDR Norte) carried out visits to the schools together with the respective Municipalities. These are a few of the issues identified: humidity accumulation, degraded floor coverings and external and internal parameters, and aging of materials due to intense and long-time use (see Extract of minutes of the 17 January 2024 meeting and of the 28 February meeting of the board of directors of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the northern region).
Escola Básica de Eiriz	
Escola D. António Ferreira Gomes	
Escola Secundária de Mogadouro	
EB2,3 Frei Estevão Martins	The Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley (CCDR Lisboa e Vale to Tejo) recognized the need for interventions based on the applications submitted by the Municipalities and decided that these schools met the evaluation criteria established in section 10 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023, which includes addressing education needs and the need to modernise infrastructures (see Decision of the Commission of Regional Development and Coordination of the region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley and section 10 of Tender No. 01/C06-i09/2023).
Escola Secundária de Cascais	
Escola Básica e Secundária Professor Armando de Lucena-Malveira	
Escola Básica e Secundária António Bento Franco	
Escola EB 2/3 do Milharado	

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone 19.30 - Entry into force of the legislative act on access to public services

Related Measure: Reform TD-C19-r41 - Access to public services: harmonise and consolidate in-person and online access

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The main objective of this reform is to reinforce the digital transition of the Portuguese public administration, taking advantage of the availability of new technologies to transform the current public service model.

Milestone 19.30 requires the entry into force of a legislative act that harmonises and consolidates the rules regarding access to public services in person and remotely (online, via an app, by phone).

Milestone 19.30 is the sole milestone of this reform. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2024.

Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Decree-Law No 49/2024 of 8 August** (published in the Official Journal "*Diário da República*", No 153, Series 1, of 8 August) which entered into force on 13 August 2024 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/decreto-lei/49-2024-875899341	The Decree-Law establishes an omnichannel system for front office services of the public administration
3	**Government Order No. 345/2024/1 of 19 December** (published in the Official Journal ''Diário da República'', No 246, Series 1, of 19 December) which enters into force on 20 December 2024 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/345-2024-900706908	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Youth and Modernisation
	Government Order No. 52/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 38, Series 1, of 24 February) which enters into force on 25 February 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/52-2025-908471612	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security

	Government Order No. 53/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 40, Series 1, of 26 February) which enters into force on 27 February 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/53-2025-908906756	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Finance
	Government Order No. 54/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 40, Series 1, of 26 February) which enters into force on 27 February 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/54-2025-908906757	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Parliament Affairs.
	Government Order No. 56/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 41, Series 1, of 27 February) which enters into force on 28 February 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/56-2025-909113628	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Territorial Cohesion
	Government Order No. 80/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 44, Series 1, of 4 March) which enters into force on 5 March 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/80-2025-909595544	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Government Order No. 87/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 46, Series 1, of 6 March) which enters into force on 7 March 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/87-2025-909816064	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing
	Government Order No. 88/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 46, Series 1, of 6 March) which enters into force on 7 March 2025 **https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/88-2025-909816065**	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
	Government Order No. 90/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 48, Series 1, of 10 March) which enters into force on 11 March https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/90-2025-910130845	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Presidency of the Council of Ministers
	Government Order No. 94/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 49, Series 1, of 11 March) which enters into force on 12 March 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/94-2025-910327844	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Environment and Energy

	Government Order No. 109/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 51, Series 1, of 13 March) which enters into force on 14 March 2025 **https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/109-2025-910702653**	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Culture
	Government Order No. 115/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 53, Series 1, of 17 March) which enters into force on 18 March 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/115-2025-911089446	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of National Defence
	Government Order No. 120/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 56, Series 1, of 20 March) which enters into force on 21 March 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/120-2025-911693282	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Justice
	Government Order No. 122/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 57, Series 1, of 21 March) which enters into force on 22 March 2025 https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/122-2025-911850386	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation
	Government Order No. 127/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 58, Series 1, of 24 March) which enters into force on 25 March https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/127-2025-912066248	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Internal Administration
	Government Order No. 131/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 59, Series 1, of 25 March) which enters into force on 26 March 2025 **https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/131-2025-912256345**	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Health
	Government Order No. 133/2025/1 (published in the Official Journal "Diário da República", No 60, Series 1, of 26 March) which enters into force on 27 March 2025 **https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/133-2025-912444918**	This government order approves calendars for the migration of services into the new omnichannel system for the entities of the Ministry of Economy

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities covers all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Entry into force of the legislative act that shall harmonise and consolidate in-person and online access to public services.

On 8 August 2024, Portugal published Decree-Law No 49/2024 which establishes an omnichannel system for all front offices of the public administration (Article 1(1)). Decree-Law No 49/2024 entered into force five days after its publication on 13 August 2024 (Article 9).

The omnichannel system integrates all front-office services (Article 1(2) of Decree-Law No 49/2024) provided via four different channels: phone, internet, app and in-person (Article2 (2) of Decree-Law No 49/2024). This means that these services can be reached and used through any of these four channels and any change made via one channel will also be visible when accessed via another channel.

By creating the omnichannel system, Portugal consolidates all exchanges between the front offices and the citizens providing a continuous (24/7 non-stop) integrated service, irrespective of the channel used. In other words, the omnichannel system harmonises and consolidates in person and online access (as well as access by the phone and via the app) as the same services are accessible and available either in person or on-line.

Decree-Law No. 49/2024 establishes the procedures that the different public administration entities must adopt to implement the omnichannel system (Article 3). Digital services already provided before the entry into force of Decree-Law No. 49/2024 will also migrate to the omnichannel system according to calendars established by a Government Order (Article 3(3)).

Portugal published 16 Government Orders -one per each Government Ministry- establishing the aforementioned calendars for the entities under each Ministry:

- Government Order No 345/2024/1, which entered into force on 20 December 2024 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities under the Ministry of Youth and Modernisation;
- Government Order No. 53/2025/1, which entered into force on 27 February 2025 (article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Finance;
- Government Order No. 54/2025/1, which entered into force on 27 February 2025 (article 5), establishes the calendars entities of the Ministry of Parliament Affairs;
- Government Order No. 56/2025/1, which, entered into force on 28 February 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Territorial Cohesion;
- Government Order No. 80/2025/1, which entered into force on 5 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Government Order No. 87/2025/1, which entered into force on 7 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing;
- Government Order No. 88/2025/1, which entered into force on 7 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- Government Order No. 90/2025/1, which entered into force on 11 March (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Presidency of the Council of Ministers;
- Government Order No. 94/2025/1, which entered into force on 12 March 2025, which establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Environment and Energy;
- Government Order No. 109/2025/1, which entered into force on 14 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Culture;

- Government Order No. 115/2025/1, which entered into force on 18 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of National Defence;
- Government Order No. 120/2025/1, which entered into force on 21 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Justice;
- Government Order No. 122/2025/1, which entered into force on 22 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation;
- Government Order No. 127/2025/1, which entered into force on 25 March (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Internal Administration;
- Government Order No. 131/2025/1, which entered into force on 26 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Health;
- Government Order No. 133/2025/1 which entered into force on 27 March 2025 (Article 5), establishes the calendars for the entities of the Ministry of Economy.

Finally, according to article 3(2)(b) of Decree-Law No 49/2024, public authorities must adopt the cataloguing of all services in the Single Catalogue of Public Services.

In line with the description of the measure, a **legislative act that harmonises and consolidates the rules regarding access to public services in person and remotely (online, via an app, by phone)** is required.

As mentioned above, Decree-Law No 49/2024 not only harmonises and consolidates the rules regarding access in person and online, but also other remote means of access, such as phone and an app (Article 2(2**)** of Decree-Law No 49/2024)**.**

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone 19.31 - Entry into force of the legislative act that revises the SIADAP

Related Measure: Reform TD-C19-r42 - New evaluation system to empower and rejuvenate public administration workforce

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The main objective of this reform is to tackle one of the main challenges facing the Portuguese public administration: its ability to attract young workforce and ultimately be able to retain young skilled professionals. This reform consists of revising the performance evaluation system in the public administration (Integrated System to Manage and Evaluate Performance in Public Administration – SIADAP).

Milestone 19.31 requires the entry into force of a legislative act to revise the SIADAP. It is accompanied in this payment request by milestone 19.32 which concerns the entry into force of the legislative act that revises the Public Administration Competencies profile.

Milestones 19.31 and 19.32 will be followed by milestone 19.33 that will ensure entry into operation of the new SIADAP system, including its respective IT platform. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q1 2025.

Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Document summarising the fulfilment of the milestone
2	**Decree-Law No. 12/2024 of 10 January** (published in the Diário da República No. 7, Series 1, of 10 January), with entry into force on 1 January 2025 - https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/1s/2024/01/00700/0005200074.pdf	This Decree-Law revises the Integrated System to Manage and Evaluate Performance in Public Administration – SIADAP.
3	**Rectification Declaration No. 15/2014/1** (published in the Diário da República No. 46, Series 1, of 5 March 2024), with entry into force on 5 March 2024 - https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/declaracao-retificacao/15-2024-854130979	This is a Corrigendum of the text of Decree-Law No 12/2024 of 10 January 2024.

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

Entry into force of the legislative act that shall revise the Integrated System to Manage and Evaluate Performance in Public Administration (SIADAP)…

The Integrated System to Manage and Evaluate Performance in Public Administration (SIADAP) was established by Law No. 66-B/2007 and amended by Law No. 64-A/2008, Law No. 55-A/2010, and Law No. 66-B/2012, referred to together as the 'SIADAP Regulation'.

On 10 January 2024, Portugal published in its official journal Decree-Law No. 12/2024, which revises the SIADAP Regulation, according to article 1(b). Decree-Law No. 12/2024 enters into force on 1 January 2025 according to its article 9.

On 5 March 2024, Portugal published in its official journal Rectification Declaration No. 15/2024/1, which corrects non-substantive errors in Decree-Law No. 12/2024 and therefore brings no substantive change to Decree-Law No. 12/2024.

…

In line with the description of the measure, the revised SIADAP shall **change the frequency of the evaluation exercise (from every two years to every year).**

According to article 9(3) of the SIADAP Regulation, as amended by article 4 of Decree-Law No. 12/2024, the frequency of the evaluation exercise has changed from every two years to every year.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the revised SIADAP shall **increase the percentage of workers who can receive the top two performance ratings and their respective points per evaluation cycle.**

According to article 50(6) of SIADAP Regulation, as amended by Article 4 of Decree-Law No. 12/2024, instead of three performance categories (relevant with 4 to 5 points; adequate with 2-3.9 points and inadequate with 1-1.9 points), four categories are established: very good with 4 to 5 points; good with 3.5 to 3.9 points, regular 2-3.4 points, and inadequate 1-1.9 points.

According to article 75 (1)(a) of SIADAP Regulation, as amended by Article 4 of Decree-Law No. 12/2024, the percentage of workers who can receive the highest score (very good) is 30% per assessment cycle, whereas before only 25% could receive the highest score (relevant) per assessment cycle. In addition, according to article 75 (1)(b) of the SIADAP Regulation, as amended by Article 4 of Decree-Law No. 12/2024, 30% of workers can receive the second highest score, where before there was only a distinction for the highest category.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the revised SIADAP shall **introduce an additional performance grade.**

As mentioned above, a new performance rating was added. Before the revision of the SIADAP Regulation, there were three performance ratings: relevant, adequate and inadequate. After the revision, article 50(6)

of SIADAP, as amended by article 4 of Decree-Law No. 12/2024, establishes four performance ratings: very good, good, regular and inadequate.

The Council Implementing Decision required an additional performance grade. PT revised all the grades and instead of three grades - relevant, adequate and inadequate - PT established four grades: very good, good, regular and inadequate. Whilst this constitutes a minimal substantive deviation from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision, it creates a system that better differentiates the performances contributing to a fairer evaluation. As of this, this minimal deviation does not change the nature of the measure and does not affect the progress towards achieving the reform that the milestone represents. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the milestone is satisfactorily fulfilled.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the revised SIADAP shall **establish the list of competencies to be assessed within the Public Administration Competences Profile.**

Article 48 of SIADAP, as amended by article 4 of Decree-Law No 12/2024, sets out new rules to establish the list of competencies from the public administration's competence profile to be assessed in each assessment cycle. The list should include a minimum of five and a maximum of 8 competences (Article 48(a)). The competencies are chosen by agreement between appraisee and assessor with the assessor's choice taking precedent in case of disagreement (Article 48(b)). However, Senior management choses two competences (Article 48(d)) and it is mandatory to list a competence regarding coordination of teamwork for those workers whose functions include coordination and management of a multidisciplinary team (Article (48(c)).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the revised SIADAP shall **identify the needs to further develop competences and the respective training.**

According to Article 48(5) of SIADAP Regulation, as amended by article 4 of Decree-Law No.12/2024, within the established list of competences the assessor, after hearing the appraisee, selects one which is also the focus of one of the trainings established in the trainings catalogue designed by the National Administration Institute.

In addition, according to Article 45B of the SIADAP Regulation, as amended by article 5 of Decree-Law No. 12/2024, in the meeting where appraisee and assessor agree on the objectives and competences to be achieved and demonstrated in the next assessment cycle, they also establish which training to follow for a given competence.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.32 - Entry into force of the legislative act that revises Public Administration Competencies profile

Related Measure: PT-CC19 -r42 New evaluation system to empower and rejuvenate public administration staff

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force

Time: Q1 2024

1. Context:

The main objective of this reform is to tackle one of the main challenges facing the Portuguese public administration: its ability to attract young workforce and ultimately be able to retain young skilled professionals. This reform consists of revising the performance evaluation system in the public administration (Integrated System to Manage and Evaluate Performance in Public Administration – SIADAP).

Milestone 19.32 concerns the entry into force of the legislative act that revises the Public Administration Competencies profile. It is accompanied in this payment request by milestone 19.31 that requires the entry into force of the legislative act to revise the SIADAP.

Milestones 19.31 and 19.32 will be followed by milestone 19.33 that will ensure entry into operation of the new SIADAP system, including its respective IT platform. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q1 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	Document summarising the fulfilment of the milestone
2	**Government Order No 214/2024/1 of 20 September** (published in the Portuguese Diário da República No. 183, Series 1, of 20 September 2024), with entry into force on 21 September 2024 - https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/1s/2024/09/18300/0000600024.pdf	This legal act approves the new list of competences for the Public Administration (RECAP)
3	**Government Order No 236/2024/1 of 27 September** (published in the Portuguese Diário da República No. 188, Series 1, of 27 September 2024), with entry into force on 1 January 2025 - https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/1s/2024/09/18800/0000300102.pdf	This legal act regulates a horizontal set of skills of workers who have careers with degrees of functional complexity 1, 2 and 3, as well as the specific skills of middle management holders

3. Analysis:

The justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

The revised Public Administration competencies profile shall enter into force.

On 20 September 2024, Portugal published Government Order No 214/2024/1 which approves the Referential of Competences for Public Administration (RECAP), in other words the Public Administration Competences profile (Article 1). The respective competences are identified in Annex II of Government Order No. 214/2024/1. Government Order No. 214/2024/1 entered into effect one day after its publication, on 21 September 2024 (Article 4).

The revised profile is based on behavioural competences (skills), such as Public-service driven, results-driven, cooperation, analysis and problem solving, communication, organisation and planning (Annex II of Government Order No. 214/2024/1).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the reform shall include **the revision of the Public Administration Competences Profile that includes the competences to be assessed in the recruitment and selection process.**
According to Article 3(1)(b) of Government Order No. 214/2024/1, the competences included in RECAP and listed in Annex II of Government Order No. 214/2024/1, are applicable to recruitment and selection process. The application is regulated by Annex I to Government Order No. 214/2024/1, according to Article 3(2) of Government Order No. 214/2024/1.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the reform shall include the revision of the Public Administration Competencies Profile which includes the competences to be assessed... **in the performance evaluation system.**

According to Article 3(1)(d) of Government Order No. 214/2024/1, the competences included in RECAP and listed in Annex II of Government Order No. 214/2024/1, are applicable to the performance evaluation system. This application of the relevant competencies is, however, further regulated by another legal act, according to Article 3(3) of Government Order No. 214/2024/1. This legal act is Government Order No 236/2024/1, which entered into force 1 January 2025, according to its Article 9.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the reform shall include the revision of the Public Administration Competencies Profile ... **to be included in professional trainings**.

According to Article 3(1)(c) of Government Order No. 214/2024/1, the competences included in RECAP and listed in Annex II of Government Order No. 214/2024/1, are included in professional training. Its inclusion is regulated by Annex I to Government Order No. 214/2024/1, according to its Article 3(2).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled