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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility¹, and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Following the submission of the national recovery and resilience plan ('RRP') by Ireland on 28 May 2021, the Commission has proposed its positive assessment to the Council. The Council approved the positive assessment by means of the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021². That CID was amended on 14 July 2023³, 8 December 2023⁴, 21 June 2024⁵, and 11 March 2025⁶.
- (2) On 23 May 2025, Ireland made a reasoned request to the Commission to make a proposal to amend the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 in accordance with Article 21(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 on the grounds that the RRP is partially no longer achievable because of objective circumstances. On that basis, Ireland has submitted an amended RRP.

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

- (3) The amendments to the RRP submitted by Ireland because of objective circumstances concern five measures.
- (4) Ireland has explained that five measures have been amended to implement a better alternative allowing to reduce the administrative burden, whilst still reaching the objectives of the respective measure. This concerns, respectively, target 34 and target 35 of measure 1.6 (Enhanced rehabilitation of peatlands), target 40 of measure 1.7

¹ OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17.

² ST 11046/21 INIT; ST 11046/21 ADD 1.

³ ST 11336/23 INIT.

⁴ ST 15965/23 INIT; ST 15965/23 ADD 1.

⁵ ST 10262/24 INIT; ST 10262/24 ADD 1; ST 10262/24 ADD 1 COR 1.

⁶ ST 6318/25 INIT; ST 6318/25 ADD 1.

(River basin management plan – Enhanced ambition programme), both of which under component 1 (Advancing the Green Transition), target 66 of measure 2.5 (Using 5G technologies to drive a greener more innovative Ireland) under component 2 (Accelerating and Expanding Digital Reforms and Transformation), target 86 and target 87 of measure 3.3 (Technological Universities Transformation Fund) and target 107 of measure 3.9 (Health), all of which under component 3 (Social and Economic Recovery and Job Creation). On this basis, Ireland has requested to amend the aforementioned milestones and targets. Furthermore, Ireland has requested to remove target 66 of measure 2.5 (sing 5G technologies to drive a greener more innovative Ireland), and amend the measure description of measure 1.6 (Enhanced rehabilitation of peatlands) and measure 3.9 (Health). The Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be amended accordingly.

- (5) The Commission considers that the reasons put forward by Ireland justify the amendment(s) pursuant to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, and the Council Implementing Decision of 8 September 2021 should be amended accordingly.

Distribution of milestones and targets

- (6) The distribution of milestones and targets in instalments should be modified to take into account the amendments to the plan and the indicative timeline presented by Ireland.

Commission's assessment

- (7) The Commission has assessed the amended RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241.
- (8) The Commission considers that the amendments put forward by Ireland do not affect the positive assessment of the RRP set out in the Council Implementing Decision ST 11046/21 INIT; ST 11046/21 ADD 1 of 8 September 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the RRP for Ireland regarding the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the RRP against the assessment criteria laid down in Article 19(3), points (a), (b), (c), (d),(da), (db), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k).

Positive assessment

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

Financial contribution

- (10) The estimated total costs of Ireland's amended RRP is EUR 1 163 158 300. As the amount of the estimated total costs of the amended RRP is higher than the updated maximum financial contribution available for Ireland, the financial contribution determined in accordance with Article 20(4) allocated for Ireland's amended RRP should be equal to EUR 1 153 797 007. Therefore, the financial contribution made available to Ireland remains unchanged.
- (11) Council Implementing Decision ST 11046/21 INIT, ST 11046/21 ADD 1 of 8 September 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the RRP for Ireland should

therefore be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity, the Annex to that Council Implementing Decision should be replaced entirely,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

(1) “*Article 1*

Approval of the assessment of the RRP

The assessment of the modified RRP of Ireland on the basis of the criteria provided for in Article 19(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 is approved. The reforms and investment projects under the RRP, the arrangements and timetable for the monitoring and implementation of the RRP, including the relevant milestones and targets, the relevant indicators relating to the fulfilment of the envisaged milestones and targets, and the arrangements for providing full access by the Commission to the underlying relevant data are set out in the Annex to this Decision.”;

(2) the Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision:

Article 2
Addressee

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President