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Subject:

Commission assessment, in accordance with Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, of the fulfilment of the thematic enabling condition '2.5. Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors'

CCI 2021IT16FFPR003 - Programme "Regional Programme Calabria 2021-2027" for support from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund Plus under the Investment for jobs and growth goal for the region Calabria in Italy

Your Excellency,

The programme "Regional Programme Calabria 2021-2027" was approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 8027 of 3 November 2022.

In that decision, the Commission took note of Italy's assessment, in which Italy concluded on the lack of fulfilment of the thematic enabling conditions '2.5. Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors', '2.6. Updated planning for waste management' and '3.1. Comprehensive transport planning at the appropriate level'.

As a consequence, the thematic enabling conditions '2.5. Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors', '2.6. Updated planning for waste management' and '3.1. Comprehensive transport planning at the appropriate level' for the programme concerned were stated as unfulfilled.

By Decision C(2023) 9122 of 15 December 2023¹, the Commission concluded that the thematic enabling condition '3.1. Comprehensive transport planning at the appropriate level' for the programme "Regional Programme Calabria 2021-2027" was fulfilled.

On 31 May 2024, Italy informed the Commission, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, in accordance with Article 15(3) of Regulation (EU)

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¹ Commission assessment, in accordance with Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, of the fulfilment of the thematic enabling condition '3.1. Comprehensive transport planning at the appropriate level'.

2021/1060², that it considers that for the programme "Regional Programme Calabria 2021-2027" the thematic enabling condition '2.5. Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors' has been fulfilled and provided a justification for the fulfilment [Ares (2024)3926296].

Pursuant to Article 15(4), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the Commission has carried out an assessment of the information submitted. I would like to inform you that following that assessment, the Commission agrees with Italy that the thematic enabling condition '2.5. Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors' for the programme concerned is fulfilled.

Pursuant to Article 15(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, expenditure related to operations linked to the specific objective concerned by the thematic enabling condition '2.5. Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors' can therefore be reimbursed.

In the light of what has been said, the Commission concludes that the enabling conditions for the programme concerned are fulfilled with the exception of the thematic enabling condition '2.6. Updated planning for waste management'.

Your authorities are encouraged to inform the Commission of the fulfilment of the remaining thematic enabling condition as soon as it occurs.

For the Commission,

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² Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159).