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Positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets related to the seventh payment request submitted by Portugal on 26 June 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 26 June 2025, Portugal 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.

To support its payment request, Portugal provided due justification of the satisfactory fulfilment of the 27 milestones and targets of the seventh instalment of the non-repayable support, as set out in Section so Section 2(1)(1.7) 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 seven targets covering a large number of recipients (namely target 2.5, 3.2, 6.5, 7.2, 20.5, 21.10, 21.14), 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 27 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, strengthening home hospitalisation in the National Health Service, awarding a recognition of companies with a narrow gender pay gap, integrating spending reviews into budgeting, and delivering training in capacity building and green skills. The milestones and targets also confirm progress towards the completion of investment projects related to modernising healthcare through telemedicine and new medical equipment, promoting social inclusion via emergency accommodation and support for people with disabilities, and advancing education with digital labs and innovative teaching methods. The completion of investment projects also relates to digital transformation, public service modernisation, as well as green mobility and energy efficiency.

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.

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13351/23 ADD 1 REV 1, ST 13497/24 INIT and ST 8055/25 INIT and ST 8055/25 ADD 1, ST 12491/25 INIT and ST 12491/25 ADD 1.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 1.10 Increase in the number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation

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

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 5 000

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

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

Target 1.10 consists of enhancing the home hospitalisation capabilities of the National Health Service through the increase in the number of home hospitalisations.

Target 1.10 is the fifth and final step in the implementation of this reform. It is preceded by milestone 1.11 related to the entry into force of the action plan to strengthen centralised purchasing mechanisms for medicines; by targets 1.8 and 1.9 related to the establishment of additional new integrated responsibility centres; by milestone 1.7 on the entry into force of a new management accounting plan of the National Health System; by milestone 1.6, related to the entry into force of the new management contract template; and milestone 1.12, related to the entry into force of the new full dedication work regime in the NHS. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2024.

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	**Order of Secretary of State for Health No. 11374/2011** of 7 September 2011 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 172, second series, of 7 September 2011) which entered into force on 1 October 2011)	Regulatory act that regulates the publication of economic, financial and performance data of the entities of the National Health System.
3	https://benchmarking-acss.min-saude.pt/MH_ProdRacioEficDomiciliariaDashboard	Website providing data on home hospitalisation (information available and

		verified by European Commission staff on 27 June 2025 at 18:00).
4	**Results Report of the Home Hospitalisation project,** signed by the Central Administration of the Health System (*Administração Central do Sistema de Saúde*) on 17 July 2025	Report presenting statistics to track the progress in increasing capacity in home hospitalisation, including a methodology and description of data sources.

3. Analysis:

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

Increase in the annual number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation between 2020 and 2024

The Central Administration of the Health System (*Administração Central do Sistema de Saúde, I. P.-* ACSS*)* is under the obligation to publish monthly on its website data on economic financial and care performance of the entities of the National Health System (point 1 of Order No. 11374/2011). This includes data on home hospitalization. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 27 June 2025 to verify the number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation between 2020 and 2024. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation increased by more than 5 000 between 2020 and 2024.

The data to be published on the home hospitalisation benchmarking website comes from the monthly reports that entities of the National Health System are obliged to deliver to ACSS (point 2 of Order No. 11374/2011). They do so via an information system called SICA - *Sistema de Informação para Contratualização e Acompanhamento* (Results Report of the Home Hospitalisation Project, page 5). In order to ensure the reliability of data, SICA generates alerts regarding the quality of the data submitted. These alerts are based on data validation rules displayed while filling the digital forms. Those data validation rules help institutions identify reporting inconsistencies. In addition, since 2024, these validation rules prevent submission of entire forms when errors are detected. The digital forms are filled by the health units and the data is validated by the Contracts Department of the Executive Direction of the National Health Service. This entity verifies the completion of the data, consistency of the forms submitted, identifies errors and carries out audits to guarantee that the data is submitted according to the validation rules.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 27 June 2025 to verify that this website provided data on home hospitalisation, including number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the necessary data was available.

The target requires that the annual number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation increases by 5000 between 2020 and 2024.

The number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation (*Nº de Doentes com Alta em HD*) in 2020 was 4830 as shown in the following table:

Month	Number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation
January 2020	386
February 2020	409
March 2020	378
April 2020	352
May 2020	369
June 2020	387
July 2020	397
August 2020	376
September 2020	405
October 2020	424
November 2020	439
December 2020	508
Total	**4 830**

In the year of 2024, the number of patients discharged from home hospitalisations amounted to 11 606 as shown in the following table:

Month	Number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation
January 2024	1 053
February 2024	885
March 2024	1 021
April 2024	932
May 2024	1 100
June 2024	891
July 2024	1 007
August 2024	842
September 2024	742
October 2024	991
November 2024	1 147
December 2024	995
Total	**11 606**

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the increase in the number of patients discharged from home hospitalisation by more than 5000 between 2020 and 2024. 4 830 patients were discharged from home hospitalisation in 2020 and 11 606 patients were discharged from home hospitalisation in 2024, the difference thus exceeding the goal of Target 1.10 (the target under assessment) by 6 776.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 1.37 Telemedicine in the Azores' regional health service

Related Measure: C01.i08-RAA Digital Hospital in the Azores

Qualitative Indicator: Approval of plan and normative circular for telemedicine in the Azores health system.

Time: Q3 2024

1. Context:

The aim of this investment is to improve healthcare access for citizens in the Azores by enhancing the digitisation of the regional health service.

Target 1.37 relates to the strengthening of telemedicine in the Azores.

Target 1.37 is the first step in the implementation of this investment. It will be followed by target 1.36, related to increasing the number of citizens using the Azores' regional health service user portal by expanding the available digital health services and medical information. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q3 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	**Normative Circular No. DRS-CNORM/2023/18**, of 17 November 2023 and signed by the Regional Director for Health of the Azores. Normative Circular No. DRS-CNORM/2023/18 is available online at: https://portal.azores.gov.pt/documents/37408/9558091/CNORM_2023_18+de+17_11_2023.pdf/7a4ecc07-de8c-16e8-b8c2-3e5dd1b542f0?t=1700225969454	Normative circular specifying the key elements of telemedicine in the Azores, such as the type of teleconsultations, the relevant electronic records, and the consent form for patients. Commission services verified on 7 August 2025 that the link was operational.

3	**Manual for telemedicine consultations in the SRS**, signed by the Regional Health Directorate of the Autonomous Region of the Azores.	Manual operationalising clinical and technical procedures for telemedicine in the Regional Health Service.
4	**Order No. 1912/2024, of 11 September,** by the Regional Secretary of Health and Social Security (published in the Official Journal of the Azores, No. 175, second series of 11 September), which entered into force on 12 September 2024	Order approving the plan for telemedicine of the Regional Health Service of the Autonomous Region of the Azores.
5	**Delivery certificate** of 4 January 2024 and signed by the IT department of the Santo Espirito Hospital.	Confirmation of delivery of equipment for telemedicine to the Santo Espirito Hospital in the island of Terceira.
6	**Delivery certificate** of 22 January 2024 and signed by the Administration Council of the Health Unit of the island of Santa Maria.	Confirmation of delivery of equipment for telemedicine to the Health Unit of the island of Santa Maria.
7	**Delivery certificate** of 1 April 2024 and signed by the Administration Council of the Health Unit of the island of Flores.	Confirmation of delivery of equipment for telemedicine to the Health Unit of the island of Flores.
8	**Delivery certificate** of 23 January 2024 and signed by the Administration Council of the Health Unit of the island of Sao Jorge.	Confirmation of delivery of equipment for telemedicine to the Health Unit of the island of Sao Jorge.
9	**Delivery certificate** of 4 January 2024 and signed by the IT department of the Santo Espirito Hospital.	Confirmation of delivery of additional equipment for telemedicine to the Santo Espirito Hospital in the island of Terceira.

3. Analysis:

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

Approval by the Regional Director for Health of a normative circular on the functioning of telemedicine

Normative circular No. DRS-CNORM/2023/18 was approved and signed by the regional director for health on 17 November 2023. Normative circular No. DRS-CNORM/2023/18 includes key elements relating to the functioning of telemedicine, such as the the type of teleconsultations (points 2 and 3, page 2), the relevant electronic records (point 5, page 3), the consent form for patients (point 4, page 2 and Annex I, page 6) and the information flow that should be followed (point 8, page 3 and Annexes II and III, pages 7 and 8). Normative circular No. DRS-CNORM/2023/18 entered into force on 18 November 2023.

The Regional Directorate of Health also issued a practical manual for teleconsultations covering primary and specialised healthcare, including the criteria to be considered to register teleconsultations (point 2.1.1, pages 7-8 of Manual for telemedicine consultations in the SRS) and steps to extract data on teleconsultations (point 2.1.2 and 2.2.1, pages 8-9 and 10-11 of Manual for telemedicine consultations in the SRS).

Entry into force of a plan for telemedicine

Order No. 1912/2024 entered into force on 12 September 2024 and became effective (retroactively) on 13 August 2024 (point 2). Order No. 1912/2024 approves the Plan for Telemedicine in the Azores (point 1). The Plan for Telemedicine is annexed to Order No. 1912/2024 and is legally binding (point 1).
The Plan for Telemedicine includes basic principles of telemedicine in the Azores (point 3.a), the organisational model (point 3.b) and the typology and location of services (point 3.c). The Plan for Telemedicine also specifies the incentive systems to use telemedicine (point 4) and the communication plan to promote telemedicine (point 6). Finally, the Plan for Telemedicine includes a section on the implementation plan (point 7).

Delivery of equipment for telemedicine

The delivery of telemedicine equipment to health units in the Azores is confirmed through delivery certificates, in which the health units or hospitals certify that they have received the equipment for telemedicine in that health unit or hospital. The delivery certificates are signed by the respective health units or hospital.

The table below includes a list with the name of the equipment that was delivered, the number of the relevant evidence in the evidence list (i.e., the delivery certificate), the health unit to which it was delivered and the date in which it was signed:

Evidence number	**Name of the equipment**	**Health unit or hospital to which the equipment was delivered**	**Date in which the delivery certificate was signed**
6	Conference camera, ethernet cable, HDMI cable, screen and TV support	Health unit of the island of Santa Maria	22/01/2024
7	Conference camera and TV screens	Health unit of the island of Flores	01/04/2024
8	Conference camera, TV support, HDMI cable, ethernet cable, TV screen	Health unit of the island of Sao Jorge	23/01/2024
5	Webcams and speakers	Santo Espirito Hospital in the island of Terceira	04/01/2024
9	Conference camera, HDMI and USB cables, ethernet cable, TV screen	Santo Espirito Hospital in the island of Terceira	04/01/2024

Furthermore, in line with the measure description, the investment consists in […] **enhancing the telemedicine and delivery of equipment.**
As demonstrated in the point above, delivery certificates confirm the delivery of telemedicine equipment.

As demonstrated above, telemedicine in the Azores was enhanced through the approval of the Plan for Telemedicine by Order No. 1912/2024, through the nomination of local coordinators of telemedicine, through the delivery of equipment for telemedicine and through the functioning model for telemedicine approved by Normative Circular No. DRS-CNORM/2023/18.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 1.42 Purchase of Heavy Medical Equipment

Related Measure: C01-i10 NHS Technology Modernisation Programme

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 19

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to improve the technology park of the national health service (NHS) through the purchase of heavy medical equipment.

Target 1.42 consists of the purchase of the heavy medical equipment identified under milestone 1.41.

Target 1.42 is the second step in the implementation of the investment. It follows the completion of milestone 1.41, related to the approval of a report by the Ministry of Health identifying the heavy medical equipment needs of the NHS. It will be followed by target 1.43, related to the purchase and installation of additional heavy medical equipment. 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 target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Report** mapping the requirements for the purchase of new equipment and replacement of existing and operational heavy medical equipment of the National Health System hospitals, signed by the Secretary of State of Health on 29 December 2023	The report outlines the needs to purchase new heavy medical equipment and to replace existing heavy medical equipment in hospitals of the National Health Service (NHS). The report is issued by the Central Administration of the Health System (ACSS, Administração Central do Sistema de Saúde).
3	**18 acceptance or delivery certificates** signed by the respective contractor and by the local health unit or hospital	Acceptance certificate for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by General Electric Healthcare Portugal and Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia/Espinho, E. P. E. on 14 March 2025

		Delivery certificate for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda and Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E. on 20 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E on 27 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E on 03 December 2021
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of gamma cameras (GC and GC-CT) signed by General Electric Healthcare Portugal and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E on 25 August 2023
		Delivery certificate for the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment signed by General Electric Healthcare Portugal, Sociedade Unipessoal, Lda. and Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia e Espinho, E.P.E on 23 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde do Alto Ave, E. P. E. on 28 October 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment signed by General Electric Healthcare Portugal and Hospital de Santo António, E.P. E. on 3 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment signed by General Electric Healthcare Portugal and Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia/Espinho, E. P. E. on 24 December 2024
		Delivery certificate for the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment signed by Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E. on 15 February 2024

		Delivery certificate for the purchase of computed tomography (CT) equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E. on 03 December 2024
		Delivery certificate for the purchase of computed tomography (CT) equipment signed by Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E on 03 December 2021
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of computed tomography (CT) equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E. on 27 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P.E. on 21 May 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Instituto Português de Oncologia do Porto Francisco Gentil E.P.E. on 03 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Unidade Local de Saúde de Braga, E. P. E. on 30 December 2024
		Delivery certificate for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Hospital Fernando da Fonseca on 29 April 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Medtronic Portugal, Lda and Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E. on 20 December 2024
		Acceptance certificate for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E. on 27 December 2024
4	**13 contracts** signed by the respective contractor and by the local health unit or hospital	Contract for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda and Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E. on 23 May 2023

		Contract for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E on25 September 2024
		Contract for the purchase of angiograph equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E on 14 September 2021
		Contract for the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde do Alto Ave, E. P. E. on 10 July 2024
		Contract for the purchase of computed tomography (CT) equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E. on 23 May 2024
		Contract for the purchase of computed tomography (CT) equipment signed by Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda and Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E on 05 July 2021
		Contract for the purchase of computed tomography (CT) equipment signed by Philips Portuguesa S.A. and Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E. on 25 September 2024
		Contract for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P.E. on 16 February 2024
		Contract for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Instituto Português de Oncologia do Porto Francisco Gentil E.P.E. on 19 July 2024
		Contract for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Unidade Local de Saúde de Braga, E. P. E. on 22 October 2024
		Contract for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Hospital Fernando da Fonseca on 21 December 2023
		Contract for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Medtronic Portugal, Lda and Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E. on 02 December 2024

		Contract for the purchase of surgical robot equipment signed by Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA and Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E. on 02 December 2024

3. Analysis:

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

Number of heavy medical equipment purchased for hospitals entities (hospitals, hospital centres, and one institute) according to the needs identified in the report, as indicated in Milestone 1.41.

The target required the purchase of 19 pieces of heavy medical equipment. 19 items of heavy medical equipment were purchased hospital entities in line with needs identified in the report assessed in milestone 1.41. Section IV – Identification of replacement needs of heavy medical equipment (pages 14-23 of the report) of the report identifies the heavy equipment needs of hospitals until 2030. This includes angiographs (page 14-15), gamma cameras (pages 17-18), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems (pages 19-20), computed tomography (CT) scanners (pages 21-22) and surgical robots (page 22). A total of 19 items were purchased (four angiographs, one gamma camera, five MRI systems, three CT scanners and six surgical robots)~~,~~ for hospital entities identified in the report (pages 14-22), as demonstrated by the 13 contracts and 18 acceptance or delivery certificates signed by the contractors and hospital representatives listed below. In cases where the acceptance or delivery certificates did not state the type of equipment, clause 1 from the relevant purchase contract was used to confirm the type of equipment in question.

Type of equipment	ULS	Hospital Centre as identified in the report	Proof of purchase	Signature date acceptance/delivery certificate	Signature
Angiograph	Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia/Espinho, E. P. E.	Centro Hospitalar Vila Nova de Gaia e Espinho, E.P.E.	Acceptance certificate	14 March 2025	General Electric Healthcare Portugal Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia/Espinho, E. P. E.
Angiograph	Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E.	Hospital de Santo António, E.P. E.	Delivery certificate Contract clause 1	20 December 2024	Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda

					Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E.
Angiograph	Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E.	Hospital de Santo André	Acceptance certificate Contract clause 1	27 December 2024	Philips Portuguesa S.A. Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E.
Angiograph	Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P. E.	Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E	Acceptance certificate Contract clause 1	03 December 2021	Philips Portuguesa S.A. Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E
Gamma Cameras (GC and GC-CT)	Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P. E	Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E.	Acceptance certificate	25 August 2023	General Electric Healthcare Portugal Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E.
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system	Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia/Espinho, E. P. E.	Centro Hospitalar Vila Nova de Gaia e Espinho, E. P. E.	Delivery certificate	23 December 2024	General Electric Healthcare Portugal, Sociedade Unipessoal, Lda. Unidade Local de Saúde de Gaia e Espinho, E.P.E.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system	Unidade Local de Saúde do Alto Ave, E. P. E.	Hospital da Senhora da Oliveira	Acceptance certificate Contract clause 1	28 October 2024	Philips Portuguesa S.A. Unidade Local de Saúde do Alto Ave, E. P. E.
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system	Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E.	Hospital de Santo António, E.P. E.	Acceptance certificate	13 December 2024	General Electric Healthcare Portugal Hospital de Santo António, E.P. E.
Two Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) systems	Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P. E.	Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E.	Delivery certificate	15 February 2024	Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E.
Computed Tomography (CT)	Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E.	Hospital de Santo António, E.P. E.	Delivery certificate Contract clause 1	03 December 2024	Philips Portuguesa S.A. Unidade Local de Saúde de Santo António, E. P. E.
Computed Tomography (CT)	Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P. E.	Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E - Hospital Pediátrico	Delivery certificate Contract clause 1	03 December 2021	Siemens Healthcare, Unipessoal Lda Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E.

Computed Tomography (CT)	Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E.	Hospital de Santo André	Delivery certificate Contract clause 1	27 December 2024	Philips Portuguesa S.A. Unidade Local de Saúde da Região de Leiria, E.P.E.
Surgical robot	Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P. E.	Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra, E.P.E.	Acceptanc e certificate Contract clause 1	21 May 2024	Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA Unidade Local de Saúde de Coimbra, E. P.E.
Surgical robot	Instituto Português Oncologia Francisco Gentil - Porto, E.P.E.	Instituto Português de Oncologia do Porto Francisco Gentil E.P.E.	Acceptanc e certificate Contract clause 1	03 December 2024	Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA Instituto Português de Oncologia do Porto Francisco Gentil E.P.E.
Surgical robot	Unidade Local de Saúde de Braga, E. P. E.	Hospital de Braga, E. P. E.	Acceptanc e certificate Contract clause 1	30 December 2024	Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA Unidade Local de Saúde de Braga, E. P. E.
Surgical robot	Unidade Local de Saúde de Amadora/Sintra, E. P. E.	Hospital Fernando da Fonseca	Delivery certificate Contract clause 1	29 April 2024	Hospital Fernando da Fonseca
Surgical robot	Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E.	Hospital de Portimão	Acceptanc e certificate	20 December 2024	Medtronic Portugal, Lda Unidade Local de Saúde do

			Contract clause 1		Algarve, E. P. E.
Surgical robot	Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E.	Hospital de Faro	Acceptance certificate Contract clause 1	27 December 2024	Excelencia Robotica, Unipessoal LDA Unidade Local de Saúde do Algarve, E. P. E.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment shall ensure the purchase of heavy medical equipment for hospital entities (hospitals, hospital centres, and one institute),**
As demonstrated above, 19 items of heavy medical equipment were purchased for hospital entities, as shown through acceptance and delivery certificates.

based on a report approved by the Ministry of Health identifying the equipment needs of these hospital entities,
As explained above, the equipment purchased is in line with the needs identified in the report. This includes angiographs (page 14-15), gamma cameras (pages 17-18), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems (pages 19-20), computed tomography (CT) scanners (pages 21-22) and surgical robots (page 22).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 2.5 National emergency and temporary accommodation grant – Signature of funding agreements for emergency and transition accommodations

Related Measure: C02.i02 National Emergency and Temporary Accommodation Grant

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 500

Target: 1000

Time: Q3 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to provide temporary or emergency accommodation to disadvantaged population groups, including victims of domestic violence, victims of human trafficking, persons under international protection, and homeless individuals.

Target 2.5 concerns the signature of funding agreements covering an additional 500 temporary or emergency accommodations.

Target 2.5 is the second step of the implementation of the investment, it follows the completion of target 2.4, concerning the signature of funding agreements of 500 temporary or emergency accommodations. It will be followed by targets 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8 related to the delivery of accommodations. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in 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	**List of signed funding agreements** provided by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute	The list gives an overview of the funding agreements for the whole measure, including the number of accommodations within each contract, and the implementation date.
3	**60 funding agreements** by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute (IHRU) and the implementing partners, signed by these two parties between 27 October 2022 and 27 June 2024	The funding agreements represent the agreements for the development of projects between the implementing partners and IHRU, representing 555 accommodations.

4	**60 ISS opinions** by the Institute of Social Security (*Instituto da Segurança Social, I.P*)	The Institute of Social Security (ISS) opinions show the favourable opinion on the validity and feasibility of the selected applications, representing 555 accommodations.
5	**Tender Notice No. 1/C02-i02/2021** dated 12 November 2021, issued by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute	This notice invites for expressions of interest for projects.
6	**Tender Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021** dated 15 December 2021, issued by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute	The notice invites pre-selected projects to submit their applications.

3. Analysis:

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

The number of accommodations for which funding agreements are signed.

The target required that funding agreements for 500 additional temporary or emergency accommodations are signed. According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed 60 funding agreements covering 555 accommodations. The agreements were signed by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute and the implementing partners. The signatures can be seen on page nine of each of the 60 funding agreements. The number of accommodations can be found in the Annexes of the 60 funding agreements. In addition, clause 2 (2) of each funding agreement sets out that the projects financed are for temporary or urgent accommodation for persons in situations of risk or emergency.

As part of the third payment request, Portugal submitted evidence to support the completion of funding agreements for 505 accommodations under Target 2.4 of the same investment, exceeding the requirement for Target 2.4 of 500 accommodations (which is the baseline for Target 2.5) by 5 accommodations. Given the link between Target 2.4 and the subsequent Target 2.5 the inclusion of these additional units in the assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of the sequential Target 2.5 is warranted. According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the signature of funding agreements for 1060 accommodations, thus exceeding the goal of target 2.5 by 60 units.

Entities submit their applications for funding in the call for tenders opened by the IHRU (Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute) which, after assessing and requesting an opinion from the ISS (Institute of Social Security) on the validity and feasibility of the submitted applications, contracts the funding and sets the deadline for its implementation.

The call for tenders of the investment occurred in two stages as explained on the “executive summary” section of No.2/C02-i01/2021. The first stage concerned the call of the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute for projects to express their interest for the investment, the manifestations of interest (Notice No. 1/C02-i02/2021). The goal was to identify the entities and projects that met the eligibility criteria, particularly regarding the execution period and the conditions of the reform of National Urgent and Temporary Housing Plan (as per point 1, page 1 of Notice No. 1/C02-i02/2021). In a second phase, the

Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute published a call for applications (Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021) for the selection of projects to be funded (as per page 5 of Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021). As outlined in Section 1.1 of this notice, the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute is responsible for managing and monitoring the applications, and the Instituto da Segurança Social (ISS) is responsible to give a favourable opinion. The assessment of the applications by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute was based on the criteria set in Section 2.3 of Notice No. 2/C02-i02/202, which outlines the conditions for access and eligibility. The section also states that entities can only access financing under the investment by applying to that notice, and subject to projects meeting the set requirements. Section 6 of Notice No. 2/C02-i02/202 further explains that the formalisation of the financing is carried out by the signature of a funding agreement. Therefore, the funding agreement are signed between the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute and the applicants of the tender whose applications were positively assessed by the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute following the assessment of the submission of applications under the notice. The criteria of the ISS's opinion are further specified in Section 2.4 of Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021. Moreover, in the requisites for financing specified in Section 2.3 of Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021, it is included as criteria for access to financing a requirement that the projects need to receive a favourable opinion from the ISS. The 60 opinions from the Institute of Social Security, show that all projects received a positive opinion. The validity and feasibility of the submitted applications are assessed under the section 'analysis form of ISS criteria in the Notice No. 2/C02-i02/202', in the 60 opinions from the Institute of Social Security. Following the two phases of tendering, the Housing and Urban Rehabilitation Institute signed funding agreements with the selected entities. The deadlines for implementation are found in Clause 6.1 a) of each of the 60 funding agreements and range between 28 April 2023 and 1 May 2026.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment serves to implement the Reform of the National Urgent and Temporary Housing Plan included in the component. The following risks or social emergencies frame the interventions planned: unforeseeable or exceptional events, the need for urgent accommodation and empowerment of persons temporarily deprived of housing, including victims of domestic violence, victims of human trafficking, persons under international protection, homeless persons; extraordinary and duly substantiated needs for urgent and temporary accommodation for persons at imminent and actual risk of being left without accommodation or in the process of de-institutionalisation**.

Section 4.4 of Notice No. 1/C02-i02/2021 defines, as part of the eligibility criteria, that the interventions shall be aligned with the National Urgent and Temporary Housing Plan. Such alignment is analysed and approved by the Institute of Social Security which was provided in the 60 opinions from the Institute of Social Security. The National Urgent and Temporary Housing Plan sets out the risks or social emergencies that frame the interventions planned. Clause 2, point 2, of the 60 funding agreements foresees that the projects cover temporary or emergency accommodation for these types of interventions, which were framed in the National Urgent and Temporary Housing Plan. Annex, section 2 of Notice No. 1/C02-i02/2021 and Annex 1, point 2, of Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021, also included these types of interventions as part of the National Urgent and Temporary Housing Plan. In addition, the 60 opinions from the Institute of Social Security show that these types of interventions were covered in the section 'target groups'.

Accommodation means part or all of a building with independent access consisting of one or more housing compartments and additional private spaces or residential units for more than one household. As per annex I, section 3, of Tender Notice No. 2/C02-i02/2021, accommodation is defined as part or all of a building with independent access consisting of one or more housing compartments and additional private spaces or residential units for more than one household.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 3.2 Creation of the Social Intervention Teams (Radar Social)

Related Measure: C03.i01 New generation of equipment and social responses

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 278

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to strengthen social services. It implements among others a more pro-active, individualised and innovative model of integrated social support ('Radar Social') through the work of new social intervention teams in the municipalities.

Target 3.2 relates to the decisions of public entities to create 278 Social Intervention Teams in municipalities of continental Portugal.

Target 3.2 is the second target of the investment, and follows the completion of milestone 3.3, which relates to the award of support contracts for the expansion of the network of social protection. It will be followed by target 3.1, target 3.4, and target 3.5, related to the delivery of electric vehicles, the creation and renovation of social facilities, and the provision of IT and communication equipment, technical aid equipment, and training for users or staff of home support services. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q1 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 265 municipalities** that created teams for Radar Social project	List of municipalities located in continental Portugal that created one or two teams under Radar Social project. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	**Tender Notice no. 07/C03-i01/2023**, published on the Instituto da Segurança Social, I.P. website	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the Radar Social project.
4	**Tender Notice no. 13/C03-i01/2025,** published on the Instituto da Segurança Social, I.P. website	Competitive call of tenders launched to select the final beneficiaries under the Radar Social project.

5	**60 terms of acceptance,** signed by the municipalities between 12 January 2024 and 19 March 2025	In the context of the sampling analysis, terms of acceptance signed by the municipalities were provided for the sampled list of 60 municipalities. The terms of acceptance are agreements through which municipalities commit to the creation of a certain number of teams.

3. Analysis:

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

Terms of acceptance signed by municipalities to create 278 Social Intervention Teams in continental Portugal.

The municipalities where social intervention teams are created were selected via two tender procedures: Tender notice No. 07/C03-i01/2023 and Tender notice No. 13/C03-i01/2025.

As set out in section 10 of both Tender notice No. 07/C03-i01/2023 and Tender notice No. 13/C03-i01/2025, the selected municipalities, located across continental Portugal, accept financial support for the creation of the teams, by signing the corresponding terms of acceptance. According to the tenders, each municipality can create up to two teams, depending on the population size of their territory (section 4 of both Tender notice No. 07/C03-i01/2023 and Tender notice No. 13/C03-i01/2025).

Portugal submitted a list identifying the municipalities that have received support to create social intervention teams (List of 265 Municipalities). According to this list, 265 Municipalities in continental Portugal received support to create 282 social intervention teams.

The sampling exercise was carried out at the municipal level, as the tender procedure required one single application per municipality and irrespective of the number of teams (section 9 of both Tender notice No. 07/C03-i01/2023 and Tender notice No. 13/C03-i01/2025). Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units - each containing a unique identifier corresponding to the municipality's application number - Portugal submitted 60 Terms of Acceptance, signed by 60 municipalities located in continental Portugal to create Social Intervention Teams.

The evidence provided confirmed that the requirements of the target have been met for 59 units. For one out of the 60 sampled units, Portugal was unable to demonstrate the constitution of two different Social Intervention Teams, contrary to what is indicated in the list of 265 municipalities. Hence only one team was considered for that sampled unit. A statistical analysis was carried out comparing the reported 64 Social Intervention Teams to the actual 63 teams sampled and taking into account the overachievement of the target of 282 Social Intervention Teams for a required 278 Social Intervention Teams. The conclusion is that there is statistical assurance that Portugal created 278 Social Intervention Teams. 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 consist of the launch of a pilot project called ‘Radar Social’ to create 278 Social Intervention Teams in municipalities of continental Portugal.**

The evidence provided demonstrates that the pilot project ‘Radar Social’ was launched through two competitive tenders, both named ‘Radar Social – Creation of teams for pilot project’ (Tender Notice No. 07/C03-i01/2023 and Tender Notice No. 13/C03-i01/2025), aiming to create at least 278 Social Intervention Teams in municipalities of continental Portugal.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the teams shall be responsible to identify vulnerable people in risk of social exclusion and provide support based on their individual needs.**

According to the tender notices, the teams implement an integrated social georeferencing system at the municipal level to identify individuals, families, and groups in situations of social vulnerability and/or at risk of poverty and social exclusion (section 4.9 of both Tender notice No. 07/C03-i01/2023 and Tender notice No. 13/C03-i01/2025).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 3.18 Digital information resources for people with disabilities

Related Measure: C03.i05 Platform + Access

Qualitative Indicator: Information on a website and mobile application

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities by providing a set of digital information tools and services.

The milestone provides for the availability of a website that aggregates and simplifies information on legislation and on available resources for people with disabilities and of an application for mobile phone providing relevant accessibility information for people with disabilities and of an application for mobile phone providing relevant accessibility information.

Milestone 3.18 is the second milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 3.17 which launched the tender. It will be followed by milestone 3.19, related to the creation of a call centre for Portuguese sign language. The investment has a final expected date for implementation on 31 December 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	**Project completion report**	Report by the beneficiary, National Institute for Rehabilitation (INR), of December 2024, including the link to the website of the digital information platform (https://www.inr.pt/plataforma-acesso)
3	**Screenshot of the back office of the website**	Screenshot showing the date of the implementation on the website of the INR
4	**Accessibility 360 App**	Mobile application that provides the relevant accessibility information.
5	**Announcement of launch of the Accessibility 360 App** on 27 December 2024 (https://www.inr.pt/noticias/-/journal_content/56/11309/1059761)	Announcement on the website of Instituto Nacional para a Reabilitação on 27 December 2024

3. Analysis:

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

Aggregated and simplified information on legislation and on available support for people with disabilities made available on a website

A public website was made available on the INR website (https://www.inr.pt/plataforma-acesso) on 31 December 2024 (Screenshot of the back office of the website). The website includes information on the rights of persons with disabilities and on available resources and services. It includes, in particular, pieces of legislation for the rights of persons with disabilities and the obligations of public and private entities to promote accessibility and inclusion. It also includes for each piece of legislation a short explanation. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities (https://www.inr.pt/plataforma-acesso) on 19 June 2025 to verify that the website is public and includes aggregated and simplified information on relevant legislation and on available support for people with disabilities. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the information was made available on a website.

Launch of an application for mobile phones
The Accessibility 360 App is a mobile application for smartphones. The official launch of the Accessibility 360 App was announced on the website of Instituto Nacional para a Reabilitação on 27 December 2024 (https://www.inr.pt/noticias/-/journal_content/56/11309/1059761). The Commission services accessed the website on 19 June to verify that the launch of the Accessibility 360 App was publicly announced.
The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on the Accessibility 360 App on 19 June to verify that the mobile application was functioning. These checks were completed successfully, confirming that the application has been launched.

Furthermore, in line with the measure description, the **application shall provide geo-referenced location and accessibility conditions of public buildings, indoor navigation information for buildings and geo-referenced parking spaces for people with reduced mobility**.

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 19 June to verify the inclusion and availability of updated georeferenced information. At the time of the check, the application was showing information on the availability of parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities, the location of buildings and routes from parking spaces or public transport stops to the desired building with details of the accessibility conditions of the route, and internal navigation and information on accessibility conditions within buildings. This check was completed successfully, confirming that geo-referencing solutions of accessibility conditions for people with reduced mobility are provided by the application.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 5.37 Notary deed regarding the constitution of the National Centre for Advanced Computing (CNCA) and its statute

Related Measure: C05.i08 More Digital Science

Qualitative Indicator: Notary deed regarding the constitution of the National Centre for Advanced Computing and its statutes

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to accelerate the digital transformation and digitalisation of science and of the services supporting the national Science & Technology System.

Milestone 5.37 refers to the constitution and recognition of the statutes of the National Centre for Advanced Computing, which reorganises and centralises existing Portuguese computing networks and centres.

Milestone 5.37 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 5.35, related to the completion of two digital and physical science and technology services as well as the provision of seven online electronic services; target 5.36, related to the completion of 94 R&D projects, the entry in operation of six AI solutions for public administration processes and 50 new online courses; and milestone 5.38, related to the completion of the supporting infrastructure and datacentre for the National Advanced Computing Centre, also supporting the operation of two supercomputers and development of a large language model. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in 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	**Notary deed setting up the CNCA Association (National Centre for Advanced Computing)** signed by the notary on 13 December 2024 and published on the website of the Ministry of Justice (https://publicacoes.mj.pt/Pesquisa.aspx under the name "ASSOCIAÇÃO CNCA")	Notarial act setting up the CNCA and outlining its conditions and objectives
3	**Technical document** by the Foundation for Science and Technology, signed by the Vice-	Technical document describing the rationality of the creation of the CNCA and how it is

	President of Foundation for Science and Technology on 8 April 2025	proposed to reorganise advanced computing in Portugal

3. Analysis:

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

Execution of notary deed regarding the constitution of the National Centre for Advanced Computing and its statutes that shall reorganise and centralise existing Portuguese computing networks and centres.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **execution of a notary deed regarding the constitution of the National Advanced Computing Centre (CNCA) and its statutes.**

The notary deed of 13 December 2024 constitutes (Article 1) the National Centre for Advanced Computing (*Centro Nacional de Computação Avançada, CNCA*) and its respective statutes. The social objective of CNCA is, according to the notary deed, the management and operationalisation of advance computing infrastructures, and support of R&D, technical development and knowledge dissemination (page 2). Furthermore, according to the notary deed, the CNCA reorganises the existing Portuguese computing networks and centres and centralises them into a single entity, allowing for a more efficient use and allocation of computation time (page 3).

The mission of the CNCA is established in clause 2 of its statutes and detailed in the technical document presented by the Foundation for Science and Technology (*Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia*, FCT), which explains that the CNCA also integrates in a single entity the coordination of the various types of advanced computing, including distributed computing, supercomputing, quantum computing and artificial intelligence (page 5).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment:

Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

[Non-repayable support]

Number and name of the Milestone: 6.5 Support for permanent contracts

Related Measure: PT-C[C06]-I[i02]: Sustainable Employment Commitment

Qualitative Indicator: Terms of acceptance signed

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The aim of this investment is to reduce precarious employment by supporting the creation of open-ended contracts through the Sustainable Employment Commitment initiative.

Milestone 6.5 relates to the support of 30 000 jobs.

Milestone 6.5 is the only target of this investment.

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 employers and number of jobs supported** through terms of acceptance signed by employers	Excel file with a list of the employers and the number of jobs supported through terms of acceptance signed by employers under Government Order No. 38/2022. This list was used for the selection of the sample of 60 units and to check the fulfilment of the target in the sample exercise.
4	**Terms of acceptance** signed by the employers under Government Order No. 38/2022.	Terms of acceptance signed by employers under Government Order No. 38/2022, through which the employers agree to receive

		a contribution to support an indicated number of jobs.
5	**Government Order No. 38/2022** of 17 January of the Assistant Secretary of State of Labour and Professional Training, (published in the Portuguese Official Journal, Diário da República, No. 11, first series of 17 January 2024), which entered into force on 18 January 2024.	Regulatory act adopting the Sustainable Employment Commitment initiative.

3. Analysis:

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

Terms of acceptance signed by employers under Government Order No. 38/2022 to support 30 000 jobs.

Government Order No. 38/2022 creates and regulates the Sustainable Employment Commitment initiative (article 1). Under the Sustainable Employment Commitment initiative, employers receive a financial contribution in exchange for supporting jobs by offering open-ended contracts to unemployed registered with the public employment service of Portugal, (the Institute of Employment and Professional Training - 'Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional', IEFP) (article 1 of Government Order No. 38/2022). To receive the financial support, employers undergo a selective process where they need to meet the eligibility requirements established for themselves, such as having their tax and social security situation regularised, keeping a standard accounting system, and having no convictions for serious or very serious labor offences (article 3 of Government Order No. 38/2022). Similarly, the unemployed registered with IEFP must also meet certain eligibility requirements, such as being registered with IEFP for at least six consecutive months, or two months in specific cases (for example, being 35 or under, or 45 or over), with this requirement waived in exceptional situations, including receiving unemployment benefits, being a victim of domestic violence, or being homeless (article 6 of Government Order No. 38/2022). Upon notification of the award decision, the employer signs 'terms of acceptance' whereby the employer formally accepts the financial support to offer the open-ended employment contract under the conditions established in the Government Order No. 38/2022 (article 14(6a) of the Government Order No. 38/2022). The term of acceptance indicates the number of jobs supported (clause 2 of the Terms of Acceptance).
The Portuguese authorities submitted a list of 20 741 employers that signed terms of acceptance under Government Order No. 38/2022. For each employer, the Portuguese authorities reported how many jobs were supported through the term(s) of acceptance signed by that employer. In each term of acceptance, the employer is identified by its fiscal number (in Portugal referred to as the 'NIF' or 'number of collective person'). According to the list, 33 661 jobs were supported in total.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted the terms of acceptance signed by 60 employers to support jobs. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that employers signed the terms of acceptance under Government Order No. 38/2022 (clause 1 of the Terms of Acceptance) to support the creation of jobs (clause 2 of the Terms of Acceptance). The number of jobs supported by the terms of acceptance signed by the employers for a sample of 60 units matched the number reported by the Portuguese authorities in the list of employers and number of jobs supported, except in one case. A statistical analysis was carried out taking into account the overachievement of the target of 33 661 jobs for a required 30 000 jobs. The conclusion is that there is statistical assurance that 30 000 jobs were supported by the terms of acceptance signed by employers under Government Order No. 38/2022. On this basis, it is considered that all the constitutive elements of this milestone have been satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

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Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 6.17 Publication of a norm for an equal pay management system

Related Measure: C06.r18 Combating inequality between women and men

Qualitative Indicator: Publication of the norm

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

This reform aims to promote gender equality in work settings. The reform consists in the publication of guidelines to firms to assess their pay policies with respect to gender equality and awarding a recognition of companies with a narrow gender pay gap.

Milestone 6.17 relates to the publication of a Portuguese norm for an Equal Pay Management System, providing guidelines that allow organisations to assess their pay policies with respect to gender equality.

Milestone 6.17 is the first step of the implementation of the reform, and it is accompanied by milestone 6.18, related to the recognition of companies with equal pay between genders. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2024.

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	**Standard Norm NP 4588:2023, '**Management System for Equal Pay for Women and Men' published on the website of the Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ) on 15 June 2023 (Accessible on https://www.ipq.pt/loja/normas/norma/a3f3aa17-710c-ee11-8f6e-000d3adf770b/)	This norm is the Portuguese Standard Norm NP 4588:2023 'Management System for Equal Pay for Women and Men' (*Sistema de gestão para a igualdade remuneratória entre mulheres e homens - SGIRMH*). The norm provides guidelines to firms who wish to assess their pay policies with respect to gender equality.
3	**Supporting document** to the Standard Norm NP 4588:2023	This document is a supplementary document to the Standard Norm NP 4588:2023, featuring best practices, relevant legislation, case law, expert opinions, studies, and additional reports, aimed at supporting organizations in achieving pay equality.
4	**Requirements and guidance** of Standard Norm NP 4588:2023	This document constitutes additional guidance outlining requirements and

		guidelines for organisations seeking to adhere to the Portuguese Standard Norm NP 4588:2023.

3. Analysis:

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

Publication of a norm that shall provide guidelines to firms to assess their pay policies with respect to gender equality.

On 15 June 2023, Portugal published the Standard Norm NP 4588:2023 'Management System for Equal Pay for Women and Men' (*Sistema de gestão para a igualdade remuneratória entre mulheres e homens - SGIRMH*) on the website of the Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ), the public institute responsible for the development and updating of national norms regulating and guaranteeing quality standards across economic sectors. The Commission services accessed the link (https://www.ipq.pt/loja/normas/norma/a3f3aa17-710c-ee11-8f6e-000d3adf770b/) provided by the authorities on 10 July 2025 to verify that the Standard Norm NP 4588:2023 "Management System for Equal Pay for Women and Men" is published and accessible to the public. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the norm is published.

The Standard Norm NP 4588:2023 outlines the requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining, and improving a management system for gender pay equity, intended for organisations (such as firms) that aim, among other objectives, to demonstrate their ability to consistently ensure pay equity for equal work or work of equal value (Norm 4588:2023, page 11; Supporting document, section 1, page 4; Requirements and Guidance, section 2, page 3).

The main criteria for organisations to assess their job positions to assess their situation in terms of pay equality between men and women are set out in section 8 of the Standard Norm NP 4588:2023 (pages 27 to 29). In particular, the subsection 8.2 'Processes for evaluating pay equality between men and women' lists the criteria that organisations must consider for ascertaining the gender pay gap. Additionally, in Annex A to Standard Norm NP 4588:2023, a checklist is provided to support organizations conducting their self-assessment on work related gender bias (Standard Norm NP 4588:2023, pages 33 to 40).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 6.18 Recognition for companies with a narrow gender pay gap

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of regulatory act that allows companies to be awarded an "Equal Pay Seal" gap

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

This reform aims to promote gender equality in work settings. The reform consists in the publication of a norm that provides guidelines to firms to assess their pay policies with respect to gender equality and the entry into force of a regulatory act for awarding a seal to companies with a narrow gender pay gap.

Milestone 6.18 requires the entry into force of a regulatory act that allows companies to be awarded an "Equal Pay Seal" ("Selo da Igualdade Salarial").

Milestone 6.18 is the second and last milestone of the reform and is accompanied by milestone 6.17 in this payment request, related to the publication of a norm for an equal pay management system. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2024.

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	**Order No. 13972/2022 of 5 December** of the Secretary of State for Equality and Migrations, of the Secretary of State for Employment of 5 December (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 233/2022, second series of 5 December 2022, pages 39-39), which entered into force on 14 November 2022.	This order establishes an initiative to promote and encourage wage equality between women and men for equal work or work of equal value. It sets up the awarding of a distinction for companies that implement good practices in promoting equal pay between genders.
3	**Order No. 13129/2023 of 22 December** of the	This order amends Government Order No. 13972/2022 of 5 December.

	Secretary of State for Equality and Migrations and of the Secretary of State for Employment (published in Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 246/2023, second series of 22 December 2023, pages 35-35), which entered into force on 10 November 2023.	The text establishes amendments to the criteria for awarding a distinction to companies promoting pay equality between genders, through an "Equal Pay Seal".

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of a regulatory act awarding a seal to companies with a narrow gender pay gap
On 14 November 2022, the Order No. 13972/2022 was signed and entered into force, as per Point 4 that establishes its entering into effect upon its signature. Order No. 13972/2022 was later amended by Order 13129/2023 of 22 December, which entered into effect on the date of its signature, on 10 November 2023 according to its Point 3.

As per Point 1, Order No. 13972/2022, as amended, companies that implement good practices in promoting equal pay between genders are awarded an "Equal Pay Seal".
Point 2 of Order No. 13972/2022, as amended, establishes that for a company to be recognised as implementing such good practices it must have at least one-third of their employees from the less represented gender and have a gender pay difference between -1% and 1%.

According to Point 2, the 'Equal Pay Seal' is awarded yearly by the Commission for Equality in Labor and Employment, the entity responsible for ensuring equality of opportunities between men and women.
Point 3 establishes that the "Equal Pay Seal" is automatically awarded to companies meeting the criteria described in Point 2, based on statistical evaluations provided by the Strategy and Planning Office ('Gabinete de Estratégia e Planeamento'), the public body under the labour ministry responsible for labour-related statistics.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled**.**

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support
Number and name of the Target: 6.24 Innovation and pedagogical modernisation in higher education

Related Measure: PT-C[C06]-I[i07]: More digital impulse

Quantitative indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 5

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:
The aim of this investment is to increase the attractiveness of the agrarian sciences, support the medical sciences in taking up digital and technological advances, increase training in digital skills and foster pedagogical innovation.

Target 6.24 relates to the creation of five centres to promote pedagogical innovation through orders or other documents, as well as to the creation of the National Council of Pedagogical Innovation in Higher Education through a Regulatory Decree.

Target 6.24 is the first step in the implementation of this investment. It will be followed by target 6.21 (which relates to the curricular reform of agrarian sciences, reskilling professionals and opening agricultural schools to secondary school students), target 6.22 (which relates to the modernisation of medicine), target 6.23 (which relates to the promotion of digital skills) and target 6.25 (which relates to decreasing the drop-out rate of students from training).

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.
3	**Order No. 13416/2024** of 12 November, by the Presidents or Rectors of the University of Porto, University Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portuguese Catholic University, Polytechnic Institute of Bragança, Polytechnic Institute of Porto and Porto School of Nursing, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, Diário da República, Nº 219, second series of 12 November 2024), which entered into force on 9 October 2024.	Decision creating the 'Centre of Excellence of Pedagogic Innovation in the Northern (Norte) Region – INOV NORTE', issued by the presidents of the six higher education institutions that integrate the centre.

	Order No. 13416/2024 is published online at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/13416-2024-896173254	
4	**Order No. 14908/2024** of 17 December, by the Presidents or Rectors of University of Minho, University of Aveiro, University of Beira Interior, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo and Polytechnic Institute of Cávado and Ave, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, Diário da República, Nº 244, second series of 17 December 2024), which entered into force on 10 December 2024. Order No. 14908/2024 is published online at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/14908-2024-900360767	Decision creating the 'Centre of Excellence for the Pedagogic Innovation – EPIC', issued by the presidents of the six higher education institutions that integrate the centre.
5	**Order No. 15185/2024** of 27 December, by Nova University of Lisbon, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, Diário da República, Nº 251, second series of 27 December 2024) which entered into force on 28 December 2024. Order No. 15185/2024 is published online at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/15185-2024-901403553	Decision approving the rules of the 'Centre of Excellence SAPIEN (South and Atlantic Pedagogical Innovation & Excellence Network)' and demonstrating its creation, issued by Nova University of Lisbon (the lead institution of the consortium of higher education institutions that compose the centre of excellence).
7	**Order No. 14686/2024** of 11 December, by the Presidents or Rectors of the University of Coimbra, the Higher School of Nursing of Coimbra, the Polytechnitc Institute of Castelo Branco, the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, the Polytechnic Institute of Guarda, the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém, the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar, the Polytechnic Institute of Viseu, the University Institute of Lisbon-ISCTE, the Military University Institute and the 'Aberta' University, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, Diário da República, Nº 240, second series of 11 December 2024) which entered into force on 12 December 2024. Order No. 14686/2024 is published online at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/despacho/14686-2024-899753151	Decision creating the 'Centre of Excellence of Pedagogic Innovation (CEIP) – INOV3P (Pedagogy, Project and Promotion)', issued by the presidents or rectors of the eleven higher education institutions that compose this centre.
8	**Bylaws No. 1469/2024 of 20 December, by the President of 'COFAC-**Cooperative for Training and Cultural Activities**' entity responsible for Lusófona**	Bylaws of the 'Centre of Excellence in Cinema and Media Art – CECAM', issued by the president of the

	University, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, Diário da República, Nº 247, second series of 20 December 2024) which entered into force on 21 December 2024. Bylaws No. 1469/2024 are published online at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/regulamento/1469-2024-900840730	administration council of COFAC - Cooperative for Training and Cultural Activities, the entity responsible for Lusófona University (the lead institution of the group of six higher education institutions that compose the centre).
9	**Regulatory Decree No. 4/2024** of 04 November, of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, Diário da República, Nº 213, first series of 19 November 2024) which entered into force on 21 December 2024. Regulatory Decree No. 4/2024 is published online at: https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/decreto-regulamentar/4-2024-895287961	Legal act creating the 'National Council of Pedagogical Innovation in Higher education', issued by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.
10	**Webpage of teacher training course on 'Pedagogy and AI in Higher Education',** organised by the Centre of Excellence for Pedagogical Innovation 'CECAM', available at: https://www.iseclisboa.pt/index.php/pt/eventos/2922-%20formacao-pedagogia-e-ia-no-ensino-superior	Webpage with the description and information on registration, content and dates of the training course for teachers developed by the centre of excellence for pedagogical innovation 'CECAM'. This training focused on the integration of artificial intelligence and pedagogical practices and started on 29 April 2025. Commission services verified on 13 August 2025 that the link was operational.
11	**Webpage on training course on 'Artificial Intelligence, Knowledge and the University',** organised by the Centre of Excellence for Pedagogical Innovation 'CECAM', available at: https://cecam.ulusofona.pt/formacao/d-ia-2025-a-inteligencia-artificial-o-conhecimento-e-a-universidade	Webpage for registration and more information on the training on artificial intelligence, knowledge and the university, planned for 10-12 September 2025, organised by the Centre of Excellence for pedagogical Innovation 'CECAM'. Commission services verified on 13 August 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.

Orders or other documents creating five centres of excellence of pedagogical innovation

Five centres of excellence of pedagogical innovation were created. A list is presented below with the names of the five centres of excellence, reference to the official document that created them, and an explanation of how the centres contribute to pedagogical innovation, based on the objectives of the centres. All the official documents listed below were published in the Portuguese Official Journal (‘*Diário da República’*) and are publicly available online.

1. Centre of Excellence of Pedagogic Innovation in the Northern (Norte) Region – INOV NORTE:

This centre of excellence was created by Order No. 13416/2024 (Point 2). The centre's primary objective is to support the modernisation of higher education institutions through pedagogical innovation by developing a collaborative network in the Northen region and creating learning partnerships at regional, national and international levels (Point 3.1). Other objectives of the centre include the promotion of innovative teaching practices and the transformation of learning processes, as well as the optimisation of curriculum and curriculum-related activities (Point 3.2, lines b), c) and d)). These objectives demonstrate that the centre contributes to pedagogical innovation in higher education institutions.

2. Centre of Excellence for the Pedagogic Innovation – EPIC:

This centre of excellence was created by Order No. 14908/2024 (Point 2). The centre's primary objective is to support the transformation of learning and teaching of the higher education institutions that integrate the centre, through developing a collaborative network and partnerships between institutions focused on education (Point 3.1). Other objectives of the centre include the development of education pathways co-designed with student organisations that improve the students’ experience in the different curriculum classes (Point 3.2, line a)). These objectives demonstrate that the centre contributes to pedagogical innovation in higher education institutions. These objectives demonstrate that the centre contributes to pedagogical innovation in higher education institutions.

3. Centre of Excellence SAPIEN (South and Atlantic Pedagogical Innovation & Excellence Network):

Order No. 15185/2024 demonstrates that this centre of excellence was created (Article 1). The mission of this centre is to promote pedagogical innovation across the higher education institutions that integrate it (Article 3). Other objectives of the centre include supporting the professional development of teachers and researchers involved in teaching activities (Article 4, line b)) and promoting the debate on pedagogical practices in the context of higher education and disseminating (Article 4, line e)). These objectives demonstrate that the centre contributes to pedagogical innovation in higher education institutions.

4. Centre of Excellence of Pedagogic Innovation (CEIP) – INOV3P (Pedagogy, Project and Promotion):

This centre of excellence was created by Order No. 14686/2024 (Point 3). The mission of the centre is to foster pedagogical innovation through the alignment of teaching practices with the profile of students and the transformations of the labour market (Point 4). Other objectives of the centre include fostering mutual learning through sharing best practices between the different higher education institutions that integrate the centre (Point 5, line a)) and systematising and sharing data on the impact of innovative ways of teaching and learning in higher education (Point 5, line d)). These objectives demonstrate that the centre contributes to pedagogical innovation in higher education institutions.

5. Centre of Excellence in Cinema and Media Art – CECAM:

The publication of the Bylaws No. 1469/2024 of the Centre of Excellence in Cinema and Media Art - CECAM in the Portuguese Official Journal (‘*Diário da República’*) on 20 December 2024 attest that this centre was created. The main objectives of the centre include promoting the professional and pedagogical development of higher education teachers (Article 1, lines a) and c)) and implementing best international practices on pedagogical innovation (Article 1, line b)). These objectives demonstrate that the centre contributes to pedagogical innovation in higher education institutions.

Furthermore, in line with the measure description, **the centres shall have digital objective(s) or mission.**

The evidence submitted by the Portuguese authorities attests that the five centres of excellence have a digital objective or mission, as described below:

1. Centre of Excellence of Pedagogic Innovation in the Northern (Norte) Region – INOV NORTE:

According to Order No. 13416/2024, a strategic objective of the centre is to strengthen interconnectivity and communication (Point 3.2, line a). In addition, the centre includes the implementation of a digital hub, that will be composed of a learning academy, a virtual teaching support lab and online communities of practice, and for which hardware and software is provided (Point 5.1, line b)). This demonstrates that the centre has digital objectives.

2. Centre of Excellence for the Pedagogic Innovation – EPIC:

According to Order No. 14908/2024, a strategic objective of the centre is to develop a digital platform and resources that can be used by the group of higher education institutions that are part of this centre (Point 3.2, line b). This demonstrates that the centre has a digital objective.

3. Centre of Excellence SAPIEN (South and Atlantic Pedagogical Innovation & Excellence Network):

According to Order No. 15185/2024, part of the centre's mission is to promote pedagogical innovation, including a digital dimension (Article 3)). In addition, the objectives of the centre include using digital tools when developing pedagogical frameworks for student-centered teaching models (Article 4, line a)) and equipping higher education institutions with facilities that allow for the use of digital tools when teaching (Article 4, line c)). This demonstrates that the centre has a digital mission and objective.

4. Centre of Excellence of Pedagogic Innovation (CEIP) – INOV3P (Pedagogy, Project and Promotion):

According to Order No. 14686/2024, part of the mission of the centre is to promote the use of digital tools when developing and implementing teaching practices in higher education that are more aligned with the profiles of students and the transformation of the labour market (Point 4).

In addition, the digital objectives of the centre are also reflected on its structure and activities, which include a 'capacity building unit' aimed at, among others, promoting teaching in digital environments, as well as the integration of technological tools and artificial intelligence into pedagogical practices (Point 6, line b) of Order No. 14686/2024).

5. Centre of Excellence in Cinema and Media Art – CECAM:

As described in its bylaws (Bylaws No. 1469/2024), this centre has the objective of fostering the professional development of teachers in higher education, including training in digital components, , particularly in the field of arts, in which the centre aims at applying models developed under the fields of cinema and media to teaching activities and other subject areas (Article 1(a).

The digital objectives of this centre are reflected in its activities, which include a training course for teachers on 'Pedagogy and AI in Higher Education' , as well as training on 'Artificial Intelligence, Knowledge and the University'.

Regulatory Decree creating the National Council of Pedagogical Innovation in higher education

The National Council of Pedagogical Innovation in Higher Education was created by Regulatory Decree No. 4/2024 (Article 1). The mission of the National Council of Pedagogical Innovation in Higher Education is to promote pedagogical innovation in higher education, to improve the quality of teaching and contribute to the success of academic communities (Article 2 of Regulatory Decree No. 4/2024).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 7.2 Publicly accessible electric vehicle recharging points

Related Measure: C07.i00 Extension of the electric vehicle charging network

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 5250

Target: 10450

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to develop the charging network in Portugal to support the use of cleaner vehicles. The investment aims at accompanying measures for road infrastructure investments planned within component 7 to ensure compliance with the "do no significant harm" principle.

Target 7.2 concerns the public accessibility of 10 450 recharging points.

Target 7.2 is the second target of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 7.1 relating to the accessibility of 5 250 recharging points. It will be followed by target 7.3, related to the objective of reaching 15 000 charging points. 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 milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**List of accessible charging stations and charging points**	List of charging stations and points for electric vehicles provided by MOBI.E, extracted on 8 August 2025
3	**Report by Mobi.E** containing screenshots from the internal database and from the back-office platform of MOBI.E showing the status of the charging points	In the context of the sampling analysis, screenshots of the internal MOBI.E database and their back-office platform were provided for the list of 60 dwellings charging stations sampled for further verification of the target. The platform showed live information of the status of the charging stations, which could be either: available, charging, offline, removed or out of order. The internal database was used to provide the information on the date of first charge of each charging station.

4	**Link to the website of MOBI.E** that includes up-to-date information on the operational charging points	Online platform managed by MOBI.E, the legal entity responsible for operating the Portuguese network of charging stations for electric vehicles, with up-to-date information on accessible charging points: https://www.mobie.pt/en/mobi.dataportal Commission services verified on 8 August 2025 that the platform is operational.
5	**Decree Law No 39/2010** of 26 April 2010, as amended by Decree-Law No 90/2014 of 11 June 2014 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, '*Diário da República*', No. 80/2010, I series of 26 April 2010, pages)), which entered into force on 26 April 2010.	Decree Law laying down the legal framework for electric mobility applicable to the organisation, access to and exercise of activities relating to electric mobility, as well as the rules for the establishment of a pilot network for electric mobility

3. Analysis:

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

Number of accessible charging points for electric vehicles

The target required that there are 10450 accessible charging points for electric vehicles. MOBI.E, S.A., in its capacity as the managing body of the Electric Mobility Network, and in accordance with and for the purposes of Article 21 of Decree-Law No 39/2010 of 26 April 2010, as amended by Decree-Law No 90/2014 of 11 June 2014, carries out the commissioning and integration into the National Electrical Mobility Network (Mobi.E Network) of recharging points operated by duly licensed operators of charging points with which an agreement has been drawn up to join the mobility network.

The list of accessible charging stations and charging points provided by MOBI.E on 8 August 2025 accounted for 5875 charging stations containing 10 917 charging points in the Mobi.E Network. The list of accessible charging stations and charging points provides the unique identifier of each charging station, its location and the date of the first charge of its points. Of the 10 917 charging points listed, 8 368 had a date of first charge from Q1 2022.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted screenshots from the internal databases of Mobi.E. Because of the structure of the data provided, charging stations were sampled instead of charging points. For every station sampled, the accessibility of all associated charging points was checked. The screenshots in the report by Mobi.E provided for 56 charging station confirmed that the associated charging points were accessible. A statistical analysis was carried out taking into account the overachievement of the target of 8 368 units, which are those with a first charge from Q1 2022, for a required 6 930 units (goal of 10 450 of this target minus the initial baseline of 3 520 of target 7.1 in Q4 2021). Based on this, there is statistical assurance that the target has been met, and all its constitutive elements have been satisfactorily fulfilled.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 8 August 2024 to verify that the information provided in the screenshots was accurate. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the target has been met.

Finally, Mobi.E also has a front-end platform for users (link to the website of MOBI.E, https://www.mobie.pt/en/mobi.dataportal), informing of the charging stations distributed across the country and their availability. Data from the front-end platform was aligned with the rest of the evidence.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 8.13 Training, equipment and vehicles for ANEPC, GNR and fire brigades

Related Measure: C08.i05 More Forest Programme

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 62

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is upgrading the fire prevention and firefighting system in Portugal, shifting from the model of combating fires to the model of prevention. The investment consists in measures to strengthen the operational response capacity of the National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection (ANEPC) and the National Gendarmerie (GNR) in the fight against rural fires.

Target 8.13 refers to the provision of training, the delivery of new vehicles and the delivery of operational equipment for ANEPC, GNR and fire brigades.

Target 8.13 is the fourth target of the investment. It follows the completion of target 8.14 related to the creation of regional and sub-regional structures of ANEPC, milestone 8.15 related to the publication of a report on programme contracts by the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, and milestone 8.21 related to the development of an awareness raising campaign. It will be followed by target 8.16 and target 8.22, related to the implementation of a national training programme and measures in the area of rural fire prevention and capacity-building. 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 all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**60 certificates of participation in training**, issued by the National Firefighters School ('Escola Nacional de Bombeiros') and signed by the responsible person for the *Formação Bombeiros e Protecção Civil*	The certificates were issued between 20 June 2021 and 14 December 2024
3	**Declaration on trained individuals performing**	This declaration was signed on 31 July 2025.

	duties at the respectively listed fire brigades, signed by the Director Nacional de Bombeiros from ANEPC	
4	**Certificates of delivery** of equipment, signed by ANEPC and the respective contractor	These certificates of delivery date between 30 December 2022 and 10 March 2025
5	**Certificates of delivery** of equipment, signed by GNR and the respective contractor	These certificates of delivery date between 26 May 2023 and 06 January 2025.
6	**Certificates of delivery** of 161 vehicles, signed by ANEPC and the respective contractor,	These certificates of delivery date between 30 April 2024 and 17 January 2025.
7	**Certificates of delivery** of 55 vehicles, signed by GNR and the respective contractor	These certificates of delivery date between 23 July 2024 and 14 May 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

Provision of training ...

Portugal submitted 60 certificates of attendance and a declaration for the 60 trained individuals and the at which they perform duties fire brigades. The attendance certificates were issued by the National Firefighters School ('Escola Nacional de Bombeiros') and show that the 60 trained individuals attended a training course between 20 June 2021 and 14 December 2024. The declaration, signed by the *Diretor Nacional de Bombeiros* of ANEPC, confirmed that the 60 trained individuals each belong to a different fire brigade. The certificates therefore show that one member of 60 different fire brigades attended a training course.

… or the delivery of vehicles…

Portugal submitted certificates for the delivery of 216 vehicles, received by ANEPC and GNR respectively. The delivery certificates for 161 vehicles are signed by ANEPC and the respective supplier of each vehicle or batch of vehicles and dated between 30 April 2024 and 17 January 2025. The delivery certificates for another 55 vehicles are signed by the GNR and the respective supplier of each vehicle or batch of vehicles and dated between 23 July 2024 and 14 May 2025.

… or the delivery of equipment…

Portugal submitted certificates for the delivery of operational equipment, received by ANEPC and GNR respectively. The delivery certificates of equipment, which include items relevant to firefighting operations such as hoses, nozzles, helmets, neck covers, boots, gloves, protective suits, coats, goggles, flashlights, chainsaws, unmanned aerial vehicles, are signed by the ANEPC and the respective supplier of each batch of equipment and dated between 30 December 2022 and 10 March 2025. Portugal also submitted similar delivery certificates signed by the GNR and the respective supplier of each batch of equipment and dated between 26 May 2023 and 06 January 2025.

… for 62 MAI entities (ANEPC, GNR and fire brigades)

As described above, Portugal submitted evidence for the provision of training to individuals related to 60 fire brigades. In addition, Portugal submitted evidence of the delivery of vehicles and operational equipment to ANEPC and GNR. Together, ANEPC, GNR and 60 fire brigades account for 62 MAI entities.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, Portugal has **delivered vehicles and equipment to the National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection (ANEPC) and the National Gendarmerie (GNR).** Portugal has also **provided training to fire brigades.**

As mentioned above, Portugal has submitted evidence of delivery of vehicles and operational equipment to the ANEPC and the GNR, as well as evidence of training firefighting brigades' staff.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:
Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 10.15 Delivery of one autonomous unmanned vehicle

Related Measure: C10.i06-RAM Oceanic technologies

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 1

Time: Q3 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to upgrade the infrastructure related to marine science research in the Autonomous Region of Madeira and to encourage synergies with economic activity. It concerns the construction of an energy efficient multipurpose research vessel and the purchase of three subaquatic autonomous unmanned vehicles.

Target 10.15 concerns the delivery of one autonomous unmanned vehicle.

Target 10.15 is the second target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 10.13 related to the signature of a contract for a multipurpose research vessel. It will be followed by milestone 10.16, related to the delivery of the remaining two autonomous unmanned vehicles, and milestone 10.14 related to the delivery of the multipurpose research vessel. 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 all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**Certificate of delivery** signed by the Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation – Association *(Arditi)* and IXBLUE SAS on 22 March 2024.	Certificate of delivery of an autonomous unmanned vehicle equipped with hydrographic, oceanographic and meteorological sensors for the purpose of systematic data collection in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Autonomous Region of Madeira.
3	**Acquisition contract** between Arditi – Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation – Association and IXBLUE SAS signed on 31 March 2023 including an addendum to the	Signed contract for an autonomous unmanned vehicle equipped with hydrographic, oceanographic and meteorological sensors for the purpose of systematic data collection in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Autonomous Region of

	contract between the two parties signed on 14 March 2024.	Madeira. The addendum to the contract amended the clauses related to the place of delivery and total cost.
4	**Report on best technology available for autonomous unmanned surface vehicle** signed by the Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation – Association *(Arditi)* on 27 June 2025.	This report explains the technical and operational constraints in identifying unmanned surface vehicle options with zero CO2 emissions in the market.

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

Delivery of one autonomous unmanned vehicle: Autonomous vehicle of surface area (USV).
The certificate of delivery signed by Arditi – Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation – Association and IXBLUE SAS on 22 March 2024, confirms the delivery of an autonomous unmanned surface vehicle according to the terms and conditions established in the acquisition contract *'of an autonomous unmanned surface vehicle (USV) equipped with hydrographic, oceanographic and meteorological sensors for the purpose of systematic data collection in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of R.A.M'* (certificate of delivery , page 1).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment shall consist of the **purchase of three subaquatic autonomous unmanned vehicles for marine research.**

10.15 represents one out of the three subaquatic autonomous unmanned vehicles. The remaining two will be assessed in target 10.16. The acquisition contract specifies that '*[t]he main purpose of this contract is the purchase of an autonomous unmanned surface vehicle (USV) equipped with hydrographic, oceanographic and meteorological sensors for the purpose of systematic data collection in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of R.A.M'*, (acquisition contract, clause 2(1)).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the autonomous unmanned vehicles shall use the best available technology with the lowest environmental impacts in the sector.**

As explained in page 3 of the Report on best technology available for autonomous unmanned surface vehicle dated 27 June 2025, an explanatory memorandum provided by Arditi, the implementing authority concludes that at the time of the time of tendering, there were no unmanned surface vehicles on the market with zero carbon emissions that would: '(i) provide the continuous high power needed for the EM 712 multibeam sonar; (ii) support the mechanical and integration needs of such advanced equipment; (iii) deliver the range (180 nautical miles), endurance, and sea state handling required for offshore operations such as in the case of Madeira'. The report lists the different alternatives and explains why this is the best available technology. As explained in page 2 of the report on best technology available for autonomous unmanned vehicle, there was lack of commercially viable alternatives for existing electric or hybrid USVs, as those '(i) targeted niche markets (coastal monitoring, security); ii) were underpowered for large sonar payloads; iii) did not have proven reliability for long-distance or deep-sea deployment'. As concluded by the Report on best technology available for autonomous unmanned surface vehicle, 'the use of combustion-based or hybrid USVs remained the only viable solution for deploying large multibeam sonars such as the EM 712 in real-world research and mapping missions'. The autonomous unmanned vehicle purchased is combustion-based as it is 'powered by energy-saving engines' (acquisition contract, clause 43(2)(b)), powered by fuel consumption (acquisition contract, clause 43(2)(d)). The report was assessed by Commission services that confirm this is the best available technology.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: satisfactorily fulfilled.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Number and name of the Milestone: 14.4 Construction and integration of synchronous compensator

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

Qualitative Indicator: Construction and integration of synchronous compensator

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

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

Milestone 14.4 concerns the construction and integration of one synchronous compensator with at least 15 MVAr.

Milestone 14.4 is the second milestone of the investment and is being accompanied by target 14.6 in this payment request, related to the refurbishment of the Serra de Água and Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plants. It follows target 14.5 related to the increase of installed capacity at the refurbished Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant and it will be followed by milestone 14.7, target 14.9, target 14.10 and target 14.15 related to additional capacity installed in battery storage systems, installation of smart meters, an upgrade of the Socorridos hydroelectric power plant and the replacement of street lighting points. The investment has a final expected date for implementation on 30 June 2026.

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	**Contract for the construction of a synchronous compensator**, signed by "EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A.", and the consortium "Indutora, LDA & Touareg, LDA" on 07 September 2023.	Signed contract for the construction of the synchronous compensator to be integrated in the electricity network of the island of Madeira.
3	**The Synchronous Machinery Test Report** carried out by "WEG ENERGIA", signed on 6 November 2024	Factory test report of the synchronous compensator confirming the capacity of 15 MVA. It was signed by inspectors belonging to the consortium, the project owner and the WEG Energia company.
4	**Acceptance certificate** of the construction and integration into the electricity network of a synchronous compensator on Madeira signed on 4 July 2025.	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the construction and installation of a synchronous compensator, demonstrating that the synchronous compensator has been installed, meaning constructed and integrated into the electricity

		network, as stated in the contractual obligations. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA”), the constructor (Consortium “Indutora, LDA & Touareg, LDA”) and a third party as inspections entity (“CONSULGAL – Engineering and Management Consultants, Lda”).

3. Analysis:

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

Construction and integration of one synchronous compensator with at least 15 MVA. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **construction and integration of a synchronous compensator**

The contractual obligations agreed between the consortium “INDUTORA, LDA. &TOUAREG, LDA” and the project owner “EEM – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira” on 7 September 2023 establish the obligation of the consortium to construct and connect to the electricity network a synchronous compensator with a power between -15 MVAr and +15 MVAr (Clause 1, page 2 of the contract for the construction of a synchronous compensator).

The Synchronous Machinery Test Report of 6 November 2024 indicates that the power capacity of the compensator is equal to 15000 kVA (page 1 of the Synchronous Machine Test Report). This corresponds to a power of 15 MVA.

According to Clause 8 of the contract for the construction of a synchronous compensator, once the works are concluded, an inspection by a third party will take place and, upon such inspection, the acceptance certificate will be issued. On 4 July 2025, the acceptance certificate was issued and signed by thethird party contract supervisor (“CONSULGAL - Consultores de Engenharia e Gestão, S.A”), the project owner (“EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA”) and the consortium (“INDUTORA ENERGIA, LDA & “TOUAREG – CONSTRUÇÕES, LDA.”). The acceptance certificate confirms that the works completed fulfil the contractual and legal obligations (page 1), therefore demonstrating that the synchronous compensator has been constructed and integrated in the electricity system of the Madeira region, as required by the contract.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 14.6 Refurbished installed hydropower production capacity

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

Quantitative Indicator: MW

Baseline: 0

Target: 6,2

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

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

Target 14.6 concerns the refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant resulting in the refurbishment of an aggregated 6,2 MW of existing hydroelectric capacity.

Target 14.6 is the third milestone or target of the investment. It follows target 14.5 on the increase of installed capacity at the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant by 4 MW. It is accompanied by milestone 14.4 regarding the installation of one new synchronous compensator in the same payment request. It will be followed by target 14.7, target 14.9, target 14.15 and target 14.10 related to 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 Q2 2026.

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 refurbishment.

3	**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, S.A.", signed on 30 June 2022 and amended on 23 October 2023	Signed contract (last amended version) for the refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant.
4	**Certificate of approval of the materials** of the turbine and generator of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, 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 approval of the materials approves the materials for the turbine and generator, including the relevant hydromechanical and electromechanical equipment. The delivery was approved on 20 January 2023 by the "EME – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira".
5	**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 capacity of the new turbines and generators. The certificate of acceptance is 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").
6	**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 by the project owner ("EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA") and the supplier of the turbines ("Kochendörfer Hydro")
7	**Permitting Licence** for the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant issued by the Regional Directorate for Trade, Industry and Energy of the Regional Government of Madeira (Região Autónoma da Madeira) on 7 February 2008.	Permitting licence for the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant demonstrating the installed capacity of the hydropower plant before the refurbishment
8	**Works contract for the refurbishment** of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant, signed by "EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira,	Signed contract (last amended version) for the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant.

	S.A." and "AFAVIAS – Engenharia e Construções, S.A.", signed on 21 July 2023.	
9	**Certificate of approval of the materials** of the turbine and generator for the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant, 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 06 November 2023.	The certificate of approval of materials approves the materials for the turbine and generator, including the relevant hydromechanical and electromechanical equipment. The certificate of approval of materials was approved on 6 November 2023 by the "EME – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira".
10	**Acceptance certificate** of the works on the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant signed on 16 December 2024	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant demonstrating the capacity of the new turbines and generators. 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 ("CONSULGAL – Engineering and Management Consultants, Lda").

3. Analysis:

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

The refurbishment of the following hydropower plants: Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant: - 5.2MW of existing installed capacity […]. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **Refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant […].**

The refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant was conducted by "AFAVIAS – Engenharia e Construções, S.A.". This is confirmed by the works contract for the refurbishment of the Serra De Água Hydroelectric Power Plant signed on 30 June 2022 and subsequently amended on 23 October 2023 to reflect additional work requirements identified during implementation, with the project owner ("EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A."). The works contract covers the refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, including structural remodelling and replacement of assets vital for its future operation (clause 1(3), pages 1-2). Tasks included demolition, construction, supply, assembly, and testing of equipment, electrical installations, and other necessary works (Annex I, pages 42-52 of the works contract).

Prior to the refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant, the total power capacity was 5.3 MW as specified in the permitting licence for the establishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant of 5 March 2008 (page 3). The total power capacity was provided by two turbines, each with a rated power output of 3600 horsepower (page 3 of the permitting licence). Since 1 mechanical horsepower equals 745.7 W (0.0007467 MW), each turbine delivered approximately 2.68 MW of power output. The total capacity of both turbines prior to the refurbishment was therefore equal to approximately5.3 MW. As demonstrated from the certificate of approval of materials of the turbine and generator signed by “AFAVIAS – Engineering and Construction, Lda” and “EEM – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A.” on 20 January 2023, the works on the Serra de Água hydroelectric power plant included the installation of two new turbines, each with a power capacity of 5,521 kW (or 5.521 MW) (page 3, 7 and 17). Given that the refurbishment therefore provides for a total installed capacity of 11.042 MW, this covers both refurbishment of the 5.2 MW capacity installed prior to the works and the increase of 4 MW in the installed capacity of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant (target 14.5 previously assessed).

Completion of the structural remodelling and asset replacement is verified 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 contractor (“AFAVIAS – Engenharia e Construções, S.A.”) and a third party contract supervisor (“PLENGIL – Soluções de Engenharia e Gestão”) on 23 October 2024. The acceptance certificate confirms that the works completed fulfil the contractual and legal obligations and that the listed deficiencies do not prevent provisional acceptance (page 1). Therefore, the full refurbishment has been completed in accordance with contractual obligations. The provisional 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). However, the certificate also identifies that the valves of both turbines were malfunctioning and that leaks had been detected in October 2024, and that it “was agreed between the present parties that the work on the reserve list must be completed and repaired” (page 1 of the acceptance certificate).. 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).

Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant: 1 MW of existing installed capacity. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **Refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant.**

The refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant was carried out by “AFAVIAS – Engenharia e Construções, S.A.”, as confirmed by the works contract signed on 21 July 2023 with the project owner (“EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A.”). The works contract concerns the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant with structural remodelling of the power plant (Clause 1, part 1, page 1) as well as the replacement and upgrade of the electrical and mechanical equipment of the power plant (Clause 1, part 2(c), page 2). The contract further covers all necessary construction work, supplies, assembly, and equipment testing required for the plant’s future operations (Clause 1, part 4, page 2).

Prior to the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant, the total power capacity was 1 MW, as specified in the permitting licence for the establishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant of 7 February 2008 (page 3). The total power capacity is provided by two turbines, each with a rated power output of 685 and 670 horsepower (page 3 of the permitting license). Since 1 mechanical horsepower equals 745.7 W (0.0007467 MW), each turbine delivered around 510 kW and 499 kW of power output. The total capacity of both turbines prior to the refurbishment was therefore equal to approximately 1 MW. As evident from the certificate of approval of materials of the turbine and generator for the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant, signed by “AFAVIAS – Engineering and Construction, Lda” and “EEM – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, S.A.” on 11 November 2023, the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant included the installation of two new turbines, one with 581 kW of capacity (Rabaçal band) and the other with 741 kW of capacity (Red Rocha band), replacing the two existing turbines, with a total remodelled power of 1.322 MW (page 2 of the certificate of delivery for the refurbishment of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant). Given that the investment therefore provides for a total installed capacity of 1.322 MW, this covers the refurbishment of 1 MW capacity.

The successful completion of the refurbishment and asset replacement is confirmed by the acceptance certificate of the contract for the works of the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant, signed by the project owner ("EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA"), the contractor ("AFAVIAS – Engineering and Construction, Lda") and a third party contract supervisor ("CONSULGAL – Engineering and Management Consultants, Lda") on 16 December 2024 (page 1). The acceptance certificate confirms that the works completed fulfil the contractual and legal obligations (page 1). Therefore, the refurbishment and turbine replacement has been completed in accordance with the contractual obligations.

The target requires that 6.2 MW of installed hydropower production capacity is refurbished. Considering the combined refurbishment at the Serra de Agua Hydroelectric Power Plant (5.2 MW) and Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant (1 MW), this has been achieved through the replacement of the existing turbines for both hydroelectric power plants.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 17.5 Entry into force of legislation to integrate spending reviews in the regular budgetary process, including the ex-post evaluation of efficiency savings

Related Measure: C17.r32 Modernisation and Simplification of Public Financial Management

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of the legislation

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the reform is to improve the quality and sustainability of public finances in Portugal to strengthen expenditure control and appropriate budgeting.

Milestone 17.5 consists of the implementation of a structural and institutional framework to integrate spending reviews in Portugal's annual budgetary process and its medium-term budgetary framework.

Milestone 17.5 is the fifth milestone of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestones 17.2, 17.3, 17.6 and 17.7, as well as of target 17.1. These milestones and target contributed to set up a framework for the modernisation and simplification of public financial management. For instance, revised contract models for public procurement, legislation to underpin the State Accounting Entity and a new contract template for state-owned enterprises management. Milestone 17.5 will be followed by milestone 17.4 and target 17.8, related to the adoption of a costing model for programme budgeting and the approval of state-owned enterprises' budget and activity plans, respectively. The reform 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 milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled~~.~~
2	**Decree-Law No. 85/2025** of 25 July (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 142/2025, first series of 25 July 2025), which entered into force on 30 July 2025	Legal act on defining spending review's structural and institutional framework~~.~~
3	**Law No. 151/2015** of 11 September 2015 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 178/2015, first series of 11 September 2025, pages 1-37), which entered into force on 12 September 2025	Legal act establishing Portugal's Budgetary Framework Law

4	**Decree-Law No. 196/2012** of 23 August 2012 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 163/2012, first series of 23 August 2012, pages 4648-4650), which entered into force on 1 September 2012	Legal act approving the organisation of the Institute of Informatics
5	**Decree-Law No. 203/2012** of 28 August 2012 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 166/2012, first series of 28 August 2012, pages 4795-4799), which entered into force on 1 September 2012	Legal act approving the organisation of the Social Security Capitalization Fund Management Institute
6	**Decree-Law No. 84/2012** of 30 March 2012 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 65/2012, first series of 30 March 2012, pages 1547-1550), which entered into force on 1 April 2012	Legal act approving the organisation of the Social Security Financial Management Institute
7	**Decree-Law No. 83/2012** of 30 March 2012 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 65/2012, first series of 30 March 2012, pages 1547-1550), which entered into force on 1 April 2012	Legal act approving the organisation of the Social Security Institute
8	**Report accompanying the 2024 State Budget** of 16 October 2023 by the Ministry of Finance	Report accompanying the 2024 State Budget Law proposal
9	**Report accompanying the 2025 State Budget** of 10 October 2024 by the Ministry of Finance	Report accompanying the 2024 State Budget Law proposal

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of legislation on spending reviews…

Decree-Law No. 85/2025, published on 25 July 2025, establishes the structural and institutional framework for spending reviews. It specifies the scope of application (Article 2), guiding principles (Article 4), annual periodicity and the elements of the action plan (Articles 5 and 7), areas of application (Article 6), governance and organisational structure (Articles 8 to 11), public policy evaluations (Article 12), integration with the national budgetary process and medium-term budgetary framework (Article 13) and data reporting obligations (Articles 14 and 15). Decree-Law No. 85/2025 entered into force on 30 July 2025 (Article 17).

… in order to fully integrate them in the annual budgetary process and Portugal's medium-term budgetary framework.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the **reform shall consist, among others, of the following initiative: spending reviews (…) are integrated in the annual budgetary cycle […].**

Spending reviews annual exercises are integrated in the annual and medium-term budgetary processes (Article 5(1) to 5(3) of Decree-Law No. 85/2025). Every year the government conducts spending reviews in accordance with annual and medium-term budgetary targets (Article (5(1) and 5(2)). The results from an annual spending reviews exercise must be taken into account for next year annual and medium-term budgetary ceilings (Article 5(3)).
Article 13 of Decree-Law No. 85/2025 further specifies how spending reviews are aligned and integrated with the national budgetary process. The annual report on spending reviews, which, among others, defines the policy areas of application and the expected budgetary impact of spending reviews, is approved at the start of each year annual budgetary cycle (Article 13(1)). The main annual and medium-term elements of Portugal's budgetary framework, notably, the State Budget and the Multiannual Public Expenditure Framework (known as *Quadro Plurianual de Despesas Públicas*), respectively, have to take into account the approved annual report on spending reviews (Article 13(2)).

The process includes the diagnosis, design of solutions and definition of a model that allows the generation of efficiency gains in the provision of public services…

Articles 7 to 11 of Decree-Law No. 85/2025 define the model for the spending review process. Spending reviews are organised in a three-layer team structure (Article 8): a general coordination team (Article 9), a permanent monitoring technical team (Article 10) and thematic teams (Article 11). The general coordination team proposes the expenditure areas subject to a spending review (Article 10(4)). The areas covered should be those with a significant budgetary relevance or where efficiency losses are detected (Article 6(2)). The areas subject to spending reviews, and the respective selection criteria applied should be defined in a Council of Ministers resolution (Article 6(3)). The thematic teams are responsible for the preparation of an action plan (Article 11(4)) for each expenditure area subject to a spending review. These action plans have to include a section with a diagnosis of the expenditure area (Article 7(1). Furthermore, they have to include solutions designed to generate savings, such as policy proposals and proposals for measures to review and improve public expenditure, an estimate of these savings and efficiency gains in the provision of public services, timeline of implementation and responsibilities allocation (Articles 7(1) and 7(2)). The above-described three-layer governance model for the spending review process defined in Articles 7 to 11 of the Decree-Law requires the thematic teams to present proposals for efficiency measures (Article 11(1). Therefore, the Decree-Law defines a model that allows the generation of efficiency gains.

… and broadens spending reviews to additional sectors within the general government…

As defined in Portugal's Budgetary Framework Law (Law No. 151/2015) Article 2(1), general government includes all services and entities in the sectors of central government, regional government, local and social security.

In the pilot spending reviews exercises performed in 2023 (see report accompanying the 2024 State Budget proposals pages 91 to 99) and 2024 (see report accompanying the 2025 State Budget pages 65 to 67) only entities within the central government sector were covered. Article 2(1) of Decree-Law No. 85/2025 defines the scope of application of spending reviews. Spending reviews apply to entities and services directly and indirectly administered by the Portuguese State. This includes entities in the social security sector, broadening in this way the scope beyond entities in the central government sector. Entities within the social security sector are under the indirect administration of the State. These include: the Institute of Informatics (Article 1 of Decree-Law No. 196/2012), the Social Security Capitalization Fund Management Institute (Article 1 of Decree-Law No. 203/2012), the Social Security Financial Management

Institute (Article 1(1) of Decree-Law No. 84/2012) and the Social Security Institute (Article 1 of Decree-Law No. 83/2012)

Moreover, with the entry into force of Decree-Law No. 85/2025, the Portuguese government will broaden spending reviews to entities and services within the local and regional government (Article 2(2) of Decree-Law No. 85/2025).

In addition to integrating spending reviews in the annual budgetary process, they shall be subject to annual ex-post evaluations to ascertain the achieved efficiency gains.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the **reform shall consist, among others, of the following initiative: spending reviews are […] subject to the ex-post evaluation of possible efficiency gains.**

The permanent monitoring technical team is responsible for the preparation of an *ex-post* report on spending reviews (Article 10(4) of Decree-Law No. 85/2025). This report is published annually and includes an evaluation of the results obtained with spending reviews, including on their possible savings and efficiency gains (Article 3 of Decree-Law No. 85/2025).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 17.10 New functionalities of the information technology solution that supports the preparation of the State Budget

Related Measure: C17-TD-i01 Public Financial Management Information Systems

Qualitative Indicator: New functionalities of the information technology solution, including programme budgeting

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is the development of information technology solutions for public financial management. It operationalises the related reform TD-r32 on modernisation and simplification of public financial management.

Milestone 17.10 consists of new functionalities for the information technology solution that supports the preparation of the State Budget. The new functionalities should also cater for performance-based budgetary programmes.

Milestone 17.10 is the second milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 17.9 related to the implementation of the State Accounting Entity. It is accompanied by target 17.12 in this payment request, and it will be followed by milestone 17.11, milestone 17.13 and milestone 17.14. These relate to the introduction of information systems for public financial management in areas such as budgetary and financial control, public immovable property and information security. 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	**Certificate of completion of works** of the information technology solution to present budgetary/accounting information signed by the Directorate General for the Budget, Budget Entity and the Public Administration Shared Services Entity (ESPAP) on 15 January 2025	Certificate of completion of works of the information technology solution stating the acceptance of the final beneficiary (Budget Entity) of the solution produced by ESPAP.
3	**Implementation report** of July 2025 on the information technology solution for the presentation of accounting/budgetary data signed by Budget Entity and ESPAP on 22 July 2025.	Implementation report on the information technology solution for the presentation of accounting/budgetary information. Screenshots of the information technology solutions included in the report were verified by Commission services in a virtual on-the-spot check on 1 August 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

Budget Entity information technology solution (SIGO *or Sistema de Informação de Gestão Orçamental*) upgraded with the development of new functionalities to support the preparation of the State Budget…

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the Budget Entity information technology solution shall be upgraded with the development of new functionalities to support the preparation of the State Budget […].**

The Budget Entity information technology solution (*SIGO* or *Sistema de Informação de Gestão Orçamental*) was upgraded to support the preparation of the State Budget (see implementation report page 7). As shown in the implementation report, this upgrade consisted of the development of new functionalities. These include new functionalities to prepare State Budget statements, namely for the creation of '*mapas*' annexed to the annual State Budget Law (see implementation report pages 62 to 101), and the creation of reports for the General State Account (see implementation report pages 114 to 140), which reflect the State Budget execution for the previous year. Other new functionalities support the preparation of medium-term budgetary documents (see implementation report pages 59 to 61).

The certificate of completion of works indicate that the new functionalities for SIGO are successfully in operation. The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 1 August 2025 to confirm that the new functionalities for SIGO are operational. This check was completed successfully.

…and for performance-based budgetary programmes.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the Budget Entity information solution shall be upgraded with the development of **[…] a new functionality for programme budgeting.**

The information technology solution SIGO was modified to include a new functionality on programme budgeting (see implementation report pages 46 to 58). This functionality enables the encoding of budgetary programmes, defines objectives and actions, monitors the programme's performance and produces accounting statements at the budgetary programme level.

The new functionality on programme budgeting for SIGO is successfully in operation as confirmed by the certificate of completion of works. Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 1 August 2025 to verify that the new functionality on programme budgeting is operational. This check was completed successfully.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 17.12 Information systems of the national central public procurement system

Related Measure: TD-C17-i01: Public Financial Management Information Systems

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 11

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is the development of information technology solutions for public financial management. It operationalises the related reform TD-r32 on modernisation and simplification of public financial management.

Target 17.12 refers to 11 information systems of the national central public procurement system in use.

Target 17.12 is the third target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 17.9, related to the completion of the State Accounting Entity. It is accompanied by milestone 17.10 related to new functionalities for the information technology solution that supports the preparation of the State Budget in this payment request, and it will be followed by 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 budgetary and financial control, public immovable property and information security. 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 all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	**Implementation report** of December 2024 on the information systems of the national central public procurement system, signed by ESPAP on 30 June 2025.	Implementation report on the information systems describing for each system its features and functionalities. Screenshots of the information technology solutions included in the report were verified by Commission services in a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

11 information systems of the national central public procurement system in use…

The target requires 11 information systems of the national central public procurement system to be in use. According to the implementation report, 12 information systems are in use (Table 3, pages 6-9), namely:

- Plataforma para o Plano Nacional de Compras Públicas (PAN)
- Ferramenta de Agregação de Necessidades (FAN)
- Catálogo Nacional de Compras Públicas (CNCP)
- Relatórios Trimestrais (BI PVE)
- Integração de Informação com o Portal Base (Interoperabilidade)
- Sistema de Gestão de Contratos (GPAC)
- Sistema de Pilotagem de Gestão de Compras para a ESPAP (BI Compras ESPAP)
- Sistema de Registo de Viagens e Alojamento (Relatório RVA)
- Sistema de Aquisição de Viagens e Alojamento (Relatório SIAV)
- Sistema para recolha de informação e questionários (Ferramenta de Surveys)
- Sistema de Pilotagem de Gestão de Compras para as Unidades Ministeriais de Compras (BI Compras UMC and BI Compras Entidades)
- Sistema de Gestão de Clientes (CRM)

These information systems are part of the technological architecture of the national central public procurement system, as illustrated by Figure 1, in the implementation report (page 4). The implementation report describes the specific changes and improvements that have been made and explains how these changes have improved the overall performance and effectiveness of the systems (see summary table pages 6-9, as well as pages 11-12, 15, 18, 21, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 47).

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025 to verify the number of information systems of the national central public procurement system in use. This check was completed successfully, confirming the number of information systems in use.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal has 12 information systems in use. The on-the-spot check confirmed that all 12 systems were in use. Therefore, Portugal has one additional information system in use, thus exceeding the goal of Target 17.12.

… to: i) promote administrative simplification…

The information systems contribute to the promotion of administrative simplification, notably by automating, streamlining and centralising various procurement processes within the national public procurement systems. For example, the *Plataforma para o plano Nacional de Compras Públicas* (PNCP/PAN) automatically consolidates data provided by each ministerial procurement unit for the national plan for public procurement, replacing the previous Excel-based process (see implementation report pages 11-12). The information system that integrates the Portuguese web portal on public contracts (*Portal Base*) with the national central public procurement purchasing database, automates data extraction and information retrieval (see implementation report pages 25-26). The *Ferramenta de Agregação de Necessidades* (FAN) allows for the creation and management of aggregated procurement processes, previously managed separately, for goods and services not covered by framework agreements (see implementation report pages 14-16).

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025 to verify the functionalities shown in the implementation report promoting administrative simplification. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information systems include the above-mentioned functionalities.

…ii) reinforce monitoring and control mechanisms…

The information systems reinforce monitoring and control mechanisms by providing automated tools for tracking and analysing procurement data, ensuring transparency and accountability, and enabling real-time monitoring and control of procurement processes. For example, the information systems *Sistema de Gestão de Contratos* (GPAC) is a contract management system that supports the management of the life cycle of procurement processes. It ensures the accessibility of contract information by utilising an authentication system for users and providing a secure and auditable process for managing contracts (see implementation report pages 28-29). The information system for *BI Compras ESPAP* is a business intelligence system that helps with data analysis and presentation as it collects and presents performance indicators for the national public procurement system, thereby reinforcing monitoring and control mechanisms (see implementation report pages 31-32).

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025 to verify the functionalities shown in the implementation report reinforcing monitoring and control mechanisms. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information systems include the above-mentioned functionalities.

…iii) foster cost efficiency and rationalisation considerations…

The information systems contribute to fostering cost efficiency and rationalisation considerations by providing a better overview of aggregate procurement needs and automated tools for data analysis. For example, the *Plataforma para o Plano Nacional de Compras Públicas* (PNCP/PAN), which automates the consolidation process of the data provided by each ministerial procurement unit, provides a centralised platform for managing framework agreements. Together with a better overview of aggregated public procurement needs, provided by the *Ferramenta de Agregação de Necessidades* (FAN), this creates more opportunities for centralised contracts and contributes to reduce the duplication of efforts, ultimately fostering cost efficiency (see implementation report pages 11-12 and 14-16).

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025 to verify the functionalities shown in the implementation report fostering cost efficiency and rationalisation considerations. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information systems include the above-mentioned functionalities.

…iv) broaden the list of goods and services subject to centralised procurement…

The information systems, notably the *Plataforma para o Plano Nacional de Compras Públicas* (PNCP), the *Ferramenta de Agregação de Necessidades* (FAN) and the *Catálogo Nacional de Compras Públicas* (CNCP) integrate the revised framework agreements, satisfactorily assessed in Target 17.1[1], enabling in practice the inclusion of a broadened list of goods and services in the centralised procurement process (see implementation report pages 12, 16 and 19). This list of goods and services subject to public procurement was concretely broadened by the inclusion of eletricity for public payphones.

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025 to verify that the aforementioned platform covered the broadened list of goods and services part of the revised framework agreements. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information systems include the above-mentioned functionalities.

…and, v) promote collaboration among internal and external stakeholders.

The information systems contribute to the promotion of collaboration among internal and external stakeholders by providing platforms for information sharing, communication, and coordination. The *Sistema de Gestão de Clientes* (CRM) provides a single point of contact for all communication between the central body for the management of public contracts and internal and external stakeholders, facilitating information sharing and coordination. It allows for the registration of multiple external and internal stakeholders, such as users from the public administration as well as co-contractors of the framework agreements, who can access and share information, promoting collaboration and coordination among the different stakeholders (see implementation report pages 51-52).

The Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check on 25 July 2025 to verify the functionalities shown in the implementation report promoting collaboration among internal and external stakeholders. This check was completed successfully, confirming that these information systems include the above-mentioned functionalities.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **developments were made in the information systems for centralised procurement**.

These developments consist in the work done on the information systems, as detailed above.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

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[1] European Commission, 'Positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets related to the third and fourth instalments of the payment request for non-repayable support and the third instalment of the payment request for loan support submitted by Portugal on 4 October 2023 and the fourth instalment of the payment request for loan support submitted by Portugal on 19 October 2023, transmitted to the Economic and Financial Committee by the European Commission', 13 December 2023.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.25 Signature of protocols for the setting up of new citizens shops and citizen spaces

Related Measure: C19.i01 Redesign of public and consular services

Qualitative Indicator: Protocols signed

Time: Q3 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to implement digital methods in the interaction between citizens, companies and the Portuguese public administration. It includes the creation of new citizen spaces and citizen shops.

Milestone 19.25 concerns the signature of protocols for the setting up of 31 new citizen shops (Lojas de Cidadão) and 400 new citizen spaces (Espaços Cidadão).

Milestone 19.25 is the second milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 19.1 related to public services available via multiple channels. It will be followed by milestone 19.27, target 19.2, milestone 19.3 and target 19.26, related to more public services made available via multiple channels, a new consular management model and the completion of the citizen shops and citizen spaces. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

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	**31 Terms of acceptance** signed between the Agency for the Modernisation of the PT Administration (AGÊNCIA PARA A MODERNIZAÇÃO ADMINISTRATIVA, I. P) and 31 municipalities between 3 February 2022 and 27 September 2024	Agreements that underpin the creation of 31 citizen shops
3	**400 Protocols** signed between the Agency for the Modernisation of the PT Administration (AGÊNCIA PARA A MODERNIZAÇÃO ADMINISTRATIVA, I. P) and 400 municipalities between 14 February 2020 and 1 October 2024	Agreements that underpin the creation of 400 citizen spaces
4	**List of citizen shops**	List of 31 citizen shops indicating their location, the respective terms of acceptance and signature date. The list of citizen shops is

		based on the terms of acceptance referenced above as verified by Commission services.
5	**List of citizen spaces**	List of 400 citizen spaces indicating their location, the respective protocol and signature date. The list of citizen spaces is based on the protocols referenced above as verified by Commission services.

3. Analysis:

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

Signature of protocols or terms of acceptance for the setting up of 31 new citizens shops (Lojas de Cidadão)

Portugal submitted 31 terms of acceptance for the creation of 31 new citizens shops, which were signed by the competent municipal authorities between 3 February 2022 and 27 September 2024.
Each term of acceptance entered into force on the day of its signature (clause 8 of each term of acceptance). In the cases where the terms of acceptance were amended, the amended version entered into force also on the day of the signature of the amendment (clause 8 of the amendment to the term of acceptance). These amendments (17 in total) concern either the amount of the support, the timeframe to execute the works, or both.

and 400 new citizen spaces (Espaços Cidadão)

Between 14 February 2020 and 1 October 2024, Portugal concluded protocols and addenda to pre-existing protocols for the creation of 400 new citizen spaces. The addenda relate to the creation of new (additional) citizen spaces in municipalities where there were already citizen spaces. The protocols and addenda entered into force either on the date of their signature or one day after that date (the entry into force date can be found, depending on the Protocol, in clause 22 or 23; the entry into force of the addenda can be found in clause 2).

The Commission has checked that each protocol and terms of acceptance that underpins the setting up of at least one new citizen space, was signed and entered into force after 1 February 2020.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.28 Functional prototype

Related Measure: Investment TD-C19-i05-RAM- Digital transition of Madeira's public administration

Qualitative Indicator: Acceptance of a functional prototype

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to have a more resilient public administration in the region of Madeira and making digital technologies available for the provision of public services.

Milestone 19.28 requires that a functional prototype for a central data management solution is operational.

Milestone 19.28 is the first milestone of this investment. It is followed by milestone 19.16 regarding provision of public services for citizens, visitors and businesses in Madeira, milestone 19.17 regarding modernization of critical infrastructure and computer architecture of public services in Madeira, milestone 19.29 regarding a centralized data management solution and finally milestone 19.18 regarding the completion of five digital projects in the regional public administration of Madeira. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

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	**Acceptance of works** signed by the contracting authority, Madeira's Regional Directorate of Informatics, on 15 May 2025	Declaration issued within the national procurement rules, whereby the contract authority certifies that the works are concluded according to the terms and conditions of the contract to deliver the prototype. This declaration includes as its annex a summary of the tests performed to assess the technical requirements of the prototype
3	**Tender specifications** of Tender Case No DRI-25/CPR/2025	Technical specifications of the tender to select a provider for the development of a Functional prototype
4	**Services contract** signed by the contracting authority and the service provider, VGPC, Lda., on 22 April 2025 for the development of a functional prototype	Contract for the development of a functional prototype, using artificial intelligence

5	**Executive report** signed by the service provider, VGPC, Lda., on 9 May 2025	Report on the works carried out to develop the prototype. The service provider is under contractual obligation to deliver such report

3. Analysis:

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

Acceptance of the functional prototype by the contracting authority.

On 15 May 2025, the contracting authority, after running the required checks (under clause 7 of the tender specifications, which are part of the services contract under its clause 1) accepted the functional prototype (acceptance of works, page 1). The acceptance of works is issued according to clause 8 of the tender specifications, which requires not only conformity with those specifications, but also the 'entry into production of the solution', in other words that the prototype is functioning and ready to be used. .

The prototype shall include the following functionalities:

- identify inefficiencies and fraud with AI algorithms;

According to clause 29 of the tender specifications, the prototype has the following functionalities: automatic classification of the errors that (may) occur when importing data; a model to recommend corrections; a predictive validation system that identifies the level of risk; a semantic analysis of error messages; Natural Language Processing models to handle poorly formatted input. Based on these functionalities, the prototype is equipped to identify inefficiencies and fraud and other areas of risk.

The prototype includes these functionalities as demonstrated by the acceptance of works (page 1 and Annex, section 2).

- artificial intelligence services;

According to Clause 29 of the tender specifications, in addition to the functionalities mentioned above that use artificial intelligence, such as a model to recommend corrections and semantic analysis of error messages; the prototype also has a smart dashboard with real-time alerts. These functionalities therefore provide artificial intelligence services. The prototype includes these functionalities as demonstrated by the acceptance of works (page 1 and Annex, section 2).

- automate decision making

According to Clause 29 of the tender specifications, the prototype has the following functionalities: chatbot assistant for import support and (as already mentioned) a smart dashboard with real-time alerts. These functionalities enable the prototype to make automated decisions. These functionalities were implemented as demonstrated by the acceptance of works (page 1 and Annex, section 2).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 20.5 Digital Education Laboratories

Related Measure: C20.i01 Digital transition in education

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 1 300

Time: Q4 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 20.5 concerns the reception of 1 300 Digital Education Laboratories in primary and secondary schools in Continental Portugal.

Target 20.5 is the fourth step of the implementation of the investment, and it follows completion of milestone 20.2 related to the signature of the contract for the purchase of laptops for students and teachers, target 20.3 related to the provision of 500 000 laptops for students and teachers and target 20.6 related to the installation of projectors in public education establishments. It will be followed by targets 20.4 related to upgrading the connectivity of primary and secondary schools, 20.7 related to the digitalisation of school management, 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 target (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of digital education laboratories**	List of digital education laboratories (DELs) received in public schools. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	**60 Loan agreements** signed between the Schools and the Secretariat General for Education and Science	In the context of the sampling analysis, loan agreements between the Schools and the Secretariat General for Education and Science

		were provided for the sampled list of 60 Digital Education Laboratories.
4	**60 Digital education laboratory equipment list (DEL equipment list)** signed between the Schools and the Secretariat General for Education and Science	In the context of the sampling analysis, Digital Education Laboratory equipment lists were provided for the sampled list of 60 Digital Education Labs. Signature by both parties indicate final acceptance of the DEL equipment.
5	**Government Order No. 116/2025/1**, published in the Official Journal Diario da Republica, 1st series, No. 53, on 17 March 2025 (Portaria No. 116/2025/1)	Identifies the educational and teaching organizational units of the public network under the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation, comprising school groupings and non-grouped schools and the corresponding educational establishments operating in the 2024–2025 school year.
6	Law No.46/86, published in the Official Journal Diário da República n.º 1st series, No. 237 of 14 October 1986, last amended by Article 5 of Law No. 16/2023, published in the Official Diário da República, 1st series, No. 70 on 10 March 2023	This Law establishes the general framework of the Portuguese education system.

3. Analysis:

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

Number of new Digital Education Laboratories received…

The target required that 1300 digital education laboratories were received. In order to receive digital education labs (DELs), primary and secondary schools concluded loan agreements with the Secretariat General for Education and Science (SGEC). In Portugal, some schools share the same administration and are therefore called 'grouped schools'. Government Order No. 116/2025/1 specifies in its Article 1 that organic units of education from the public network of the Ministry of Education are constituted by grouped schools and non-grouped schools. The loan agreements are therefore either signed by the representative of a school or of a grouped school.

Annex II of the loan agreements identifies three types of digital education labs according to their function: DEL1 (focus on robotics and STEM equipment), DEL2 (focus on robotics and art & multimedia equipment) and DEL3 (focus on STEM and art & multimedia equipment). It also describes the equipment comprised in each type of lab. Each school and the SGEC agree on the type of lab to be provided under the terms of clause 3(1) of the loan agreement. Annex III includes the equipment effectively received by the schools (the so-called DEL equipment list). Annex III is created upon receipt of the equipment and under the terms of clause 3(4) of the loan agreement. According to clause 3(4) the signing by both parties of the DEL Equipment List represents the definitive acceptance by the school or grouped school of the equipment provided by SGEC. According to clause 3(2) and (3) of the loan agreement, Annex II and Annex III are an integral part of the loan agreement.

The list of digital education labs includes 1 300 digital education laboratories received in primary and secondary public schools in continental Portugal. Each digital education laboratory is assigned a unique kit number, which is used as a unique identifier to draw a random sample of the DELs.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units (by their DEL kit number), Portugal submitted, for each DEL, the corresponding signed loan agreement, and the signed DEL equipment list, both by the SGEC and the school, to demonstrate the acceptance of the equipment provided by the SGEC. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that the equipment constituting each digital education laboratory had been accepted by a school or grouped school.

…in primary and secondary public schools (5^{th} grade to 12^{th} grade) in Continental Portugal... Furthermore, in accordance with the further specifications of the operational arrangements, **the new Digital Education Laboratories will be installed in basic and secondary public schools (5th grade to 12th grade)**

According to Clause 2(5) of each loan agreement, the DEL’s and their associated equipment are intended exclusively for use in the teaching and learning process for all students in the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} cycles of basic education and in secondary education. In the Portuguese education system, the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} cycles of basic education and in secondary education, correspond to grades from the 5^{th} to 12^{th} grade (Article 8 and Article 9 of the framework law of the Educational national system (*Lei de Bases do Sistema Educativo, Lei no. 46/86, as last amended, entered into force in 11 November 2023*).

The second recital of the loan agreement determines that the installation of DELs is to be carried out in public schools in Continental Portugal. In addition, Clause 2 of the loan agreement establishes the procedure for the installation of the DEL and reporting in the online Platform.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units (by their DEL kit number), Portugal submitted for each DEL the corresponding signed loan agreement. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that¡ the contract specifications explained above, specifying that DEL will be installed in basic (or primary) and secondary schools in Continental Portugal, is present in each loan agreement.

...with specialised project equipment, including robotics kits, 3D printers, measurement and testing equipment and computers. Furthermore, in line with the measure description, **providing schools with Digital Education Laboratories equipped with educational advanced digital technologies like 3D printers and educational robots.**

Clause3(2) of the ~~a~~greement states that the identification of the equipment that makes up each type of digital education laboratory (DEL) is included in the “DEL Catalogue by Area,” which forms an integral part of the loan agreement (Annex II). According to Annex II, there are three types of DEL’s, that together contain the required equipment, with each type containing a different equipment bundle according to the subject of focus.

- DEL type 1 has a strong robotics and STEM equipment composition and contains equipment such as electronic boards and sensors (e.g. kit A – introduction to electronics) and educational robots (e.g. an explorer robot kit with display).
- DEL type 2 has a strong robotics and art & multimedia equipment composition, such as video cameras or microphones.

- DEL type 3 has a strong STEM and art & multimedia equipment composition and contains equipment such as sensors (e.g. for measurement of gas, temperature or humidity) and testing equipment to do research projects in STEM related curricular areas (e.g. a microscope with a built-in digital camera)

All DEL types include equipment such as computers and 3D printers.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units (by their DEL kit number), Portugal submitted for each DEL the corresponding signed loan agreement, and the signed DEL equipment list. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that at least one of each type of DEL, and therefore at least one of the corresponding specific equipment described in the target, has been received and accepted by a school or grouped school.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 20.7 Digital Education Laboratories

Related Measure: C20.i01 Digital transition in education

Qualitative Indicator: Resources for school management

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to foster the digitalisation of the Portuguese education system by providing equipment, removing barriers to access to quality internet, providing digital educational resources, and updating school management processes.

Milestone 20.7 concerns the delivery of at least 15 000 computers for school management activities, to be received by one or more schools belonging to at least 95% of the educational and teaching units within the public network. Furthermore milestone 20.7 relates to the signature of the contract concerning an identity management solution for at least parents, teachers, and other school professionals. The milestone requires that an authentication system is available for parents, teachers and other school professionals, allowing access to different education platforms.

Milestone 20.7 is the fifth step of the implementation of the investment, and it follows completion of milestone 20.2 related to the signature of the contract for the purchase of laptops for students and teachers, target 20.3 related to the provision of 500 000 laptops for students and teachers, target 20.5 related to the reception of 1 500 Digital Educations Laboratories in public schools, and target 20.6 related to the installation of projectors in public education establishments. Milestone 20.7 will be followed by targets 20.4 related to upgrading the connectivity of primary and secondary schools and the adoption of the Digital Education Hub, 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 justifies how the different requirements are fulfilled.
2	**List of equipment for school management**	List of computers received by educational and teaching units of the public network. This list was used for the selection of the sample.

3	**60 Loan agreements** signed between 27 September 2022 and 29 November 2022	In the context of the sampling analysis, signed loan agreements between the Schools or School Groups and the Secretariat General for Education and Science were provided for the sampled list of 60 educational and teaching units.
4	**60 Equipment lists (Annex II)** signed between 20 September 2022 and 29 November 2022	In the context of the sampling analysis, signed equipment lists were provided for the sampled list of 60 educational and teaching units. These equipment lists are also referred to as Annex II of the Loan agreements.
5	**Government Order No. 116/2025/1**, published in the Official Journal Diario da Republica, 1st series, No. 53, on 17 March 2025 (Portaria No. 116/2025/1)	Government Order No 116/2025/1 identifies the educational and teaching organisational units of the public network of the Ministry of Education in continental Portugal, Science and Innovation, comprising school groupings and non-grouped schools and the corresponding educational establishments operating in the 2024–2025 school year.
5	**Tender Notice No.114/2023** published on 4 January 2023 in Diario da Republica, with internal reference number 56/2022/IGEFE	Tender notice No. 114/2023 of 4 January 2023, for the acquisition of Acquisition of new licensing services, hardware, and migration and modernization services in a high-availability environment for the Institute of Financial Management of Education (IGEFE)
7	**Technical specifications** of the public tender process 56/2022/IGEFE,	The technical specifications lay down the criteria for the selection of the projects and the specific requirements.
6	**Contract** signed by the Institute for Financial Management of Education (IGeFE) and contractors Cloudcomputing.PT LDA. and Normática S.A., On 8 March 2023	Project implementation Contract signed by the Institute for Financial Management of Education (IGeFE) and contractors Cloudcomputing.PT LDA. and Normática S.A.
7	**Report by IGeFE including screenshots of back-office data from the authentication system, showing registered logins for different user profiles.**	The report demonstrates how a user login to the education platform ‘Portal das Matrículas’ is registered as back-office data in the authentication system. Furthermore, the report provides screenshots of back-office login data from parents, teachers and other school professionals.

3. Analysis:

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

95 % of educational and teaching units of the public network in Continental Portugal have received computers

The target requires that 95% of educational and teaching units of the public network in Continental Portugal received computers in one or more of their schools. Government Order No. 116/2025/1 sets out the list of educational and teaching organisational units in Continental Portugal for the year 2024/2025 and specifies in its Article 1 that the educational and teaching organisational units from the public network of the Ministry of Education are constituted by grouped schools and non-grouped schools. In Portugal, some schools share the same administration and are therefore called 'grouped schools'. According to the Government Order No. 116/2025/1, the total number of educational and teaching organisational units in continental Portugal for the year 2024/2025 is 820. To meet the target of 95%, at least 779 educational and teaching organisational units must receive a computer.

To receive computers, schools - either non-grouped schools or part of a grouped school, or the school group as a whole -, concluded loan agreements with the Secretariat General for Education and Science (SGEC). The loan agreements are signed by the Secretariat General for Education and Science (SGEC) and by a representative of a school or a school group.

According to Clause 3(1) of each loan agreement, the list of computers (with their serial numbers) designated to equip a grouped school or non-grouped school is specified in the list provided in Annex II of the loan agreement (the so-called list of computers). According to clause 3(1) of each Loan agreement, upon receipt of the equipment Annex II is signed by both parties and forms an integral part of the loan agreement.

Portugal provided the list of the equipment for school management received by educational and teaching units within the public network in Continental Portugal. According to the list, 808 educational and teaching units have received equipment. For each educational and teaching unit the list specifies the number of computers received.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted, for each educational and teaching unit, whether a non-grouped school, a school within a school group or for the entire school group, a signed loan agreement together with a signed list of the equipment received (Annex II). Both documents were signed by the SGEC and by a representative of the respective school or (non)-school group. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that each educational and teaching unit received a computer.

…**for school management**

According to Clause 2(2) of each loan agreement, the computers are intended for administrative and management needs of the AE/EnA (grouped school/non-grouped school).

The evidence provided for the sample of 60 units confirmed that each of the signed loan agreements include clause 2(2), specifying that computers are intended for administrative and management needs of the AE/EnA.

…totalling at least 15 000 computers

The list of equipment for school management contains the number of computers received by educational and teaching units within the public network in Continental Portugal, totalling 15 000 computers.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted, for each educational and teaching unit, whether a non-grouped school, a school within a school group or for the entire school group, a signed loan agreement together with a signed list of the equipment received, including computers (Annex II). Both documents were signed by the SGEC and a representative of the respective school or (non)-school group. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that each educational and teaching unit received the number of computers as indicated in the list of equipment for school management.

Signature of the contract concerning an identity management solution for at least parents, teachers, and other school professionals.

On 8 March 2023, the Institute for Financial Management of Education (IGeFE) signed a contract with the contractors Cloudcomputing.PT LDA. and Normática S.A. for the acquisition of services for new licensing, hardware, and migration and modernisation services.

The contract follows the publication of Tender Notice No. 114/2023 and accompanying technical specifications. Clause 1(2) of the contract establishes that the description of the services to be provided is defined in Part II of the technical specifications drawn up within the scope of the publication to which this contract refers. The contract, tender notice and technical specifications can be found together in Portugal's public contracts database (https://www.base.gov.pt/Base4/pt/detalhe/?type=contratos&id=9986867).

Part II of the technical specifications establishes that the scope of the service provision and products to be acquired is to implement an identity management solution for students, guardians, teachers, and other school professionals.

An authentication system is available for parents, teachers and other school professionals allowing access to the education platform 'Portal das Matrículas'.

The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities for 'Portal das Matrículas)(https://www.portaldasmatriculas.edu.gov.pt/) on 1 September 2025 to verify that the education platform has an authentication system available for parents, teachers and other school professionals. This check was completed successfully, confirming that an authentication system is available for parents, teachers and other school professionals for the education platform 'Portal das Matrículas'.

Furthermore, On 1 September 2025, Commission services conducted a virtual on-the-spot check to verify that the information provided in the screenshots was accurate, confirming that an authentication system, in addition to being available, also allows different user profiles to access the education platform. This check was completed successfully, confirming that an authentication system allows parents, teachers and other school professionals to access the education platform ‘Portal das Matriculas’.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 20.15 Schools connection in the ARM

Related Measure: C20.i03-RAM: Accelerating the digitalisation of ARM education

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 80

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to create a more proactive, innovative, inclusive, autonomous, fair and open educational system in the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

Target 20.15 concerns the installation of equipment for WiFi-connection in 80 schools.

Target 20.15 is the second step of the implementation of this investment in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, and it will be followed by target 20.16 regarding digital manuals for students, target 20.17 regarding training for teachers and non-teaching staff in digital competences and milestone 20.18 related to the delivery of scientific and technology equipment to schools. 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 target (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of schools with installed equipment for WiFi connection**	List of 76 schools, for which equipment for WiFi-connection has been installed. The list of schools with installed equipment for WiFi-connection is based on the 80 installation certificates referenced below as verified by Commission services.
3	**28 Final acceptance certificates signed** by the school and the contractor, between 19 September 2022 and 19 August 2025	The installation certificates detail the installed equipment in each school and are signed by both a representative of the school and the contractor.
4	**Final acceptance certificates aggregating 48 schools** signed on 26 June 2025 by the	Installation certificate covering installation of equipment for Wi-Fi connection for 48 schools.

	Secretaria Regional de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia and the contractor	

3. Analysis:

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

Number of schools in the ARM, for which equipment for WiFi-connection has been installed

The Council Implementing Decision required that equipment for WiFi-connection has been installed in 80 schools. Portugal submitted final acceptance certificates of the projects for installation of WiFi-connection equipment for 76 schools.

Final acceptance certificates were provided in two formats:

- **School-level acceptance certificates:** For 28 primary schools (2nd and 3rd cycle) and secondary schools, individual certificates were provided, signed by the school representative and the project contractor.

- **Aggregated acceptance certificates:** For 48 primary schools (1st cycle) with pre-school education, a final acceptance certificate covering 48 schools was provided, signed by the Secretaria Regional de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia and the project contractor. This aggregated certificate contains a dedicated chapter for each school, specifying the equipment installed. The public procurement for these schools was centralized due to their limited autonomy and their organizational dependence on the Regional School Delegations, as established by Regional Legislative Decree No. 5/96/M of 30 May.

As explained above, each certificate, in both formats, details the installed equipment in each school and is signed by the respective parties confirming that the installation work has been completed, and the project is therefore considered concluded. Each of the 76 schools is in the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

The evidence provided for all 76 schools confirmed that in each school equipment for WiFi-connection has been installed and that these schools are in Madeira. Whilst this constitutes a minimal numerical deviation of 5% from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision, the overall objective of this target is considered met notwithstanding this minor deviation. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Target: 21.10 Capacity-building actions

Related Measure: C21.r44 Development of energy efficiency one-stop-shops for citizens (Citizens Energy Spaces)

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 300

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

The reform consists in the creation of energy efficiency one-stop shops for citizens (citizens energy spaces – '*Espaços Cidadão Energia'*) to increase energy literacy, promote sustainable behaviour regarding energy use and support citizens in the preparation and implementation of energy efficiency measures**.**

Target 21.10 consists of the capacity building actions for the one-stop shops (Citizens Energy Spaces).

Target 21.10 is the second target of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 21.9 related to the signature of cooperation protocols for the setting up of the one-stop shops. It will be followed by target 21.11, related to the launch of 50 citizens energy spaces. The reform has a final expected date for implementation in Q1 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	**Summary document**	The document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	**List of 379 certificates of participation** for the energy spaces training by ADENE	List of certificates of participation including the certificate number, name of the participant and respective certificate file name. 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 certificates of participation for further verification of the target.

		60 certificates of participation demonstrating the participation in the dedicated training for technicians who will operate in the Energy Spaces ('Formação Técnicos - *Espaço Energi*a'). The certificates include name of the participant, certificate number, total duration of the training, days of the course and signature date. The certificates were signed and issued by the Academy of the National Energy Agency (Academia ADENE), a dedicated body of ADENE responsible for training and reinforcement of the skills and professional qualifications of technicians´ in ADENE´s areas of activity.

3. Analysis:

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

300 certificates of participation issued for the technical training course for citizens energy spaces - Espaço Energia.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal submitted a list of 379 certificates of participation issued to technicians that participated in the Energy Space Technicians training course ('Formação Técnicos- Espaço Energia', hereinafter 'the training') between 23 September 2024 and 20 December 2024. Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted the certificates of participation issued to technicians that participated in the training. The certificates of participation were issued by the Academy of the National Energy Agency ('Academia ADENE'). The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units provided by Portugal demonstrate that the sampled individuals attended the training. Portugal issued 379 certificates, thus exceeding the goal of Target 21.10 by 79 certificates.

Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.14 Green Skills & Jobs programme

Related Measure: C21.r45 Green Skills

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of Government Order

Time: Q4 2024

1. Context:

This reform aims to create a) the 'Green Skills & Jobs' programme and b) the Training Centre for Energy Transition for the provision of training in the areas of energy transition and climate action.

Target 21.14 concerns the creation of the 'Green Skills & Jobs' Programme, a vocational training programme in the area of energy.

Target 21.14 is the first step of the implementation of the reform. It will be followed by target 21.15, related to the creation of the Training Centre for Energy Transition for the provision of training in the areas of energy transition and climate action.

The reform 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	**Government Order No. 21/2023**, (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 5/2023, first series of 6 January 2023, pages 5 - 13) which entered into force on 7 January 2023.	It establishes the Green Skills & Jobs Programme, setting out its features and rules, including the types of training modules eligible and the related approval process by the Agency for Energy '*Agência para a Energia'* (ADENE) and the Portuguese Association for Renewable Energies *'Associação Portuguesa de Energias Renováveis'* (APREN).
3	**Link to National Qualification Catalogue** https://catalogo.anqep.gov.pt/percursosPesquisa	This link to the platform National Qualification Catalogue of the Agência Nacional para a Qualificação e o Ensino Profissional shows a specific section for the Green Skills & Jobs Programme was created.

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of Government Order which establishes the Green Skills & Jobs programme
Government Order No. 21/2023, which entered into force on 7 January 2024 (as per Article 21), established the Green Skills & Jobs Programme (referred to 'the programme' henceforth). Article 1 of Government Order No. 21/2023 indicates that the Green Skills & Jobs Programme is a vocational training programme in the field of energy.

Article 6 of Government Order No. 21/2023 sets out that the programme is composed of multiple trainings ('*percursos*') and it sets the conditions for trainings to be eligible under the programme. More specifically, Article 6 outlines that eligible trainings are:
- either part of the National Qualifications Catalogue (CNQ), notably competency units (UC) or short training units (UFCD), which are accessible via Link to National Qualification Catalogue (www.catalogo.anqep.gov.pt.)

- or, in well-justified cases, the training modules may be tailor-made, subject to IEFP approval and consultation with the Agency for Energy 'Agência para a Energia' (ADENE) and the Portuguese Association for Renewable Energies 'Associação Portuguesa de Energias Renováveis' (APREN).

Commission services accessed the Link to National Qualification Catalogue provided by the authorities on 18 August 2025 to verify that there was a section in the platform specifically dedicated to the Green Skills & Jobs programme. This check was completed successfully, further confirming that the programme was created.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.42 Signature of contract

Related Measure: C21.i16 Nazaré Funicular

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of contract

Time: Q3 2024

1. Context:

This investment aims to provide sustainable public transport in Nazaré. The investment comprises the installation of a funicular to be integrated into the public transport network and accessible to cyclists and individuals with reduced mobility.

Milestone 21.42 requires the signature of contract between the public authorities and the contractor selected through an international open tender procedure.

Milestone 21.42 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by milestone 21.43, which requires the that the funicular is ready for immediate operation, linking the Pederneira area to the lower area of the village of Nazaré. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q1 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	**Contract** signed by the municipality of Nazare and Oliveiras S.A. (the contractor) on 7 February 2025	Contract signed by Nazaré Municipality and the contractor for the construction of Nazaré funicular
3	**Tender specifications** published on https://www.acingov.pt/acingovprod/2/zonaPublica/zona_publica_c/donwloadProcedurePiece/Nz_Q0NjM3 according to point 15 of Notice No. 5310/2024)	These set out the requirements, characteristics and conditions of the works related to the construction of the Nazaré funicular. They are also a binding part of the contract (Clause 2.2).
4	**Notice No. 5310/2024** (published in the Portugal's Official Journal, *'Diário da República'* No. 60/2024, second series of 25 March 2024)	The notice of public competition with international advertising provides all the details of the contract for the construction of Nazaré funicular.
5	**Final report** of 08 October 2024 by the municipality of Nazaré	Final report signed by the municipality of Nazaré on 08 October 2024 on the analysis, selection and decision process of Notice No. 5310/2024

3. Analysis:

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

Signature of the contract between the public authorities and the contractor selected through an international open tender procedure.

On 25 March 2024, the public authority, Municipality of Nazaré (*Câmara Municipal da Nazaré*) published in the European Union and Portugal's Official Journals the notice of the international public tender to construct a funicular in Nazaré (Notice No. 5310/2024). Points 3 and 5 of Notice No. 5310/2024 state that the tender was a public tender while point 2 states that it was published in the European Union Official Journal.

The final report of the tender process, signed on 8 October 2024, confirms that Oliveiras S.A. was awarded the tender of Notice No. 5310/2024 through an international open tender procedure. On 7 February 2025, the Municipality of Nazaré signed a contract with the selected contractor Oliveiras S.A. for the construction of a funicular to connect Nazaré to Pederneira (Clause 1 of the Contract).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment includes the construction of a mechanical transport solution (funicular) of about 200 meters length between Praia and the Pederneira area**.
The tender specifications, the provisions of which are legally binding under clause 2.2 of the contract, establish that the project consists in the construction of a mechanical transport solution (funicular) with an approximate length of 200 meters between the Praia and Pederneira areas (Clause 1 of Tender Specifications).

The description of the measure also establishes that **the funicular shall be integrated in the public transport network and be accessible to bikes and persons with reduced mobility**.
Clause 5 of the tender specifications states the funicular must be incorporated into the public transport system, ensuring connectivity within the network. Clause 5 also establishes that the funicular must be designed to accommodate bicycles and provide accessibility for individuals with reduced mobility.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.