15 June 2026

Positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestone 16.7 related to the seventh payment request submitted by Slovakia on 28 November 2025, 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 28 November 2025, Slovakia submitted a request for payment for the seventh instalment of the non-repayable support. The payment request was accompanied by the required management declaration and summary of audits.

On 24 April 2026, the Commission authorised a disbursement for the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets of the seventh instalment of the non-repayable support, as set out in Section 2(1)(7) of the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Slovakia[1]. On that date, the Commission also partially suspended an amount from the disbursement of the seventh instalment of the non-repayable support[2] in relation to milestones 16.7. Milestone 16.7 concerns the renovation of the floor area of police buildings to reduce the energy intensity of buildings.

On 12 May 2026, Slovakia presented additional justifications to demonstrate that the necessary measures for the satisfactory fulfilment of milestone 16.7 had been taken and officially requested the Commission to reconsider their satisfactory fulfilment. Upon receipt of the additional justifications, the Commission has assessed on a preliminary basis the satisfactory fulfilment of the relevant milestone. Based on the information provided by Slovakia, the Commission has made a positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestone 16.7.

By the transmission of the positive preliminary assessment of milestone 16.7 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.

[1] ST 11205/23 INIT, ST 11205/23 ADD 1, ST 11205/23 ADD 1 COR 1, ST 14437/24, ST 14438/24 ADD1, ST 14450/25, ST 14450/25 ADD 1

[2] Commission Implementing Decision on the partial suspension of the disbursement of the seventh instalment of the non-repayable support for Slovakia of 24 April 2026.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: C16.7 Extent of the renovated floor area of police buildings to reduce the energy intensity of buildings (in m²)

Related Measure: C16.I2 Equipping and digitalising the Police

Quantitative Indicator: Number (m²)

Baseline: 0

Target: 45000

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The investment aims to build capacities of the police force and digitalise processes to make it more effective.

Milestone 16.7 concerns the delivery of signed acceptance protocols for the renovation of 45 000 square meters in police buildings, along with the project energy assessments and energy performance certificates demonstrating energy savings of at least 30% on average.

Milestone 16.7 is the fourth milestone of the investment following target 16.5 on the training related to the police reform, target 16.6 on the purchase of new vehicles and milestone 16.8 on electronicising residence permit processes. It will be followed by milestone 16.9 on the upgrade of the system for detecting road traffic infringements and milestone 16.18 on the delivery of a new artificial intelligence platform. The investment has a final expected date for implementation on 30 June 2026.

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 milestone and the reform (including all the constitutive elements) have been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Annex 1 – Overview of police buildings renovated	Overview of 5 May 2026 of police buildings renovated, including the surface, a link to the public version of the renovation contracts, the date of conclusion of the works, and the energy savings.
3	Annex 2 – Overview of energy savings per building	Overview of 5 May 2026 of the energy savings per building, indicating primary energy consumption before and after the renovation as well as the savings (%).

4	Annex 3 – Report with methodology for the calculation of energy savings	Report of 27 November 2025 outlining the methodology for the calculation of energy savings.
5	Annex 4 – Renovation contracts	Contracts signed between August 2022 and August 2025 by The Ministry of Interior and the contractor for the renovation of each building, listed as Annex 4.1, 4.2, until 4.18.
6	Annex 5 – Project energy assessments	*Ex ante* project energy assessments of each building, signed between August 2015 and December 2022 by The Ministry of Interior and the contractor dating back from before the renovations, indicating the surface area, the primary energy consumption at the time of assessment, as well as the *expected* primary energy consumption after the renovation works. The documents are listed as Annex 5.1, 5.2, until 5.18.
7	Annex 6 – Acceptance protocols	Acceptance protocols, signed between October 2023 and April 2026 by the contractor and builder for the renovation of each building, indicating the date of conclusion of the works. The documents are listed as Annex 6.1, 6.2, until 6.18.
8	Annex 7 – Energy certificates	*Ex post* energy certificates for each building, signed between October 2023 and May 2026 by the contractor, indicating the primary energy consumption after the renovation works. The documents are listed as Annex 7.1, 7.2, until 7.18.

3. Analysis:

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

Signed acceptance protocols for the renovation of 45 000 square meters in police buildings shall be delivered […]

The Slovak authorities have submitted signed acceptance protocols for the renovation of 18 police buildings (Annex 6), clearly demonstrating the conclusion of the works on the basis of the renovation contracts (Annex 4). The documents are signed by the construction companies involved in the works and the Slovak Ministry of Interior. In addition, Slovakia has submitted *ex ante* project energy assessments (Annex 5) and *ex post* energy certificates (Annex 7) for each of the buildings, indicating their surface. The surface indicated for the renovated buildings amounts to 53 357,27 square meters thus exceeding the goal of the milestone 16.8 by 8357,27 square meters. The overview provided in Annex 1 reflects the same numbers.

Consequently, the requirement to deliver signed acceptance protocols for the renovation of 45 000 square meters in police buildings has been satisfactorily fulfilled.

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The signed *ex ante* project energy assessments (Annex 5) provided by Slovakia indicate for each of the buildings the primary energy consumption per square meter before the renovations took place. The signed *ex post* energy certificates (Annex 7) indicate for each of the buildings the primary energy consumption per square meter after conclusion of the renovation works. The calculation of energy savings is based on the methodology provided in Annex 3, and the results are reflected in the overview of the energy savings per building as provided in Annex 2.

The information in the documents provided confirms that the decrease in primary energy consumption or energy savings per building ranges between 48,01% (Pezinok, from 134,64 to 70 kWh/m2.a) and 87,14% (Drienov OO PZ; from 420 to 54 kWh/(m2.a)). On average, as calculated over the surface renovated (53 357,27 m2), the energy savings achieved amount to 78,69%, which is larger than the target of 30%.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactory fulfilled.