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Positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets related to the eighth payment request submitted by Portugal on 14 November 2025, transmitted to the Economic and Financial Committee by the European Commission

Executive summary

In accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, on 14 November 2025, Portugal submitted a request for payment for the eighth instalment of the non-repayable support and the eighth instalment of the loan support. The payment request was accompanied by the required management declaration and summary of audits.

To support its payment request, Portugal provided due justification of the satisfactory fulfilment of the 32 milestones and targets of the eighth instalment of the non-repayable support and the 2 milestones and targets of the eighth instalment of the loan support, as set out in Section 2(1)(1.8) and Section 2(2)(2.7) of the Council Implementing Decision of 4 December 2025 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Portugal¹.

For 8 targets covering a large number of beneficiaries, in addition to the summary documents and official listings provided by Portugal, Commission services have assessed a statistically significant sample of individual files. The sample size has been uniformly set at 60, which corresponds 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 34 milestones and targets.

The milestones and targets positively assessed as part of this payment request demonstrate significant steps in the implementation of Portugal's Recovery and Resilience Plan. They notably highlight the continuation of the reform momentum in key policy areas. This includes, among others, reforms aimed at digitalizing public services, modernizing public financial management, fostering justice efficiency, and monitoring energy poverty. This also includes, among others, the completion of investment projects related to digital health transition, business recapitalization in the Azores, education in STEAM, sustainable water management and renewable energy in the Algarve and Madeira, and smarter public transport systems in Porto and Braga. Further investments focus on strengthening critical digital infrastructure, implementing intelligent territory management, supporting citizens in adopting energy efficiency measures, supporting private sector finance, namely through InvestEU, and on modernising the new public administration workforce evaluation system.

¹ ST 10149/21 INIT and ST 10149/21 ADD 1 REV 1, as amended by ST 13351/23 INIT and ST 13351/23 ADD 1 REV 1, ST 13497/24 INIT and ST 8055/25 INIT and ST 8055/25 ADD 1, ST 12491/25 INIT and ST 12491/25 ADD 1, and ST 15796/25 INIT and ST 15796/25 ADD 1.

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

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Number and name of the Milestone: 1.34 Availability of information technology modules

Related Measure: C01-i06 Digital Health Transition

Qualitative Indicator: Availability of modules

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to support the digital transition of the National Health Service, specifically telemedicine, telehealth, and digital systems.

Milestone 1.34 consists in making available to healthcare staff three modules for administrative and clinical tasks, namely “SCLínico CSP”, “SCLínico H Linux” and “S3 Healthcare system”.

Milestone 1.34 is the third and last milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 1.32 and target 1.33, related to the upgrade of local information technology networks and the provision of new functionalities for telehealth and telemonitoring, respectively.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Report on the implementation of modules for healthcare providers of 24 July 2025 signed by the <i>Serviços Partilhados do Ministério da Saúde, E.P.E.</i> (SPMS)	Report authored by SPMS on the implementation of administrative information-technology modules, basic clinical modules and emergency clinical modules for healthcare providers.

3. Analysis:

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

Availability for healthcare staff...

The main characteristics, functionalities and evolution of the “SCLínico CSP”, “SCLínico H Linux” and “S3 Healthcare System” modules, including their performance of clinical and administrative tasks, and their availability to healthcare staff in primary and hospital care, are described on pages 24 to 40 of the report on the implementation of modules for healthcare providers authored by SPMS.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 25 November 2025 to verify the availability of the modules to healthcare staff. During this check, authorities showed (i) the back-office of the

modules, demonstrating how any member of healthcare staff could use the different functionalities, (ii) that the modules are accessible to healthcare staff and (iii) the availability of manuals for the use of the modules for healthcare staff. Therefore, the on-the-spot check was completed successfully, confirming that the modules “SCLínico CSP” and “S3 Healthcare system” allowed healthcare staff, including medical doctors and nurses, to perform tasks of administrative or clinical nature, and that the module “SCLínico H Linux” allowed healthcare staff, including medical doctors and nurses, to perform tasks of clinical nature.

of the following clinical or administrative modules for primary or hospital care: “SCLínico CSP”, “SCLínico H Linux” and “S3 Healthcare system”.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 25 November 2025 to verify the availability of the three modules for clinical or administrative tasks for primary or hospital care. This check was completed successfully, confirming that (i) the modules “SCLínico CSP” and “S3 Healthcare system” allowed to perform tasks of administrative or clinical nature within primary and hospital care, respectively, and (ii) the module “SCLínico H Linux” allowed to perform tasks of clinical nature within hospital care.

For the modules “SCLínico CSP” and “S3 Healthcare system”:

- The administrative tasks include (but are not limited to) updating patient centrally registered information, managing appointments and absences, overseeing patient admissions and waitlists, tracking consultations, viewing patient allocations per professional, facilitating referrals to other specialists or units, managing the payment fees of consultations and treatments, issue declarations for patients to present to their employees for justifying absences, and documenting automatic reminders sent to patients for upcoming consultations.
- The clinical tasks include (but are not limited to) providing prevention alerts to the health professional (e.g. a given patient should undergo a certain test) and monitoring alerts (e.g. a given patient needs a specific vaccine or a diabetic foot risk assessment), as well as recording of health programmes with clinical information (e.g. diabetes programme).

For the module “SCLínico H Linux”, the clinical tasks include (but are not limited to) accessing patient information to view history and record consultations, documenting observations, diagnoses, and prescriptions, and submitting requests for exams and analyses.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment consists in the digitalisation of the National Health Service** (telemedicine, telehealth, and **digital systems**).

As detailed above, the three modules constitute digital systems available to healthcare staff, enabling them to perform a range of tasks within those digital systems.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 1.35 New digital equipment for Madeira's regional health service

Related Measure: C01-i07-RAM Digitalisation of Madeira's Regional Health Service

Quantitative Indicator: 3 600

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

This investment aims at fostering the digitalisation of Madeira's Regional Health Service. The investment consists in the acquisition of equipment and software.

Target 1.35 concerns the purchase of 3 600 pieces of digital equipment or software.

Target 1.35 is the only step of the implementation of the investment.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2A	Contract 1 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda.', signed on 13 and 14 October 2021.	Contract for the purchase of 498 desktop computers and 30 laptop computers for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2B	Contract 2 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Basedois – Informatica e Telecomunicações, Lda', signed on 17 and 22 of March 2023.	Contract for the purchase of 521 desktop computers, with monitor, mouse and keyboard, and of 40 computers, with mouse and keyboard, for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2C	Contract 3 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MCI - Maurílio Caires Informatica, Lda', signed on 4 and 8 of July 2024.	Contract for the purchase of 300 portable computers for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2D	Contract 4 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda', signed on 16 July 2024.	Contract for the purchase of 856 computers for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2E	Contract 5 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and	Contract for the purchase of 200 access points and 150 switches for the Health

	'MC-Computadores, SA', signed on 7, 11, and 19 November 2024.	Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2F	Contract 6 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Prosonic – Produtos de Imagem e Comunicação, SA', signed on 17, 18 and 21 March 2023.	Contract for the purchase of 100 minicomputers, with screens, mice and keyboards, for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2G	Contract 7 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'C7 Pombal, Lda', signed on 3 and 4 July 2024.	Contract for the purchase of 100 mini portable computers for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2H	Contract 8 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MEO Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia', signed on 4 and 9 July 2024.	Contract for the purchase of 150 tablets for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2I	Contract 9 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'INSC – Informática, Serviços e Consultoria', signed on 4 and 8 July 2024.	Contract for the purchase of 25 mobile terminals for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
2J	Contract 10 , between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MC - Computadores, S.A.', signed on 23 August 2022.	Contract for the purchase of 200 access points and 100 switches for the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).
3A	Authorising decision 1 , signed on 20 October 2023 by representatives of the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).	Decision by the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) authorising the purchase of the equipment and respective expenditure amount.
3B	Authorising decision 2 , signed on 20 February 2024 by the coordinator of the Supply Unit of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) – as delegated by the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM).	Decision by the Supply Unit (as delegated by the Administration Council) of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) authorising the purchase of the equipment and respective expenditure amount.
3C	Authorising decision 3 , signed by representatives of the Administration Council of the Health	Decision by the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira

	Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM), on 31 March 2023.	(SESARAM) authorising the purchase of the equipment and respective expenditure amount.
3D	Authorising decision 4 , signed by representatives of the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM), on 26 May 2023.	Decision by the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) authorising the purchase of the software <i>Gestão Jurigest</i> for the management of litigations.
3E	Authorising decision 5 , signed by representatives of the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM), on 7 December 2023.	Decision by the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) authorising the purchase of a software for the management of the transfusion process and hemovigilance.
4A	Acceptance Certificate 1 , signed on 13 December of 2021 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda.).	Acceptance Certificate attesting, among others, the acceptance of 498 desktop computers purchased under 'Contract 1' in the evidence list.
4B	Acceptance Certificate 2 , signed on 3 November of 2021 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda.).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 30 laptop computers purchased under 'Contract 1' in the evidence list.
4C	Acceptance Certificate 3 , signed on 3 November 2021 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (Basedois – Informática e Telecomunicações, Lda.).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 521 desktop computers, with monitor, mouse and keyboard, purchased under 'Contract 2' in the evidence list.
4D	Acceptance Certificate 4 , signed on 10 July 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (Basedois – Informatica e Telecomunicações, Lda.).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 40 computers, with mouses and keyboards, purchased under 'Contract 2' in the evidence list.
4E	Acceptance Certificate 5 , signed on 10 September 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 300 portable computers purchased under 'Contract 3' in the evidence list.

	the selling company (MCI - Maurício Caires Informatica, Lda).	
4F	Acceptance Certificate 6 , signed on 16 October 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 856 computers purchased under 'Contract 4' in the evidence list.
4H	Acceptance Certificate 7 , signed on 6 June 2025 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (MC-Computadores, SA).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 200 access points and 150 switches purchased under 'Contract 5' in the evidence list.
4I	Acceptance Certificate 8 , signed on 10 July 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (Prosonic – Produtos de imagem e comunicacao, SA).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 100 minicomputers purchased under 'Contract 6' in the evidence list.
4J	Acceptance Certificate 9 , signed on 10 September 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (C7 Pombal, Lda).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 100 portable computers purchased under 'Contract 7' in the evidence list.
4K	Acceptance Certificate 10 , signed on 19 August 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (MEO Servicos de Comunicacoes e Multimedia).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 24 tablets purchased under 'Contract 8' in the evidence list.
4L	Acceptance Certificate 11 , signed on 9 September 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (MEO Servicos de Comunicacoes e Multimedia).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of additional 126 tablets purchased under 'Contract 8' in the evidence list.
4M	Acceptance Certificate 12 , signed on 7 November 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (INSC – Informatica, Servicos e Consultoria).	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 25 mobile terminals purchased under 'Contract 9' in the evidence list.
4N	Acceptance Certificate 13 , signed on 8 May 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 200 access points and

	(SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company (MC-Computadores, SA).	100 switches purchased under 'Contract 10' in the evidence list.
4O	Acceptance Certificate 14 , signed on 24 October 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company.	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 100 computers purchased under 'Authorising decision 1' in the evidence list.
4P	Acceptance Certificate 15 , signed on 12 December of 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company.	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of additional 15 computers purchased under 'Authorising decision 1' in the evidence list.
4Q	Acceptance Certificate 16 , signed on 26 March 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company.	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 150 hard storage drives purchased under 'Authorising decision 2' in the evidence list.
4R	Acceptance Certificate 17 , signed on 9 June 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company.	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of 85 printers purchased under 'Authorising decision 3' in the evidence list.
4S	Acceptance Certificate 18 , signed on 13 July 2023 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company.	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of a management software purchased under 'Authorising decision 4' in the evidence list.
4T	Acceptance Certificate 19 , signed on 20 February 2024 by technicians and workers of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and by a representative of the selling company.	Acceptance Certificate attesting acceptance of a software purchased under 'Authorising decision 5' in the evidence list.

3. Analysis:

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

Purchase of 3 600 pieces of digital equipment or software.

The table below presents the digital equipment or software purchased by the Portuguese authorities, with information on the type of equipment or software, quantity and respective contracts or decisions authorising the purchase and reception acts attesting the delivery of the equipment or software.

Type of equipment or software	Quantity	Contract or decision for the purchase of equipment or software	Reception acts of digital equipment or software
Desktop computers	498	Contract 1 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda.', on 13 and 14 October 2021.	Acceptance Certificate 1 Acceptance on the 13 December of 2021.
Laptops	30	Contract 1 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda.', on the 13 and 14 October 2021.	Acceptance Certificate 2 Acceptance on the 3 November 2021.
Desktop computers, with monitor, mouse and keyboard	521	Contract 2 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Basedois – Informática e Telecomunicações, Lda', on 17 and 22 March 2023.	Acceptance Certificate 3 Acceptance on 10 July of 2023.
All in one computers, with mouse and keyboard	40	Contract 2 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Basedois – Informatica e Telecomunicações, Lda', on 17 and 22 March 2023.	Acceptance Certificate 4 Acceptance on 10 July 2023.
Portable computers	300	Contract 3 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MCI-Maurilicio Caires Informatica, Lda', on 4 and 8 July 2024.	Acceptance Certificate 5 Acceptance on 10 September 2024.
Computers	856	Contract 4	Acceptance Certificate 6

		Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Ligue-se Entermadeira.com, Unipessoal, Lda', on 16 of July 2024.	Acceptance on 16 of October 2024.
Access points	200	Contract 5 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MC-Computadores, SA', on 19 and 11 November 2024.	Acceptance Certificate 7 Acceptance on 6 June 2025.
Switches	150	Contract 5 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MC-Computadores, SA', on 7, 11, and 19 November 2024.	Acceptance Certificate 7 Acceptance on 6 June 2025.
Minicomputers	100	Contract 6 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Prosonic – Produtos de imagem e comunicacao, SA', on 17 and 18 November 2023.	Acceptance Certificate 8 Acceptance on 10 July 2023.
Mini portable computers	100	Contract 7 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'C7 Pombal, Lda', on 3 and 4 July 2024.	Acceptance Certificate 9 Acceptance on 10 September 2024.
Tablets	150	Contract 8 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MEO Serviços de Comunicações e Multimedia', on 4 and 9 July 2024.	Acceptance Certificates 10 and 11 Acceptance on 19 August 2024 (Acceptance Certificate 10) and on 9 September 2024 (Acceptance Certificate 11).
Mobile terminals	25	Contract 9 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous	Acceptance Certificate 12 Acceptance on 7 November 2024.

		Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'INSC – Informatica, Serviços e Consultoria', on 4 and 8 July 2024.	
Access Points	200	Contract 10 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MC-Computadores, SA', on 23 August 2022.	Acceptance Certificate 13 Acceptance on 5 April 2023.
Switches	100	Contract 10 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'MC-Computadores, SA', on 23 of August 2022.	Acceptance Certificate 13 Acceptance on 5 April 2023.
Computers	115	Authorising decision 1 Signed by representatives of the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM), on 20 October 2023.	Acceptance certificates 14 and 15 Acceptance on 24 October 2023 (Acceptance Certificate 14) and on 12 December 2023 (Acceptance Certificate 15).
Hard storage drives	150	Authorising decision 2 Signed by the coordinator of the supply unit of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) – as delegated by the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM), on 20 February 2024.	Acceptance Certificate 16 Acceptance on 26 March 2024.
Printers	85	Authorising decision 3 Signed by representatives of the Administration Council of the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM), on the 31 March 2023.	Acceptance Certificate 17 Acceptance on 9 June 2023.
Software <i>Jurigest</i>	1	Authorising decision 4	Acceptance Certificate 18

		Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Letstrade, Comercio and Services, LDA', on 26 May 2023.	Acceptance on 13 July 2023.
Digital system for transfusion security and hemovigilance	1	Authorising decision 5 Signed between the Health Service of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (SESARAM) and 'Grifols Portugal LDA', on 27 October 2023.	Acceptance Certificate 19 Acceptance on 20 February 2024.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the purchase of 3 600 pieces of digital equipment or software. Portugal purchased 3 622 pieces of digital equipment and software, thus exceeding the goal of target 1.35 by 22.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 1.36 Availability of the app and website of the Azores' regional health service

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

Qualitative Indicator: Availability of the app and website

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to scale up the digitalisation of the Azores health services. It consists in offering citizens digital access to healthcare.

Milestone 1.36 consists in making available for citizens the "My Saúde Açores" app and website with healthcare information, including appointments, results of medical analysis, or medicine prescriptions.

Milestone 1.36 is the last milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 1.37 related to telemedicine in the Azores' regional health service.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Report on implementation issued by the Government of the Azores and signed on 22 October 2025	Report providing screenshots and descriptions of the functionalities available on the website and app My Saúde Açores.
3A	Link to the My Saúde Açores website https://mysaude.azores.gov.pt/ https://mysaude.azores.gov.pt/#/register	Link to the website My Saúde Açores. Commission services verified on 28 November 2025 that the link was operational.
3B	Link to the My Saúde Açores app for Android system https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.seamlink.gatewaybox.musa&hl=pt	Link to the My Saúde Açores app for Android system. Commission services verified on 28 November 2025 that the link was operational.
3C	Link to the My Saúde Açores app for iOS system https://apps.apple.com/no/app/my-sa%C3%BAde-a%C3%A7ores/id6503708090	Link to the My Saúde Açores app for iOS system. Commission services verified on 28 November 2025 that the link was operational.

3. Analysis:

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

Availability for citizens of the My Saúde Açores app and website...

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 28 November 2025 to verify that the “My Saúde Açores” app and website were available to citizens. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the app is available to citizens, both on iOS system and Android system, and that the website is also available.

The Commission services also accessed the link provided by the authorities on 28 November 2025 to verify that the “My Saúde Açores” app and website were available to citizens. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the app is available to citizens, both on iOS system and Android system, and that the website is also available.

...with healthcare information, including on scheduled appointments, results of analysis or medicine prescriptions.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 28 November 2025 to verify that the “My Saúde Açores” app and website allowed users to access their own healthcare information, including on scheduled appointments, results of analysis and medicine prescriptions. The check was completed successfully, confirming that the app allows users to access their own healthcare information and healthcare information of the so-called dependent, i.e., minors and/or elderly relatives who are dependent on them. The app and website also include functionalities to schedule appointments, access the history of past appointments, access laboratory test results from medical analyses, renew medicine prescriptions, issue declarations of attendance to medical appointments (for example, for work purposes), and check vaccination records.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 1.38 Purchase of bicycle kits

Related Measure: C01-i09 Universal Active Life Support System

Qualitative Indicator: Purchase of bicycle kits

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to advertise physical activity practice in the country. The investment consists in the purchase of bicycle kits and in a campaign to advertise the benefits of physical activity.

Milestone 1.38 concerns the purchase of 1 980 bicycle kits by the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth.

Milestone 1.38 is the first step of the implementation of the investment, and it is accompanied by milestone 1.39, related to availability of website and mobile app for the Universal Active Life Support System campaign.

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	Acquisition contract No. 34/2022 between Lightmobie, Lda. and the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth (<i>Instituto Português da Juventude</i>) signed on 30 May 2022	Acquisition contract signed between Lightmobie, Lda. and Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth for the acquisition of 1 780 bicycles kits.
3	Acquisition contract No. 16/2023 between PTTEX, Lda. and the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth signed on 24 and 27 April 2023	Acquisition contract signed between PTTEX, Lda. and Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth for the acquisition of 202 bicycles kits.
4	List of invoices issued under the acquisition contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023	List of 1 076 invoices issued under the acquisition contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023, for the total combined prices of these two contracts. The invoices contain an identification number, price paid, number of purchased elements of the kit (bicycle and/or helmets), and a reference to the relevant contract.
5	60 invoices issued under contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023.	In the context of the sampling analysis, invoices issued by Lightmobie, Lda. or PTTEX, Lda. Under contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023 .

3. Analysis:

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

Purchase of 1 980 bicycle kits by the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment consists in the purchase of bicycle kits.**

The Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth concluded contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023 to acquire a combined total of 1 982 bicycle kits. Acquisition contract No. 34/2022, signed with Lightmobie, Lda., concerns the acquisition of 1 780 bicycle kits, each kit comprised of 10 bicycles and 10 helmets (clauses 1(2) and (5)). Additionally, acquisition contract No. 16/2023, signed with PTTEX, Lda., concerns the acquisition of 202 bicycle kits, each kit comprised of 15 bicycles and 15 helmets (clauses 1(2) and (4)).

Portugal submitted a list of invoices issued by Lightmobie, Lda. and PTTEX, Lda. (providers) to the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth (hereinafter “Purchaser”) under the above-mentioned contracts for the acquisition of 1 982 bicycle kits. The list of invoices indicates that 1 076 invoices were issued for the total combined prices of contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023. According to Articles 7(1)(a) and 36(1)(a) of the Value-Added Tax Code, invoices pertaining to the transfer of goods must be issued after the goods are made available to the Purchaser, thus the issuance of the invoices for the total price of the two above-mentioned contracts demonstrates the purchase of the 1 982 bicycle kits under those contracts.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted 60 invoices by Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth under the acquisition contracts No. 34/2022 and 16/2023 for the purchase of 1 982 bicycle kits, with each invoice mentioning the elements of the purchased kit (bicycle and/or helmets). The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that the requirements of the milestone have been met and that all the invoices were issued under one of the above-mentioned acquisition contracts for their corresponding price, demonstrating their fulfilment. According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the purchase of 1 980 bicycle kits. Portugal purchased 1 982 bicycle kits, thus exceeding the goal of milestone 1.38 by 2. On this basis, it is considered that the milestone is satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 1.39 Campaign for the Universal Active Life Support System

Related Measure: C01-i09 Universal Active Life Support System

Qualitative Indicator: Availability of website and app

Time: Q3 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to advertise physical activity practice in Portugal. The investment consists in the purchase of bicycle kits and in a campaign to advertise the benefits of physical activity.

Milestone 1.39 consists in making available a website and a mobile app for the Universal Active Life Support System campaign.

Milestone 1.39 is the second and last milestone of the investment, and it is accompanied by milestone 1.38, which consists in the purchase of bicycle kits by the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth.

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.
2A	Contract between the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth (<i>Instituto Português do Desporto e Juventude, I.P.</i>) and Axianseu II Digital Consulting , signed on 29 May 2024.	Contract for the development, implementation and maintenance of the platform for Active Life Support under the Universal Active Life Support System (<i>Sistema Universal de Apoio à Vida Ativa</i>).
2B	Contract between the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth and Wise Pirates , signed on 30 August 2024.	Contract for the planning and implementation of the National Campaign to Promote Physical and Sporting Activities under the Universal Active Life Support System.
3A	Link to the website of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” under the Universal Active Life Support System https://apptiva.ipdj.gov.pt/campanha/	Link to the website of the national campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” to promote physical and sporting activities under the Universal Active Life Support System (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3B	Link to news piece on the launch event of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” under the Universal Active Life Support System	Link to news piece about the campaign’s launching event which took place on 28 May 2025 (information available and verified by

	on the website of the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth https://ipdj.gov.pt/-/campanha-agora-tu-ativa-te-ipdj-convida-os-portugueses-para-um-estilo-de-vida-mais-ativo-e-saudavel .	European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3C	Link to video of the launch event of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” under the Universal Active Life Support System https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoC2XcFQDdM .	Link to video of the launching event of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” which took place on 28 May 2025 (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3D	Link to advertising spot for the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” under the Universal Active Life Support System https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1L9gNdNMfwc .	Link to advertising spot of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3E	Link to the roadshow of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” under the Universal Active Life Support System https://apptiva.ipdj.gov.pt/#roadshow .	Link to roadshow of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3F	Link to website page for the “APPTIVA” mobile app developed under the Universal Active Life Support System https://apptiva.ipdj.gov.pt/apptiva/ .	Link to the section of the website of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” regarding the mobile app “APPTIVA”, containing a description of the app, QR Code and download buttons, and Frequently Asked Questions (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3G	Link to “APPTIVA” mobile app developed under the Universal Active Life Support System available on Apple App Store (https://apps.apple.com/pt/app/apptiva/id6746482384) and Google Play (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.outsystems.ipdjodc.AppTIVA).	Links to the mobile application “APPTIVA” on both App Store and Google Play, containing a description of the mobile app and download option (information available and verified by European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
3H	Link to user guide for the mobile app “APPTIVA” developed under the Universal Active Life Support System	Link to user guide for the partnerships section of the mobile app “APPTIVA” (information available and verified by

	https://apptiva.ipdj.gov.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Parceiros-Apptiva-Manual-de-Utilizador_compressed.pdf .	European Commission staff on 28 November 2025 at 14:00)
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3. Analysis:

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

The investment consists (...) in a campaign to advertise the benefits of physical activity

In order to create and implement a national campaign promoting physical and sporting activities under the Universal Active Life Support System, the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth contracted the services of Axianseu II Digital Consulting and Wise Pirates (Contract between the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth).

According to Clause 1 of the contract between the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth and Axianseu II Digital Consulting, the contract covers the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Active Life Support platform under the Universal Active Life Support System.

According to Clause 1 of the contract between the Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth and Wise Pirates, the contract covers the conceptualization, advertising, and production and/or acquisition of materials for the National Campaign to Promote Physical and Sporting Activities under the Universal Active Life Support System, as well as media and public relations advisory services.

The campaign included a launch event on 28 May 2025, as evidenced by news piece and video on the launch event, the advertising spot and the roadshow of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!”, which are all available online. The Commission services accessed the links to those actions, as provided by the authorities on 14 November 2025, to verify their content and relation with the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te. This check was completed successfully, confirming that that the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te” to advertise the benefits of physical activity has taken place.

Availability of website and mobile app for the Universal Active Life Support System campaign

A public website of the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” under the Universal Active Life Support System was made available online. The website includes the following sections: a description of the campaign; its partnerships; information on the “APPTIVA” mobile app; other initiatives developed under the Universal Active Life Support System; and contact details. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 14 November 2025 to verify that the website is accessible. This check was completed successfully, confirming that that the website is available.

The “APPTIVA” mobile app, developed under the Universal Active Life Support System, was made available and can be downloaded either through the public website for the campaign “Agora Tu, Ativa-te!” or directly from the Apple App Store or Google Play. A user guide for the partnerships section of the app was also made available online (“APPTIVA” mobile app). The Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 14 November 2025 to verify that the mobile app was available. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the mobile app “APPTIVA” is available.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Preliminary Assessment – M/T specific section:

Non-repayable support

Number and name of the Milestone: 3.15 Ageing in place project programme

Related Measure: C03-i04-RAA Regional Strategy for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion — Social Support Networks (ARA)

Qualitative Indicator: Administrative order issued by the Azores Regional Government

Time: Q4 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to support social and educational services in the Autonomous Region of the Azores. This investment consists in supporting children's, young people's and elderly people's as well as families in need and people with disabilities access to social and educational services.

Milestone 3.15 provides for the issuance of an administrative order by the Autonomous Region of the Azores to select at least 425 elderly people under the Ageing in Place Programme.

Milestone 3.15 is the first milestone of the investment, and it will be followed by target 3.12 related to training of individuals from families receiving social support, target 3.13 related to the construction or renovation of buildings for people with disabilities, target 3.14 related to electric vehicles for social institutions, and target 3.16 related to children's and young people's access to social and educational services. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Resolution of the Azores Government Council No. 13/2022 of 21 February 2022 (<i>Resolução do Conselho do Governo n.º 13/2022 de 21 de fevereiro de 2022</i>) published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, Series I, No. 22, which entered into force on 22 February 2022.	This legal act establishes the "Ageing in Place" programme and approves its Regulation.
3	Order No. 1255-A/2022 of 23 June (<i>Despacho n.º 1255-A/2022 de 23 de junho de 2022</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 119, which entered into force on 23 June 2022.	This legal act establishes the number of vacancies available in the Municipalities of Ponta Delgada and Praia da Vitória.
4	Order No. 366-A/2023 of 7 March 2023 (<i>Despacho n.º 366-A/2023 de 7 de março de</i>	This legal act establishes the number of vacancies available in the Municipalities

	2023), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 47, which entered into force on 1 January 2023.	of Ponta Delgada, Praia da Vitória, Lagoa, Vila Franca do Campo and Horta.
5	Order No.1704-A/2024 of 16 August (<i>Despacho n.º 1704-A/2024 de 16 de agosto de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 157, which entered into force on 17 August 2024.	This legal act establishes the number of vacancies available in the Municipalities of Vila do Porto, Nordeste, Povoação, Ribeira Grande, Angra do Heroísmo, Santa Cruz da Graciosa, Calheta, Velas, Lajes do Pico, Madalena, São Roque do Pico, Lajes das Flores, Santa Cruz das Flores, Vila Nova do Corvo, as well as Horta and Ponta Delgada.
6	Azores Government Order No. 42/2022 of 14 June (<i>Portaria n.º 42/2022 de 14 de junho de 2022</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, Series I, No 74, which entered into force on 15 June 2022, amended by Order No. 49/2024 of 15 of July (<i>Portaria n.º 49/2024 de 15 de julho de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, Series I, No 68, which entered into force on 15 June 2022 and later rectified by the rectification declaration No 11/2024 of 19 July 2024 (<i>Declaração de Retificação n.º 11/2024 de 19 de julho de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, Series I, No 72, which entered into force on 20 July 2024.	This legal act establishes the selection regime for the implementation of the “Ageing in Place” programme.
7	Order No. 2427/2022 of 29 November (<i>Despacho n.º 2427/2022 de 29 de novembro de 2022</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, Series II, No. 229, which entered into force on 29 November 2022	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Ponta Delgada.
8	Order No. 2493/2022 of 16 December (<i>Despacho n.º 2493/2022 de 16 de dezembro de 2022</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 240, which entered into force on 16 December 2022	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Praia da Vitória.
9	Order No. 1570/2023 of 12 September (<i>Despacho n.º 1570/2023 de 12 de setembro de 2023</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 176, which entered into force on 12 September 2023	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Horta.

10	Order No. 1949/2023 of 24 October (<i>Despacho n.º 1949/2023 de 24 de outubro de 2023</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 205, which entered into force on 24 October 2023	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Lagoa.
11	Order No. 2155/2023 of 20 November (<i>Despacho n.º 2155/2023 de 20 de novembro de 2023</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 223, which entered into force on 20 November 2023	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Vila Franca do Campo.
12	Order No. 43/2025 of 13 January (<i>Despacho n.º 43/2025 de 13 de janeiro de 2025</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 8, which entered into force on 13 January 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Povoação.
13	Order No. 44/2025 of 13 January (<i>Despacho n.º 44/2025 de 13 de janeiro de 2025</i>) published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 8, which entered into force on 13 January 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Lajes do Pico.
14	Order No. 141/2025 of 20 January (<i>Despacho n.º 141/2025 de 20 de janeiro de 2025</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 13, which entered into force on 20 January 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Santa Cruz da Graciosa.
15	Order No. 142/2025 of 20 January (<i>Despacho n.º 142/2025 de 20 de janeiro de 2025</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 13, which entered into force on 20 January 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Nordeste.
16	Order No. 240/2025 of 3 February (<i>Despacho n.º 240/2025 de 3 de fevereiro de 2025</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 23, which entered into force on 3 February 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Angra do Heroísmo.
17	Order No. 486/2025 of 3 March (<i>Despacho n.º 486/2025 de 3 de março de 2025</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 43, which entered into force on 3 March 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Horta.
18	Order No. 589/2025 of 13 March (<i>Despacho n.º 589/2025 de 13 de março de 2025</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 51, which entered into force on 13 March 2025	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Ponta Delgada.

19	Order No. 2283/2024 (<i>Despacho n.º 2283/2024 de 12 de novembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 218, which entered into force on 12 November 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Lajes das Flores.
20	Order No. 2334/2024 of 19 november (<i>Despacho n.º 2334/2024 de 19 de novembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 223, which entered into force on 19 November 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of São Roque do Pico.
21	Order No. 2381/2024 of 27 November (<i>Despacho n.º 2381/2024 de 27 de novembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 229, which entered into force on 27 November 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Velas.
22	Order No. 2545/2024 of 18 December (<i>Despacho n.º 2545/2024 de 18 de dezembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 244, which entered into force on 18 December 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Vila do Porto.
23	Order No. 2546/2024 of 18 December (<i>Despacho n.º 2546/2024 de 18 de dezembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 244, which entered into force on 18 December 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Ribeira Grande.
24	Order No. 2610/2024 (<i>Despacho n.º 2610/2024 de 30 de dezembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 250, which entered into force on 30 December 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Calheta.
25	Order No. 2611/2024 of 30 December (<i>Despacho n.º 2611/2024 de 30 de dezembro de 2024</i>), published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores, series II, No. 250, which entered into force on 30 December 2024	This legal act approves the selection of candidates under the “Ageing in Place” programme for the Municipality of Madalena do Pico.

3. Analysis:

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

Administrative order issued by the Autonomous Region of Azores selecting at least 425 elderly people under the Ageing in place programme.

On 22 February 2022, the Ageing in place programme, which supports elderly people to stay in their homes and communities, entered into force pursuant to Resolution of the Azores Government Council No. 13/2022. This Resolution approved the Regulation of the Ageing in place programme, which is set out in its Annex (hereinafter referred to as Ageing in place Regulation).

According to article 11 (1) and (2) of the Ageing in place Regulation, the maximum number of elderly people supported by this programme is defined by Order of the Regional Government member responsible for social solidarity. Accordingly, Order No. 1255-A/2022 set a limit of 100 elderly people to be supported in the first phase of the programme. A subsequent Order increased this limit by 150 additional vacancies (Order No. 366-A/2023). The latter was followed by a third Order adding a further 221 vacancies (Order No.1704-A/2024). In total, a maximum of 471 vacancies was set under the Ageing in place programme.

To be eligible for the Ageing in place programme, individuals must be natural persons aged 65 or over and meet the additional requirements set out in Article 12 of the Ageing in Place Regulation.

According to the Ageing in Place programme procedure established by Order No. 42/2022, as amended by Order No. 49/2024, the Autonomous Region of Azores adopted the following 19 administrative Orders, selecting 456 elderly people for the Ageing in place programme:

1. Order No. 2427/2022, regarding the selection of **50 elderly people** in the Municipality of Ponta Delgada, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Point 1 of Order No. 1255-A/2022.
2. Order No. 2493/2022 regarding the selection of **50 elderly people** in the Municipality of Praia da Vitoria, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Point 1 of Order No. 1255-A/2022.
3. Order No. 1570/2023, regarding the selection of **50 elderly people** to be supported in the Municipality of Horta in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 2 and 3 of Order No. 366-A/2023.
4. Order No. 1949/2023r regarding the selection of **50 elderly people** in the Municipality of Lagoa, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 2 and 3 of Order No. 366-A/2023.
5. Order No. 2155/2023 regarding the filling of **50 elderly people** in the Municipality of Vila Franca do Campo, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 2 and 3 of Order No. 366-A/2023.
6. Order No. 43/2025 regarding the selection of **six elderly people** in the Municipality of Povoação, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
7. Order No. 44/2025 regarding the selection of **six elderly people** in the Municipality of Lajes do Pico, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024).

8. Order No. 141/2025, regarding the selection of **10 elderly people** in the Municipality of Santa Cruz da Graciosa, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
9. Order No. 142/2025, regarding the selection of **five elderly people** in the Municipality of Nordeste, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
10. Order No. 240/2025, regarding the selection of **36 elderly people** in the Municipality of Angra do Heroísmo, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
11. Order No. 486/2025, regarding the selection of **six elderly people** in the Municipality of Horta, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Point 3 of Order No.1704-A/2024.
12. Order No. 589/2025 regarding the selection of **90 elderly people** in the Municipality of Ponta Delgada, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Point 3 of Order No.1704-A/2024.
13. Order No. 2283/2024, regarding the selection of **one elderly individual** in the Municipality of Lajes das Flores, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
14. Order No. 2334/2024 regarding the selection of **four elderly people** in the Municipality of São Roque do Pico, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Point 3 of Order No.1704-A/2024.
15. Order No. 2381/2024 regarding the selection of **five elderly people** in the Municipality of Velas, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
16. Order No. 2545/2024 regarding the selection of **10 elderly people** in the Municipality of Vila do Porto, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.
17. Order No. 2546/2024 regarding the selection of **15 elderly people** in the Municipality of Ribeira Grande (in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024)
18. Order No. 2610/2024 regarding the selection of **five elderly people** in the Municipality of Calheta, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No. 1704-A/2024.
19. Order No. 2611/2024 regarding the selection of **seven elderly people** in the Municipality of Madalena do Pico, in accordance with the maximum number of covered eligible individuals set out in Points 1, 2 and Annex I of Order No.1704-A/2024.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment consists in supporting **elderly people's access to social [...] services**. The "Ageing in Place" programme supports individuals aged 65 or older by providing local support through the design and implementation of an Individual Care Plan. As set out in Article 2 of the Ageing in place Regulation (Resolution of the Azores Government Council No. 13/2022 of 21 February 2022), the Individual Care Plan ensures access to a broad range of services and assistance, including personal care, psychosocial and psychological support, cognitive stimulation, assistance with daily living activities, and accompaniment to community, leisure, or other social activities, thereby enabling older persons to remain safely in their homes and communities over time.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 5.20 Projects for restructuring enterprises in the processing or marketing sector, and for restructuring farms

Related Measure: C05-i05-RAA, Economic Recovery of Azorean Agriculture

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 224

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to boost agriculture in the Azores, focusing on sustainability and local production. The investment consists of i) investment projects in products and production processes, ii) investment in the twin transition and iii) investment in the restructuring of the regional slaughter network and certification of quality of milk.

Target 5.20 concerns 224 projects contracted under support schemes for products and processes, of which: 11 projects for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector, and 213 projects for the restructuring of farms.

Target 5.20 is the second target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 5.18, related to the publication of an Innovation and Digitalisation Programme for Agriculture in the Azores. It will be followed by target 5.19, related to the building or renovation of two buildings for animal slaughter or certification of milk quality or food safety. 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 the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Regional Regulatory Decree No. 23/2022/A of 15 November (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 220/2022, first series of 15 November 2022, pages 8-22, which entered into force on 16 November 2022), as amended by Regional Regulatory Decree No. 5/2023/A of 21 February (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 37/2023, first series of 21 February 2023, pages 4-20, which entered into force on 22 February	The regional regulatory decree regulates the support schemes for innovation projects in terms of products, production processes and organization, as well as ecological and digital transitions aimed at restructuring companies in the agricultural product processing or marketing of agricultural products.

	2025) and Regional Regulatory Decree No. 5/2025/A of 22 January (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 15/2025, first series of 22 January 2025, which entered into force on 23 January 2025). The consolidated version of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 23/2022/A of 15 November is published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 15/2025, first series of 22 January 2025.	
3	Regional Regulatory Decree No. 3/2023/A of 24 January (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 17/2023, first series of 24 January 2023, pages 6-17, which entered into force on 25 January 2023), as amended by Regional Regulatory Decree No. 11/2023/A of 23 March (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 59/2023, first series of 23 March 2023, pages 40-53, which entered into force on 24 March 2023). The consolidated version of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 3/2023/A of 24 January is published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 59/2023, first series of 23 March 2023, pages 40-53.	The regional regulatory decree regulates the support schemes for products and processes related to the restructuring of farms.
4	Tender Notice No. 10/C05-i05-RAA/2022 "Medida C05-i05-RAA-m01_Ação m01.a - Regimes de apoio à inovação de produtos e processos de produção e organização, à transição verde e à transição digital, destinados à reestruturação de empresas regionais do setor da transformação e comercialização de produtos agrícolas", issued by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Markets, IPRA (<i>Instituto de Alimentação e Mercados Agrícolas</i> - IAMA).	This notice invites for expressions of interest for support for innovation projects in terms of products, production processes and organization, as well as ecological and digital transitions aimed at restructuring companies in the agricultural product processing and marketing sector, within the scope of support schemes.
5	Tender Notice No. 11/C05-i05-RAA/2023 "Medida C05-i05-RAA-m01_Ação m01.a - Regimes de apoio à inovação de produtos e processos de produção e organização, à transição verde e à transição digital, destinados à reestruturação de empresas regionais do	This notice invites for expressions of interest for support for innovation projects in terms of products, production processes and organization, as well as ecological and digital transitions aimed at restructuring companies in the agricultural product processing and marketing sector, within the scope of support schemes.

	setor da transformação e comercialização de produtos agrícolas”, issued by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Markets, IPRA (IAMA).	
6	Tender Notice No. 12/C05-i05-RAA/2023 “Medida C05-i05-RAA-m01_Ação m01.b - Regimes de apoio à inovação de produtos e processos de produção e organização, à transição verde e à transição digital, destinados à reestruturação das explorações agrícolas”, issued by the Regional Directorate of Rural Development (DRDR).	This notice invites for expressions of interest for support for innovation projects in products, production processes and organization, as well as the green and digital transitions aimed at the restructuring of farms, within the scope of support schemes.
7	Tender Notice 13/C05-i05-RAA/2023 “Medida C05-i05-RAA-m01_Ação m01.b - Regimes de apoio à inovação de produtos e processos de produção e organização, à transição verde e à transição digital, destinados à reestruturação das explorações agrícolas”, issued by the Regional Directorate of Rural Development (DRDR).	This notice invites for expressions of interest for support for innovation projects in products, production processes and organization, as well as the green and digital transitions aimed at the restructuring of farms, within the scope of support schemes
8	List of projects contracted , including projects for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector, and projects for the restructuring of farms.	This list includes 268 projects contracted as per the different Tender Notices. This list was used for the selection of samples.
9	Terms of acceptance	In the context of the sampling analysis, 60 terms of acceptance for projects contracted under support schemes for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector, and for the restructuring of farms were provided.

3. Analysis:

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

Projects contracted under support schemes for products and processes:

The support schemes for products and processes for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or commercialisation sector and for the restructuring of farms are regulated by two Regional Regulatory Decrees.

- **[including] projects for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector;**

In particular, the support schemes for products and processes for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or commercialisation sector are regulated by the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 23/2022/A. Articles 2 and 3 of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 23/2022/A establish that supports can be granted for investments in activities related to the processing and/or commercialisation of agricultural products within the territory of the Autonomous Region of the Azores.

The Commission considers that there is a clerical error in the text of the Council Implementing Decision as regards the description of target 5.20 and has undertaken the assessment on a revised basis. In such description, it is stated “11 projects for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector”. However, “marketing” should be read as “commercialization”, as the original wording in Portuguese Plan reads “*comercialização*”, which means selling, placing on sale, delivery, or any other form of placing products on the market. Therefore, “marketing” should be interpreted as “commercialization of products in the market”, which is a more accurate translation of the original term “*comercialização*”. Against this background, the justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Portuguese authorities cover all constitutive elements of the target.

Under Article 9 of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 23/2022/A, the eligibility criteria for the investment projects are defined. As per Article 9(g), the investment projects should focus on the processing and/or marketing (to be interpreted as commercialisation of products in the market) of agricultural products in the sectors specified in the call for proposals.

Within the scope of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 23/2022/A, Tender Notice No. 10/C05-i05-RAA/2022 and Tender Notice No. 11/C05-i05-RAA/2023 have been published to invite for expression of interest. Points 7 of both Tender Notice No. 10/C05-i05-RAA/2022 and Tender Notice No. 11/C05-i05-RAA/2023 define the eligibility criteria for the investment projects. As per Point 7(g), one of the general eligibility criteria for investment projects is “to impact the transformation and/or commercialization of agricultural products in the sectors provided for in Annex 1 to the Tender Notice”, where Annex 1 lists the economic activity code to define the sectoral scope. Under Points 9 of Tender Notice No. 10/C05-i05-RAA/2022 and Tender Notice No. 11/C05-i05-RAA/2023, the selection criteria for applications are defined. According to Point 12 of both Tender Notices, the contractualization of the support takes the form of a term of acceptance. The terms of acceptance set out the type of operation (Section 2 “*Identificação da Operação*”), and the support granted (Section 7 “*Valores aprovados*”).

- **(...) projects for the restructuring of farms.**

The support schemes for products and processes for the restructuring of farms are regulated by the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 3/2023/A. Articles 2 and 3 of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 3/2023/A establish that support can be granted for investments in all sectors of activity related to primary agricultural production, except for the tobacco sector, within the territory of the Autonomous Region of the Azores. The eligibility criteria for investment projects are defined under Article 9 of the Regional Regulatory Decree No. 3/2023/A.

Under Regional Regulatory Decree No. 3/2023/A, Tender Notice No. 12/C05-i05-RAA/2023 and Tender Notice 13/C05-i05-RAA/2023 were published to invite for expressions of interest. Points 6 of Tender

Notice No. 12/C05-i05-RAA/2023 and Tender Notice 13/C05-i05-RAA/2023 defines the eligibility criteria for the investment projects. In addition, per points 4(a) and (b) and 6.1(a), the investment projects have to comply with green or digital transition objectives in the agricultural sector and contribute to the enhancement and diversification of an agricultural production.

The contractualization of the support takes the form of a term of acceptance, which specifically sets out the type of operation (Section 2 "*Identificação da Operação*"), and the support granted (Section 7 "*Valores aprovados*").

244 projects, of which 11 for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector; and 213 for the restructuring of farms.

The Portuguese authorities submitted a list of 268 projects approved under Tender Notices No. 10/C05-i05-RAA/2022 and No. 11/C05-i05-RAA/2023 for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector, or Tender Notices No. 12/C05-i05-RAA/2023 and No. 13/C05-i05-RAA/2023 for the restructuring of farms (under column A "Aviso" it is possible to understand though which Tender Notice the projects were selected), and the respective Terms of Acceptance. For each project, the Portuguese authorities reported the contracting dates of the projects (column M "ContractDateTA"). According to the list, 268 Terms of Acceptance were signed: 25 for "projects for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector", of which 18 under Tender Notice No. 10/C05-i05-RAA/2022 and 7 under Tender Notice No. 11/C05-i05-RAA/2023, and 243 for "projects for the restructuring of farms", of which 18 under Tender Notice No. 12/C05-i05-RAA/2023, and 225 under Tender Notice No. 13/C05-i05-RAA/2023.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted 60 terms of acceptance of projects contracted for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector, and of projects contracted for the restructuring of farms. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that the requirement of the target has been met and that Portugal contracted 268 projects, of which 25 for "projects for the restructuring of regional enterprises in the agricultural processing or marketing sector" and 243 for "projects for the restructuring of farms", thus exceeding the goal of target 5.20 by 44 units.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 5.48 Signature of the Contribution Agreement between the government of Portugal and the European Commission

Related Measure: C05-i16 InvestEU Member State Compartment

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of the Contribution Agreement

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

This investment relates to a public investment in the InvestEU Member State compartment in order to incentivise private investment and improve SMEs', small midcaps and individuals' access to finance.

Milestone 5.48 relates to the signature of the Contribution Agreement between the government of Portugal and the European Commission, for an amount of at least EUR 450 000 000.

Milestone 5.48 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 5.49, related to the approval by the InvestEU Investment Committee of the financing of investment operations. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Document duly justifying how the target (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Contribution Agreement signed by the European Union and Portugal on 2 June 2025	Agreement signed between the European Union and the Portuguese Republic defining the Member State Compartment under the InvestEU Programme.
3	Amendment Agreement in respect of the European Investment Fund Member State–Compartment Schedule N° 7 , Portugal signed on behalf of the European Union and of the European Investment Fund on 16 July 2025	Amendment adding Portugal's Schedule to the existing InvestEU Guarantee Agreement.
4	Annex II-A, Schedule 1.1 Sustainability Guarantee	Technical annex to the Guarantee Agreement that defines how the 'Sustainability Guarantee' product operates.
5	Annex II-A, Schedule 1.2 SME Competitiveness Guarantee	Technical annex to the Guarantee Agreement that defines how the 'SME Competitiveness Guarantee' product operates.

6	Annex II-A, Schedule 1.3. Innovation & Digitalisation Guarantee	Technical annex to the Guarantee Agreement that defines how the Innovation & Digitalisation Guarantee' product operates.
7	Link to the InvestEU Portfolio https://engage.eif.org/investeu/guarantees .	Link to the website of the InvestEU Portfolio, including the technical specifications of the Guarantee Products.

3. Analysis:

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

Signature of the Contribution Agreement between the government of Portugal and the European Commission for an amount of at least EUR 450 000 000.

The Contribution Agreement between the European Union and Portugal was signed on 2 June 2025. The Contribution Agreement amounts to EUR 500 000 000, of which 450 000 000 come from the RRF, as specified in Section 5 of the Contribution Agreement.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure:

A Guarantee Agreement between the Commission and Implementing Partner, selected in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2021/523 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing the InvestEU Programme and amending Regulation (EU) 2015/1017, shall enter into force.

The Amendment Agreement in respect to the EIF MS-C Schedule N° 7 for Portugal revises the EU Guarantee Agreement between the European Union and the European Investment Fund, as implementing partner. As reported in point 1 of the Amendment Agreement, on 7 March 2022 the European Union and the European Investment Fund signed the EU Guarantee Agreement under the InvestEU Programme Regulation. The amendment entered into force on 16 July 2025, according to clause 3 and the last paragraph of the Amendment Agreement, which also apply the provisions of the Guarantee Agreement to the Member State–Compartment (MS-C) for Portugal.

This financial product shall operate by providing debt financing directly or through intermediaries to the private sector.

According to Clause 1 of the EIF MS-C Schedule N° 7, the selected Member State guarantee products are the 'Sustainability Guarantee EIF Product', the 'SME Competitiveness Guarantee EIF Product' and the 'Innovation and Digitalisation Guarantee EIF Product'. According to the product schedules Annex II-A, Schedule 1.1 Sustainability Guarantee, Annex II-A, Schedule 1.2 SME Competitiveness Guarantee and Annex II-A, Schedule 1.3. Innovation & Digitalisation Guarantee , each of the three products provides

debt financing to the private sector through Guarantee Intermediaries. The technical specifications of each of the three products is also available on the InvestEU Portfolio.

The Commission services accessed the link to the InvestEU Portfolio provided by the authorities on 03 December 2025 to verify the technical specifications of each of the 'Sustainability Guarantee EIF Product', the 'SME Competitiveness Guarantee EIF Product' and the 'Innovation and Digitalisation Guarantee EIF Product' available on the InvestEU Portfolio. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the three products provide debt financing to the private sector through Guarantee Intermediaries.

Portugal shall sign a contribution agreement with the European Commission that shall include:

- **The proposed Implementing Partner.**

Recital 8 of the Contribution Agreement specifies that Portugal has proposed the European Investment Fund as the Implementing Partner.

- **The requirement of compliance with the DNSH Technical Guidance (2023/C111). If necessary, the Guarantee Agreement shall exclude the following list of activities and assets from eligibility: (i) activities and assets related to fossil fuels, including downstream use; (ii) activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks; (iii) activities and assets related to waste landfills, incinerators and mechanical biological treatment plants.**

Section 4.5(b) of the Contribution Agreement requires that the Guarantee Agreement complies with the 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (C/2023/111). The 'Do no significant harm' Technical Guidance (C/2023/111) includes the requirement to comply with the RRF exclusion list set out in the relevant Council Implementing Decision Annex or to have similar criteria to those applied to InvestEU projects by the EIB Group policy.

- **The description of the monitoring system to be used to report on the funds being mobilized.**

Section 17 of the Contribution Agreement establishes the reporting requirements, which include the submission of an annual report, including one financial and one operational chapter to monitor the implementation of the agreement. Additionally, according to Section 4 of the Contribution Agreement, the Commission shall monitor the implementation of the Contribution Agreement and Guarantee Agreement.

This measure shall consist of a public investment in the InvestEU Member State compartment in order to incentivise private investment and improve access to finance for SMEs, small midcaps and individuals. The contribution to the InvestEU Member State Compartment shall be used for financial support for the competitiveness of SMEs, and possibly also to support (i) private investments from small midcaps and individuals and (ii) firms' competitiveness in particular (but not exclusively) by means of investments in the innovation, digitization and/or greening of their activities.

Section 5 of the Contribution Agreement specifies that the RRF funds cover EUR 450 000 000 of the amounts under the agreement, therefore representing a public investment in the InvestEU Member State

compartment. Section 14 of the Contribution Agreement outlines the policy objectives of the RRF Contribution to the InvestEU Member State compartment. As detailed in Section 14.1, the policy objectives are to improve access to finance for SMEs, for small midcaps and individuals, as well as to improve financing conditions in key areas for Portugal and the EU, which will incentivise private investment and support firms' competitiveness. The key areas of focus will include growth, competitiveness, internationalization, innovation, digitalization, sustainable transformation, and energy efficiency. In line with the policy objectives, the financial products that can be implemented and covered by the Guarantee Agreement are outlined in section 14.7 of the Contribution Agreement, which refers in particular to support to the research, innovation and digitalisation of Portuguese SMEs and small mid-caps, to increase their competitiveness.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 5.51 Implementing Agreement

Related Measure: C05-i14 Business innovation

Quantitative Indicator: Entry into force of the Implementation Agreement

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is business innovation. The measure consists of a subsidy scheme to incentivise private investment and improve access to finance for firms developing innovative projects.

Milestone 5.51 consists in the entry into force of an Implementing Agreement with the *Banco Português de Fomento* as implementing partner of the subsidy scheme.

Milestone 5.51 is the first step of the implementation of the investment and it will be followed by target 5.52, related to the signing of legal agreements between *Banco Português de Fomento* and the final beneficiaries and a transfer of EUR 949 771 958 to *Banco Português de Fomento* done by the Portuguese Government. The final expected date for implementation is Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Government Order No. 286/2025/1 of 14 August (published in Portugal's Official Journal <i>Diário da República</i> No. 156/2025, first series of 14 August 2025), which entered into force on 15 August 2025.	Legal act creating the "Financial Instrument for Innovation and Competitiveness" (IFIC) subsidy scheme and adopting its regulation.
3	Implementing Agreement signed by <i>Estrutura de Missão "Recuperar Portugal"</i> (EMRP) and <i>Banco Português de Fomento</i> (BPF) on 30 September 2025.	Agreement setting out the details for the governance and operationalization of the IFIC subsidy scheme signed by EMRP and BPF, constituting the latter as the implementing partner.
4	Addendum to the Implementing Agreement signed by <i>Estrutura de Missão "Recuperar Portugal"</i> (EMRP) and <i>Banco Português de Fomento</i> (BPF) on 05 January 2026.	Addendum to the Implementing Agreement setting out the details for the governance and operationalization of the IFIC subsidy scheme signed by EMRP and BPF, constituting the latter as the implementing partner.

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of the Implementing Agreement.

The Implementing Agreement of the subsidy scheme was signed on 30 September 2025 between *Estrutura de Missão "Recuperar Portugal* (EMPR) and *Banco Português de Fomento* (BPF). According to Clause 13, the Implementing Agreement entered into force on 30 September 2025. Furthermore, in line with the measure description:

The Scheme shall be managed by *Banco Português de Fomento* as the implementing partner.

According to Clause 1(1) of the Implementing Agreement and Section 1.2 of the Investment Sheet set out in Annex I of the Implementing Agreement, BPF is the implementing partner of the IFIC subsidy scheme.

This measure shall consist of a public investment in a subsidy scheme in order to incentivise private investment and improve access to finance for firms developing innovative projects. The Scheme shall operate by providing subsidies directly to the private sector. [...] The Scheme shall include the following product line: Subsidies supporting business investment projects in skilled activities or in research and development processes, fostering the link between businesses and science, with a particular focus on innovation related to the green and digital transition.

Article 1(1) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 of 14 August, provides for and approves the creation of the IFIC subsidy scheme to support firms' investments in innovative and skilled activities or in research and development processes, therefore incentivising private investments, fostering the link between businesses and science, with a particular focus on innovation related to the green and digital transition, thereby improving access to finance for firms developing projects in these areas. Article 17 of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 states that the scheme will provide subsidies to the private sector.

In order to implement the investment into the Scheme, Portugal and *Banco Português de Fomento* shall sign an Implementing Agreement

As outlined above, the Implementing Agreement of the subsidy scheme was signed on 30 September 2025 between *Estrutura de Missão "Recuperar Portugal* (EMPR) and *Banco Português de Fomento* (BPF), and entered into force on the same day.

...that shall include the following content:

- **Description of the decision-making process and that the final award decision shall be taken by an investment committee or other relevant equivalent governing body and approved by a majority of votes from members who are independent from the government.**

According to Article 21(1) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1, the procedures for the assessment, selection and award decision of the applications shall comply with the Implementing Agreement. According to Clause 8(a) and (b) of the Implementing Agreement, BPF validates the requirements and issues the final subsidy award decision which shall be taken by an investment committee or other equivalent relevant governing body and approved by a majority of votes from members independent from the Government.

- **Key requirements of the associated subsidy policy, which shall include:**

a) the description of the subsidies provided and eligible final beneficiaries.

Pursuant to Clause 8(c) of the Implementing Agreement, BPF is obliged to implement the investment complying with the IFIC Regulation which is adopted under Annex to Government

Order No. 286/2025/1. Article 14) and article 27 of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 sets out a description of the subsidies that may be provided for each typology of investment project, namely the “Reindustrialisation”, “AI for SMEs”, “Defence and Security Economy”, and “Deep Tech Ecosystem” typologies. Article 5 of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 sets out the criteria for the eligibility of final beneficiaries which include, among others, possessing or securing the technical, financial, and human resources necessary for the investment operation, maintaining a legally established enterprise in a NUTS II mainland region, and complying with State aid rules.

b) the requirement that all investments supported are economically viable.

Clause 8(c)(ii) of the Implementing Agreement and Article 4(b)(ii) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 set out that all investments shall be economically viable, and that this is ensured through the analysis of applications carried out by EMRP and BPF.

c) the requirement to comply with the ‘Do no significant harm’ (DNSH) principle as set out in the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). In particular, the subsidy policy shall exclude the following list of activities and assets from eligibility: (i) activities and assets related to fossil fuels, including downstream use, (ii) activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks, (iii) activities and assets related to waste landfills, incinerators and mechanical biological treatment plants.

Clause 8(c)(iii) of the Implementing Agreement, Section 6 of the Investment Sheet set out Annex I of the Implementing Agreement, and Article 4(b)(iii) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1, require compliance with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). Pursuant to Article 29(1)(c) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1, final beneficiaries’ activities cannot include those listed in the exclusion list for a simplified ‘Do no significant harm’ compliance set out in Annex I to Government Order No. 286/2025/1, namely investments related to fossil fuels, including downstream use, activities and assets under the EU Emission Trading System achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks, and activities and assets related to waste landfills, incinerators and mechanical biological treatment plants. Clause 8(c)(iii) of the Implementing Agreement sets out that a team from EMRP will issue an opinion on the applications regarding the compliance with the ‘Do no significant harm’ principle.

d) the requirement that final beneficiaries of the Scheme shall not receive support from other Union instruments to cover the same cost.

Clause 8(c)(iv) of the Implementing Agreement and Article 4(c) of Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 require that the final beneficiary does not receive other European Union funding covering the same cost subsidized by the scheme.

- **The amount covered by the Implementing Agreement, the fee structure for the Implementing Partner and the requirement to use any unused proceeds of the scheme, including beyond 2026, for the same policy purposes.**

According to Clause 3(1) and (2) of the Implementing Agreement the global amount of the scheme is EUR 951 471 958, with a maximum fee for the Implementing Partner of EUR 6 000 000. Clause 8(d) of the Implementing Agreement and Article 4(d) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 requires that unused amounts from the scheme shall be used for the same policy purposes. Article 4(d) of the Annex to Government Order No. 286/2025/1 provides that the unused amounts can be used beyond 2026.

- **Monitoring, audit, and control requirements, including: a) The description of the implementing partner's monitoring system to report on the subsidies mobilized. b) The description of the implementing partner's procedures that will ensure the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interests (...)**

Clause 9(b) of the Implementing Agreement requires the Implementing Partner to adopt an internal system for monitoring, audit and control that prevents, detects and corrects irregularities, internalizes procedures for preventing conflicts of interest, fraud, corruption, and double funding, ensuring the principle of sound management and safeguarding the financial interests of the European Union.

Moreover, the Implementing Partner is obliged to present quarterly reports, or whenever requested by EMRP, on the subsidies mobilized – Clause 8(f) of the Implementing Agreement; provide EMRP all the necessary documentation for control purposes, including for audit trailing, until the end of the subsidy scheme – Clause 8(g) of the Implementing Agreement; and preserve all data for the legal period imposed by national and European laws – Clause 8(i) of the Implementing Agreement.

- (...) **c) The obligation to verify the eligibility of every operation in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Implementing Agreement before awarding a subsidy to an operation (...)**

The Implementing Partner is obliged to verify the eligibility of every operation in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Implementing Agreement before committing to finance an operation – Section 1.2(4)(c) of the Investment Sheet set out in Annex I of the Implementing Agreement.

- (...) **d) The obligation of carrying out risk-based ex-post audits in accordance with an audit plan of the *Banco Português de Fomento*. These audits shall verify i) that the control systems are effective, including the detection of fraud, corruption, and conflict of interests; ii) compliance with the DNSH principle, the State Aid rules, the climate and digital target requirements; and iii) that the requirement that final beneficiaries of the Scheme have not received support from other Union instruments to cover the same cost is respected. The audits shall also verify the legality of the transactions and that the conditions of the applicable Implementing Agreement and Subsidy Agreements are being respected.**

The Implementing Partner is obliged to carry out risk-based ex-post audits in accordance with its audit plan, in which the following shall be verified: i) that the control systems are effective, including the detection of fraud, corruption, and conflict of interests; ii) compliance with the “do no significant harm” principle and the State Aid rules; iii) that the requirement that final beneficiaries of the Facility have not received support from other Union instruments to cover the

same cost is respected; and iv) the legality of the transactions and that the conditions of the applicable Implementing Agreement and Funding Agreements are being respected – Clause 9(1)(d) of the Implementing Agreement.

- **Requirements for climate and digital investments carried out by the implementing partner: at least EUR 37 886 878 of the RRF investment into the Scheme shall contribute to the climate change objectives in accordance with Annex VI to the RRF Regulation and at least EUR 568 303 175 shall contribute to the digital transition in accordance with Annex VII to the RRF Regulation.**

Final beneficiaries associated to specific projects shall be required to provide a justification of the selected intervention field for each project supported, together with a description of the project, for the purpose of the computation of the climate contribution. For the purpose of the computation of the climate contribution, final beneficiaries from equity, quasi-equity, corporate bonds or equivalent instruments not targeted to specific projects shall provide a justification for the selected intervention field(s). The implementing partner shall also be required to provide to the Member State a semi-annual report on the implementation of each project/activity.

This requirement is mirrored in Clause 3(3) and Clause 8(m) of the Implementing Agreement.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 5.53 Implementing Agreement

Related Measure: C05-i15-RAA Equity fund for the recapitalisation of the Business System of the Azores

Quantitative Indicator: Entry into force of the Implementing Agreement

Time: Q4 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to create a facility to incentivise private investment and improve access to finance for firms in the Autonomous Region of the Azores.

Milestone 5.53 consists in the entry into force of an Implementing Agreement with *Banco Português de Fomento* as implementing partner of the facility.

Milestone 5.53 is the first step of the implementation of the investment, and it will be followed by target 5.54, related to the signing of legal agreements between *Banco Português de Fomento* and the equity fund and a transfer of EUR 40 000 000 to *Banco Português de Fomento* by the Portuguese Government. The final expected date for implementation is Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Implementing Agreement signed by <i>Secretaria Regional das Finanças, Planeamento e Administração Pública</i> and <i>Fundo de Capitalização das Empresas dos Açores</i> (managed by <i>Banco Português de Fomento</i>), on 22 October 2025.	Agreement between <i>Secretaria Regional das Finanças, Planeamento e Administração Pública</i> and <i>Fundo de Capitalização das Empresas dos Açores</i> (managed by <i>Banco Português de Fomento</i>), constituting the latter as the implementing partner of the 'Equity Fund for the Recapitalisation of the Business System of the Azores' facility and setting out the details for its governance and operationalization.
3	Addendum to the Implementing Agreement signed by <i>Secretaria Regional das Finanças, Planeamento e Administração Pública</i> and <i>Fundo de Capitalização das Empresas dos Açores</i> (managed by <i>Banco Português de Fomento</i>) on 09 January 2025.	Addendum to the Implementing Agreement setting out the details for the governance and operationalization of the 'Equity Fund for the Recapitalisation of the Business System of the Azores' signed by EMRP and BPF, constituting the latter as the implementing partner.

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of the Implementing Agreement in line with the requirements specified in the description of the measure.

The Implementing Agreement, signed on 22 October 2025 between *Secretaria Regional das Finanças, Planeamento e Administração Pública* (SRFPAP) and *Fundo de Capitalização das Empresas dos Açores* (FCEA), managed by *Banco Português de Fomento* (BPF), entered into force on 22 October 2025 (Clause 13 of the Implementing Agreement).

Furthermore, in line with the measure description:

Portugal and Banco Português de Fomento shall sign an Implementing Agreement. The Facility shall be managed by Banco Português de Fomento as the implementing partner.

The Implementing Agreement between SRFPAP and FCEA, appoints the latter, which is managed by BPF, as the implementing partner of the 'Equity Fund for the Recapitalisation of the Business System of the Azores' facility (Clause 1(1) of the Implementing Agreement).

This measure shall consist of a public investment in a Facility in order to incentivise private investment and improve access to finance in the Autonomous Region of the Azores, to develop capital markets in this region. The Facility shall operate by providing equity directly or through financial intermediaries to the private sector, as well as to public sector entities engaged in similar activities. [...] The Facility shall include the following product line: Equity investments in viable Azorean firms. The investment complements national investments aimed at the capitalisation of companies with a regional envelope and with dedicated instruments that respond to the specificities of the business structure of the Autonomous Region.

Clause 2(1) of the Implementing Agreement refers to Annex I of the Finance Contract with the SRFPAP, forms an integral part of the Implementing Agreement (Annex A of the Implementing Agreement), for the objectives of the investment. Pursuant to Section 1.2 of Annex I of the Finance Contract with the SRFPAP, the facility is composed of equity investments in Azorean companies, aiming to boost equity investments and improve access to capital markets and finance in the Autonomous Region of the Azores. The investment addresses the specificities of the business structure of firms in the region, where the under-capitalisation issue is particularly acute, and such specificities are reflected also in the selection process and investment lines of the investment, as detailed in Point 19 of the Technical Guidelines (Annex B of the Implementing Agreement).

The Implementing Agreement shall include the following content:

- **Description of the decision-making process and that the final award decision shall be taken by an investment committee or other relevant equivalent governing body and approved by a majority of votes from members who are independent from the government.**

Clause 5(1) of the Implementing Agreement states that BPF is responsible for the selection and decision processes regarding investments, and that the final investment decision is taken by an investment committee or other equivalent relevant governing body and approved by a majority of votes from members independent from the Government. Point 19 of the Technical Guidelines (Annex B of the Implementing Agreement) outlines the process of analysis and selection of the final beneficiaries across the investment lines, including in the case of co-investments or of exhaustion of the allocated funds.

- **Key requirements of the associated investment policy, which shall include:**
 - a) **the description of the financial product and eligible final beneficiaries.**

Points 3, 4 and 17 of the Technical Guidelines (Annex B of the Implementing Agreement) set out the objective and structure of the financial products, specifying that they will consist in equity investments.

The eligible final beneficiaries are viable non-financial companies operating in the Autonomous Region of the Azores, as set out in Point 18 of the Technical Guidelines (Annex B of the Implementing Agreement), which also details the eligibility criteria that eligible final beneficiaries need to comply with, including among others being legally established, financially viable, satisfying relevant legal requirements and having presented an adequate investment plan.

b) the requirement that all investments supported are economically viable.

Points 16.1 and 18.1 of the Technical Guidelines – Annex B of the Implementing Agreement, require final beneficiaries of the facility to be viable non-financial firms in of the Autonomous Region of the Azores. The concept of “economically viable firm” is described in Annex IV of the Technical Guidelines (Annex B of the Implementing Agreement).

c) the requirement to comply with the ‘Do no significant harm’ (DNSH) principle as set out in the DNSH Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). In particular, in the case of general support to corporates, the investment policy shall exclude companies with a substantial focus in the following sectors: (i) fossil fuel-based energy production and related activities; (ii) energy-intensive and/or high CO₂-emitting industries; (iii) production, rental, or sale of polluting vehicles; (iv) waste collection, waste treatment and disposal; (v) processing of nuclear fuel, production of nuclear energy. Furthermore, the investment policy shall require compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation of the final beneficiaries of the Facility.

Clause 8(1)(g) of the Finance Contract with the SRFPAP which forms an integral part of the Implementing Agreement (Annex A of the Implementing Agreement), as well as section 6 of the Annex I of the Finance Contract with SRFPAP require compliance with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01). Compliance with the ‘Do no significant harm’ principle is part of the eligibility checks (point 18.15 of the Technical Guidelines – Annex B of the Implementing Agreement), which also specifies that companies operating in the sectors identified in the “Exclusion List” provided in Annex I of the Technical Guidelines (Annex B of the Implementing Agreement) are not eligible. In addition, all beneficiaries must comply with national and European legislation, particularly on environmental topics (Point 18.34 of the Technical Guidelines – Annex B of the Implementing Agreement). Clause 7(i) of the Implementing Agreement states that Fundo de Capitalização das Empresas dos Açores (FCEA), managed by Banco Português de Fomento (BPF), is obliged to carry out *ex post* audits to check for compliance with the ‘Do no significant harm’ principle.

d) the requirement that final beneficiaries of the Facility shall not receive support from other Union instruments to cover the same cost.

Clause 18.35 of the Technical Guidelines – Annex B of the Implementing Agreement require that the final beneficiary does not receive other EU funding for the same cost subsidised by the

scheme. The final beneficiary is obliged to sign a declaration on the topic (Point 20 of Annex III of the Technical Guidelines – Annex B of the Implementing Agreement).

- **The amount covered by the Implementing Agreement, the fee structure for the Implementing Partner and the requirement to reinvest any reflows according to the investment policy of the Facility.**

Clause 3(1) of the Implementing Agreement states that the global amount of the scheme is EUR 40 000 000. The fee structure is detailed in Clause 3(4) of the Implementing Agreement. Pursuant to Clause 5(2) of the Implementing Agreement, any reflows will have to be used for activities in line with the investment policy of the fund, as proposed by BPF.

- **Monitoring, audit, and control requirements, including (a) the description of the implementing partner's monitoring system to report on the investment mobilized; (b) the description of the implementing partner's procedures that will ensure the prevention, detection and correction of fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interests; (...)**

Clauses 7 and 8 of the Implementing Agreement oblige the Implementing Partner to adopt internal mechanisms for monitoring, audit and control, with detailed actions to be taken, which is in line with the requirements set out in the measure description.

The obligations that fall on the Implementing Partner include:

- Presenting progress reports on a quarterly basis or whenever requested by the SRFPAP – Clause 7(a) of the Implementing Agreement.
- Providing SRFPAP all the necessary documentation for control purposes, including the relevant audit trails, until the end of the Facility – Clause 7(c) of the Implementing Agreement).
- Preserving all documentation for the legal period imposed by regional, national and European law – Clause 7(e) of the Implementing Agreement.
- Adopting an internal control system that prevents, detects, and corrects irregularities, which internalizes procedures for preventing conflicts of interest, fraud, corruption, and double financing, ensuring the principle of good management and safeguarding the financial interests of the European Union through compliance with the policies in force at BPF i) customer admission, ii) prevention of tax evasion, iii) prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing, iv) sanctions and restrictive measures – Clause 8(1)(b) of the Implementing Agreement.
- Defining the complete management cycle for operations in the management and control system – Clause 8(1)(e) of the Implementing Agreement.

(...) (c) the obligation to verify the eligibility of every operation in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Implementing Agreement before committing to finance an operation; (...)

The Implementing Partner is obliged to verify the eligibility of every operation in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Implementing Agreement before committing to finance an operation – Clause 7(h) of the Implementing Agreement.

(...) and (d) the obligation of carrying out risk-based ex-post audits in accordance with an audit plan of the Banco Português de Fomento, which shall verify i) that the control systems are effective, including the detection of fraud, corruption, and conflict of interests; ii) compliance with the DNSH principle, the State Aid rules; and iii) that the requirement that final beneficiaries of the Facility have not received support from other Union instruments to cover the same cost is respected. The audits shall also verify the legality of the transactions and that the conditions of the applicable Implementing Agreement and Funding Agreements are being respected.

The Implementing Partner is obliged to carry out risk-based ex-post audits in accordance with an audit plan of the Banco Português de Fomento. The audits shall verify: a. that the control systems are effective, including the detection of fraud, corruption, and conflict of interests; b) compliance with the “do no significant harm” principle and the State Aid rules; c) that the requirement that final beneficiaries of the Facility have not received support from other Union instruments to cover the same cost is respected. The audits shall also verify the legality of the transactions and that the conditions of the applicable Implementing Agreement and Funding Agreements are being respected – Clause 7(i) of the Implementing Agreement.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 6.7 *Ciência Viva* clubs

Related Measure: C06-i04 Youth impulse – STEAM

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 650

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to support courses in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) and to foster science in schools in Portugal. This investment consists in accrediting or registering courses in STEAM and supporting *Ciência Viva* clubs.

Target 6.7 concerns the signing by educational institutions of 650 terms of acceptance for financing *Ciência Viva* clubs.

Target 6.7 is the first step of the implementation of the investment, and it is accompanied by target 6.9, related to the accreditation or registration of 200 higher education courses, including Bachelor's degrees and other courses in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). The investment has a final expected date of implementation on Q2 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Tender Notice No. 01/C06-i04.02/2021 , issued by the <i>Ciência Viva</i> National Agency for Scientific and Technological Culture on 20 October 2021.	This notice invites for expression of interest for financing <i>Ciência Viva</i> clubs.
3	Tender Notice No. 03/C06-i04.02/2021 , issued by the <i>Ciência Viva</i> National Agency for Scientific and Technological Culture on 23 May 2022.	This notice invites for expression of interest for financing <i>Ciência Viva</i> clubs.
4	List of terms of acceptance signed by educational institutions for financing <i>Ciência Viva</i> clubs	This list includes the name of the educational institution, name, numerical project code and location of the <i>Ciência Viva</i> club project, and identification of the corresponding term of acceptance. This list was used for the random selection of the sample.

5	60 Terms of acceptance signed by educational institutions between 3 March 2022 and 1 February 2023.	In the context of the sampling analysis, 60 terms of acceptance signed by educational institutions to receive financial support for the functioning of <i>Ciência Viva</i> clubs were provided.
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3. Analysis:

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

Terms of acceptance signed by educational institutions for financing *Ciência Viva* clubs. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment consists in supporting *Ciência Viva* clubs.**

This target requires 650 terms of acceptance signed by educational institutions for financing *Ciência Viva* clubs.

Under the *Ciência Viva* network, educational institutions may receive a financial contribution for the functioning of *Ciência Viva* clubs. According to Sections 4, 7 and 8 of Tender Notices No. 01/C06-i04.02/2021 and No. 03/C06-i04.02/2021, in order to obtain this financial support, educational institutions underwent a selection process in which the following, among others, were considered: i) eligibility requirements for educational institutions to receive support; ii) eligible and ineligible expenditures for the financing of *Ciência Viva* clubs; and iii) conditions for granting funding. Upon notification of the award decision, the educational institutions sign Terms of Acceptance whereby they formally accept the financial support for the *Ciência Viva* clubs they run under the conditions set out in the tender notices. Recital 3 of the introductory paragraph and Clauses 1 to 3 of the terms of acceptance indicate, among other things, the tender notice to which they relate, the total amount of eligible investment, the investment execution period, the arrangements for granting support (including the eligible and ineligible expenditures), and the payment procedure.

The Portuguese authorities submitted a list of 651 educational institutions that signed Terms of Acceptance under Tender Notices No. 01/C06-i04.02/2021 or No. 03/C06-i04.02/2021. For each educational institution, the Portuguese authorities reported the name of the *Ciência Viva* club and the numerical project code. According to recital 4 of the introductory paragraph and Clause one of the Terms of Acceptance, in each of them, the project is identified by its numerical code and the educational institution by its name and tax identification number (in Portugal referred to as the “NIF” or “number of collective person”). According to the list, 651 Terms of Acceptance were signed by educational institutions for different *Ciência Viva* club projects in total.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted 60 terms of acceptance signed by educational institutions to finance *Ciência Viva* clubs. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed the signing by educational institutions of 651 Terms of Acceptance for financing *Ciência Viva* clubs under the Tender Notices No. 01/C06-i04.02/2021 or No. 03/C06-i04.02/2021, thus exceeding the goal of Target 6.7 by one. On this basis, it is considered that all the constitutive elements of this target have been satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 6.9 Courses in STEAM

Related Measure: C06-i04 Youth impulse – STEAM

Quantitative indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Goal: 200

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

This investment aims at supporting courses in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) and fostering science in schools in Portugal.

Target 6.9 concerns the accreditation or registration of 200 higher education courses, including bachelor's degrees and other courses in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics).

Target 6.9 is the second step of the implementation of the investment, as it is accompanied by target 6.7 in the same payment request, related to the signing by educational institutions of 650 terms of acceptance for financing *Ciência Viva* clubs. The final expected date of implementation is Q2 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) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	List of accredited or registered courses , including short-term courses (<i>Cursos Técnicos Superiores Profissionais</i> , CTeSP) and bachelor's degrees, including links to the Directorate-General for Higher Education (<i>Direção-Geral de Ensino Superior</i> – DGES) website.	This list includes all accredited or registered CTeSP and bachelor's degrees in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). The list provided includes the links to the webpages with the accreditation or registration of higher education courses. In the context of the sampling analysis, the list with the links was used for the selection of the sample and to allow the Commission to check the fulfilment of the target in the sample exercise. The Commission checked the 60 links

		randomly selected for sampling purposes.
3	Government Order No. 105/2024/1 , of 14 March (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Daario da República</i> ' No. 53/2024, first series of 14 March 2024, pages 16-21), which entered into force on 15 March 2024.	The Government Order No. 105/2024/1, of 14 March defines and simplifies the procedures for the registration and automatic electronic publication of study cycles and their amendments.
4	Government Order No. 256/2005 , of 16 March (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Daario da República</i> ' No. 53/2005, Series I-B of 16 March 2005, pages 2281-2313), which entered into force on 21 March 2005.	This Government Order No. 256/2005, of 16 March approves the national classification of areas of education and training. It includes a list of all education and training areas and the respective code for each one.
5	60 screenshots of the webpages with the accreditation or registration of courses.	These screenshots show the webpages containing the registration or accreditation information of the higher education courses corresponding to the sampled links by the time of the assessment.

3. Analysis:

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

Accreditation or registration of 200 higher education courses, including Bachelor degrees and other courses in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics).

The Portuguese authorities submitted a list (List of accredited or registered courses) of 236 courses in STEAM areas registered or accredited on the website of DGES (Direção-Geral de Ensino Superior), the public body responsible for the registration of study programs, including 138 bachelor's degrees and 98 short-term courses (Cursos Técnicos Superiores Profissionais, CTeSP).

The list of accredited or registered courses contains, among other things, i) the year of accreditation or registration, ii) the accreditation or registration number, which is the unique identifier of the course, iii) the name of the course, and iv) the institution hosting the course. The list also includes a link for each course to the section of the DGES website where key information about registration or accreditation is available. These links allow the Commission to check that i) the courses were registered on the DGES website under the section "Accreditation" or "Registration date" ("Acreditação" or "Data de registo"), ii) that they relate to a STEAM area under section Area of Education and Training ("Área de educação e formação"), and iii) their accreditation or registration date.

The publication of this information on the DGES website is a legal obligation established in Government Order No. 105/2024/1, of 14 March, which defines and simplifies the procedures for the registration and automatic electronic publication of study cycles and their amendments. Under Article 7 of Government Order No 105/2024/1 of 14 March, the registration of the creation of a course leading to an academic degree must be published on the DGES website and contain the following elements: i) the accreditation or registration date and number; ii) the main characteristics of the course, including the curriculum structure and study plan; and iii) the location of the course and the maximum number of admissions.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted the links for 60 higher education courses, including bachelor's degrees and other courses in STEAM, and screenshots of the webpage for each of those links. The Commission services accessed the 60 links provided by the authorities on 22 December 2025 to verify that the courses are registered or accredited in the DGES website and that they were registered or accredited after 1 February 2020. The Commission services also verified that the courses relate to a STEAM area, by checking that the area of education and training in the registration or accreditation webpage corresponds to a STEAM area. This is done by verifying that the area and respective code of the relevant courses available online are included in subarea 21 or areas 4 or 5 of table 3 of Government Order No. 256/2005, of 16 March, which includes a list of courses on STEAM areas and their codes. The Commission services also verified that the content of the webpages where the courses were registered or accredited matched the screenshots of the webpage sent by Portugal. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that 60 higher education courses (including bachelor degrees and other courses) were registered or accredited in the DGES website and that they belong to a STEAM area.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the registration or accreditation of 230 higher education courses, including bachelor's degrees and other courses in STEAM. Portugal registered or accredited 236 higher education courses, including bachelor's degrees and other courses in STEAM thus exceeding the goal of target 6.9 by 36.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 6.10 Support awarded for participation in post-secondary or higher education

Related Measure: C06-i05-RAA Adult Qualification and Lifelong Learning (ARA)

Qualitative Indicator: Publication of a list of people supported

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

This investment aims at contributing to address the low qualification levels in the Autonomous Region of Azores. It encompasses the publication of support awarded for people under the program 'QUALIFICA.Superior' and the renovation or purchase of equipment for schools in Azores.

Milestone 6.10 concerns the publication in the official journal of Azores of a list of people supported under the program 'QUALIFICA.Superior'.

Milestone 6.10 is the first step of the implementation of the investment and will be followed by milestone 6.11, related to the renovation of 1 school and purchase of equipment for 16 schools in Azores. The final expected date of implementation is Q4 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Resolution of the Council of Government No. 286/2021 of 17 December of the Regional Government of Azores (published in Azores' Official Journal, 'Jornal Oficial' No 211, first series of 17 December 2021, pages 5336-5344), which entered into force on 18 December 2021 and produced effects for courses starting from 1 September 2021.	This resolution creates the QUALIFICA.Superior program. It also approves the rules for implementation of the program, which aims to provide financial support for tuition fees for bachelor's or postgraduate courses to residents of the Autonomous Region of the Azores.
3	Resolution of the Council of Government No. 116/2023 of 14 July of the Regional Government of Azores (published in Azores' Official Journal, 'Jornal Oficial' No 85, first series of 14 July 2023, pages 2551-2563), which entered into force on 19 July 2023.	This Resolution amends Resolution of the Council of Government No. 286/2021 of 17 December. The resolution amends the QUALIFICA.Superior program regarding the scope of eligible persons and courses, the documentation required for application, the amount and method of payment of the support, and non-compliance with the applicable rules.

4	Order No. 2208/2025 of 9 October of the Regional Director for Professional Qualification and Employment of the Autonomous Region of Azores (published in Azore's Official Journal, 'Jornal Oficial' No 194, second series of 9 October 2025, pages 17547- 17582), which entered into force on 14 October 2025.	This order publishes the list of beneficiaries and of support granted under the QUALIFICA.Superior program, including each beneficiary's name and tax identification number, and the amount of support awarded.
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3. Analysis:

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

Publication in the official journal of Azores of a list of, at least, 953 people supported under the program 'Qualifica.Superior'.

The program 'Qualifica.Superior' was created by the Resolution of the Council of Government No. 286/2021 (Point 1). The rules for the implementation of the program were also approved by the Resolution of the Council of Government No. 286/2021 (Point 2 and Annex). The rules were later amended by Resolution of the Council of Government No. 116/2023 and, among other changes, the eligibility for the programme lowered from people aged 23 to people aged 18, and the programme was changed to no longer exclude individuals who had already obtained a previous academic degree (Points 1 and 2). The amended rules of the program were republished as an Annex to Resolution of the Council of Government No. 116/2023 (Point 5). According to Article 2 of the Annex to Resolution of the Council of Government No. 116/2023, under the 'Qualifica.Superior' program people are awarded support to help cover the tuition fee for the attendance of bachelor's degrees or post-secondary courses, with the aim of increasing the number of adults with higher education in the Autonomous Region of Azores. As per Article 3 of the Annex to Resolution of the Council of Government No. 116/2023, the eligibility criteria to be awarded support consists of being older than 18 years old, having fiscal residence in the Autonomous Region of Azores and being already enrolled for at least 6 months in a higher education institution. According to Article 8(2) of the Annex to Resolution of the Council of Government No. 116/2023, the support awarded is published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores.

Order No. 2208/2025 was published in the Official Journal of the Autonomous Region of Azores and includes, as an annex, a list of the people supported under the 'QUALIFICA.Superior' program. The list includes, among others, the name of the people supported, their tax identification number and the amount of support awarded to each person. According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the publication of a list of 1058 people supported, thus exceeding the goal Milestone 6.10 by 105. On this basis, it is considered that all the constitutive elements of this target have been satisfactorily fulfilled.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 8.3 Fuel management projects

Related Measure: C08-i01 Landscape Transformation in Vulnerable Forest Areas

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 600

Time: Q1 2025

1. Context:

This investment aims to increase the resilience of territories vulnerable to rural fires and biodiversity loss. It consists of programmes to manage landscapes and to foster sustainable land use.

Target 8.3 concerns the signature of contracts between the Environmental Fund and beneficiaries of projects under the “Condominio de Aldeia” integrated support program for 600 villages located in forest areas.

Target 8.3 is the second target of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 8.2 related to the approval and publication of Integrated Landscape Management Operations. It will be followed by target 8.1 related to the approval of landscape planning and management programmes and by milestone 8.20 related to the creation of the “Emparcelar para Ordenar” programme. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q3 2025.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	The document duly justifies how the target (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2a	Tender Notice No. 04/C08-i01.01/2023 published by the Environmental Fund (“Fundo Ambiental”) on 3 January 2024	First call for projects under the “Condominio de Aldeia” program for villages located in forest areas.
2b	Tender Notice No. 05/C08-i01.01/2023 published by the Environmental Fund (“Fundo Ambiental”) on 26 January 2023	Second call for projects under the “Condominio de Aldeia” program for villages located in forest areas.
2c	Tender Notice No. 08/C08-i01.01/2024 published by the Environmental Fund (“Fundo Ambiental”) on 25 March 2024	Third call for projects under the “Condominio de Aldeia” program for villages located in forest areas.

3	List of villages with projects	List of villages including the name of the village, the name of the corresponding municipality, the application number and the signature date of the terms of acceptance. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
4	60 contracts (terms of acceptance) , dated between 22 February 2024 and 31 July 2025 and signed by the beneficiaries	In the context of the sampling analysis, terms of acceptance, signed by the beneficiaries, were provided for the sampled list of 60 units. The contracts (terms of acceptance) include the signature of the final beneficiary accepting the award of funds for the supported projects.
5	60 application fiches	In the context of the sampling analysis, application fiches including the application number were provided for the sampled list of 60 units.
6	60 descriptive reports (“Memorias Descritivas”)	In the context of the sampling analysis, descriptive reports (“Memoria Descritivas”) including the names of the villages supported by the beneficiaries were provided for the sampled list of 60 units.

3. Analysis:

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

Signature of contracts between the Environmental Fund and beneficiaries of projects (...) for 600 villages ...

The target requires the signature of contracts between the Environmental Fund and beneficiaries of projects for 600 villages.

Portugal submitted a list of 674 villages with projects for which contracts (terms of acceptance) were signed. In this respect, the terms of acceptance (“Termos de Aceitação”) are ‘standard contractual clauses’ which take the form of a ‘contract of adhesion’ (contracts where one of the parties has limited to no negotiating power) in the Portuguese legal system.

The list of villages with the respective projects includes, for each village, the beneficiary that signed the terms of acceptance and that is responsible for its project, the date of signature of the terms of acceptance, the relevant tender notice and the application number. The application consists of, among others, the applicant fiche containing the application number and the descriptive report (“Memoria Descritiva”), which is annexed to the applicant fiche.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted for each village the corresponding terms of acceptance, dated and signed by the beneficiary, as well as the applicant fiche

and the descriptive report submitted by the beneficiary. The terms of acceptance include among others the award of financial support to the beneficiary for the implementation of the projects and the conditions and obligations associated with the support. The descriptive report includes the names of the villages in which the projects take place and for which the beneficiary receives financial support. Both these documents are annexed to the applicant fiche with the number of the applicant. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that this requirement of the target has been met and that contracts were signed between the Environmental Fund and beneficiaries for 674 villages, thus exceeding the goal of Target 8.3 by 74 villages.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 18 December 2025 to verify that for each application, the submitted documents, namely the applicant fiche and the corresponding descriptive report, are included in the Environmental Fund's digital platform that was used for the assessment of each application. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the submitted documents are included in the platform and that therefore the submitted descriptive reports correspond to the relevant application.

... under the “Condominio de Aldeia” integrated support program for (...) villages located in forest areas.

The target requires the projects to be signed under the “Condominio de Aldeia” integrated support program for villages located in forest areas.

Tender Notice No. 04/C08-i01.01/2023, Tender Notice No. 05/C08-i01.01/2023 and Tender Notice No. 08/C08-i01.01/2024 opened calls for applications for projects to be financed under the “Condominio de Aldeia” integrated support program for villages located in forest areas. Section 2 of Tender Notice No. 04/C08-i01.01/2023 as well as Section 3 of Tender Notices No. 05/C08-i01.01/2023 and No. 08/C08-i01.01/2024 establish the geographical scope for eligible applications, namely requiring that the villages are part of the parishes included in the list of vulnerable parishes located in forest areas that is set out in Annex I of each of the notices.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted 60 contracts (terms of acceptance). The terms of acceptance include a reference to one of the above-mentioned three tender notices, thereby confirming that the terms of acceptance were signed under the “Condominio de Aldeia” integrated support program for villages located in forest areas. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that this requirement of the target has been met and that all contracts were signed under the “Condominio de Aldeia” integrated support program for villages located in forest areas.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 9.1 Construction of piezometers (SM3)

Related Measure: C09-i01, Algarve Water Efficiency Regional Plan

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 50

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to respond to the water scarcity in the Algarve through interventions to improve water retention and reduce water losses.

Target 9.1 concerns the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve for water monitoring purposes.

Target 9.1 is the first step of the implementation of the investment and it will be followed by targets 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and milestone 9.15, related to 171 network interventions to reduce water losses, conclusion of contracts for the modernisation of land area for irrigation, upgrade of water treatment plants for the production of waste-water for reuse and reinforcement of the water connection between Sotavento and Barlavento. The final expected date for implementation is 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	Contract No 086/2023-APA for the work on Lot 1 relating to the execution of 15 piezometers in the Algarvio Barlavento.	Signed contract for the construction of 15 piezometers in the Algarvio Barlavento. Contract signed by MOTA-ENGIL, Engenharia e Construção, S.A. and The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.) on 6 March 2024.
3	Contract No 087/2023-APA for the work on Lot 2 relating to the execution of 17 piezometers in the Central Algarve.	Signed contract for the construction of 17 piezometers in the central Algarve. Contract signed by MOTA-ENGIL, Engenharia e Construção, S.A. and The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.) on 6 March 2024.
4	Contract No 088/2023-APA for the work on Lot 3 relating to the execution of 18 piezometers in the Algarvio Sotavento.	Signed contract for the construction of 18 piezometers in the Algarvio Sotavento. Contract signed by SONDALIS – Water Capções, Lda. and The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.) on 6 March 2024.

5	Acceptance certificate for the work on Lot 1 relating to the execution of 15 piezometers in the Algarvio Barlavento.	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the construction of piezometers in Algarvio Barlavento. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (“The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.)”) and the contractor (“MOTA-ENGIL, Engenharia e Construção, S.A.”) on 22 April 2025.
6	Acceptance certificate for the work on Lot 2 relating to the execution of 17 piezometers in the Central Algarve.	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the construction of piezometers in the Central Algarve. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (“The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.)”) and the contractor (“MOTA-ENGIL, Engenharia e Construção, S.A.”) on 29 April 2025.
7	Acceptance certificate for the work on Lot 3 relating to the execution of 18 piezometers in the Algarvio Sotavento.	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the construction of piezometers in the Algarvio Sotavento. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (“The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.)”) and the contractor (“SONDALIS – Water Capções, Lda.”) on 26 March 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

Construction of piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve

The target requires the construction of 50 piezometers for groundwater monitoring in the Algarve.

The project owner “The Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA, I.P.)” signed three contracts for the construction of 50 piezometers. Piezometers are groundwater measuring devices.

- Contract No 086/2023-APA with the contractor “MOTA-ENGIL, Engenharia e Construção, S.A.” on 6 March 2024 to carry out work on Lot 1 relating to the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve (Lot 1 – Execution of 15 piezometers in the Algarvio Barlavento) (Contract No 086/2023-APA, Clause 1, page 2).
- Contract No 087/2023-APA with the contractor “MOTA-ENGIL, Engenharia e Construção, S.A.” on 6 March 2024 to carry out work on Lot 2 relating to the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve (Lot 2 – Execution of 17 piezometers in the Central Algarve) (Contract No 087/2023-APA, Clause 1, page 2).

- Contract No 088/2023-APA with the contractor “SONDALIS – Water Capções, Lda.” on 6 March 2024 to carry out work on Lot 3 relating to the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve (Lot 3 – Execution of 18 piezometers in the Algarvio Sotavento) (Contract No 088/2023-APA, Clause 1, page 1-2).

Three acceptance certificates confirm that 50 piezometers were constructed.

- On 22 April 2025, the acceptance certificate for the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve – Lot 1 – Execution of 15 piezometers in the Algarvio Barlavento was issued and signed by the project owner and the contractor. The acceptance certificate confirms the completion of the contracted works in accordance with the contractual obligations (Acceptance certificate for the work on Lot 1, page 1), therefore demonstrating that 15 piezometers have been constructed in Algarvio Barlavento.
- On 29 April 2025, the acceptance certificate for the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve – Lot 2 – Execution of 17 piezometers in the Central Algarve was issued and signed by the project owner and the contractor. The acceptance certificate confirms the completion of the contracted works in accordance with the contractual obligations (Acceptance certificate for the work on Lot 2, page 1), therefore demonstrating that 17 piezometers have been constructed in the Central Algarve.
- On 26 March 2025, the acceptance certificate for the construction of 50 piezometers in the various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve – Lot 3 – Implementation of 18 piezometers in the Algarvio Sotavento was issued and signed by the project owner and the contractor. The acceptance certificate confirms the completion of the contracted works in accordance with the contractual obligations (Acceptance certificate for the work on Lot 3, page 1), therefore demonstrating that 18 piezometers have been constructed in Algarve Sotavento.

These three acceptance certificates together demonstrate that a total of 50 piezometers has been constructed.

The procurement contracts define the bodies of groundwater where piezometers are constructed. Specifically, Lot 1 covers the groundwater bodies of the Algarvio Barlavento; Lot 2 covers those of the Central Algarve; and Lot 3 covers those of the Algarve Sotavento. Therefore, the piezometers are constructed in various bodies of groundwater in the Algarve.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 11.3 Financial support

Related Measure: C11-i01 Decarbonisation of industry

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 310

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to support the decarbonisation of industry. The investment consists in the financial support to decarbonisation projects in industries.

Target 11.3 concerns the receipt of financial support for 310 projects under the measure.

Target 11.3 is the last step of the implementation of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 11.1 related to the first call for tender for industrial decarbonisation projects and milestone 11.2 related to the award of at least EUR 383 000 000 to the selected projects.

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	List of the decarbonisation projects supported	The list of projects provided includes, for each project, the financial support received. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	Payment orders of the decarbonisation projects supported	For the 60 randomly selected projects. The payment orders are issued by IAPMEI and indicate the name and tax identification number (<i>Número de Identificação Fisca</i> – hereinafter referred to as: “NIF”) of the beneficiary, the programme (i.e. RRP), the reference code of each project, the number of the contract for which the beneficiary is receiving support and the amount of the financial support provided.

3. Analysis:

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

Number of projects that received financial support under this measure. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this investment consists in the financial support to decarbonization projects in industries.**

The Portuguese authorities submitted a list of 510 projects that received financial support for the decarbonisation of industry. For each project, the Portuguese authorities identified the tender process under which the project has been approved, the corresponding modality of the application, the financial support provided, the reference code of each project, and the NIF of the company.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted 60 payment orders indicating the beneficiary's name and NIF, the date of the payment, and the financial support received. The payment order specifies the contract number, the reference code of each project, the reference to the RRP and measure C11-i01. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that 510 projects received financial support under measure C11-i01. According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the financial support of 310 projects. 510 projects received financial support, thus exceeding the goal of Target 11.3 by 200 projects.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 14.7 Installation of battery storage capacity

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

Quantitative Indicator: MWh

Baseline: 0

Target: 33.8

Time:

1. Context:

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

Target 14.7 concerns the increase in storage by additional installed capacity in battery systems by 39 MWh.

Target 14.7 is the fourth milestone or target of the investment. It follows targets 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6 on the construction and integration of synchronous compensator, the increase in the installed capacity of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant , and the refurbishment of the Serra de Água Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Calheta I Hydroelectric Power Plant It will be followed by target 14.9 and target 14.15 related to the installation of 130 000 smart meters, and a refurbishment of the Socorridos hydroelectric power plant. 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	Contract for the construction and integration into the electricity network of battery electricity storage system in Madeira .	Signed contract for the construction of the battery storage to be integrated in the electricity network of the island of Madeira. Contract signed by Hitachi Energy Portugal S.A. and Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira on 03 October 2023.
3	Acceptance certificate of the installation and integration into the electricity network of battery electricity storage system in Madeira .	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the installation and integration into the electricity system of Madeira of a battery electricity storage system. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (EME – Empresa de Eletricidade da Madeira, SA”) and the contractor (“HITACHI ENERGY PORTUGAL, S.A.”) on 24 January 2025.

4	Operating licence No 001/2025 for the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System in Madeira, issued by the Regional Directorate for Energy of the Regional Government of Madeira (Região Autónoma da Madeira) on 28 January 2025	Operating licence of the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System (CB2) in Porto Santo, demonstrating that the installed storage capacity of 20.5MWh is approved for operation.
5	Contract for the construction and integration into the electricity network of battery electricity storage system on Porto Santo island.	Signed contract for the construction of the battery storage to be integrated in the electricity network of the island of Madeira. The contract is signed by Hitachi Energy Portugal S.A. (the contractor) and Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira (project owner) on 16 November 2022.
6	Acceptance certificate of the installation and integration into the electricity network of battery electricity storage system on Porto Santo .	Certificate of the acceptance of the works carried out for the installation and integration into the electricity system of Porto Santo of a battery electricity storage system. The certificate of acceptance is signed between the project owner (EME – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, SA”) and the contractor (“HITACHI ENERGY PORTUGAL, S.A.”) on 14 June 2024.
7	Operating licence No 001/2024 for the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System in Porto Santo, issued by the Regional Directorate for Energy of the Regional Government of Madeira (Região Autónoma da Madeira) on 22 May 2024	Operating licence of the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System (CB2) in Porto Santo, demonstrating that the installed storage capacity of 18.64 MWh is approved for operation. .

3. Analysis:

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

Installation of battery storage capacity

The target requires the installation of 33.8 MWh storage capacity.

The project owner “EEM – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira” signed two contracts with the contractor “Hitachi Energy Portugal, S.A.” to install and integrate an energy storage system with batteries (battery storage capacity) in the electrical system of Madeira (contract for Madeira, Clause 1, page 1-2) and in the electrical system of Porto Santo (contract for Porto Santo, Clause 1, page 1).

On 24 January 2025, the acceptance certificate for the battery electricity storage system in Madeira was issued and signed by the project owner and the contractor. The acceptance certificate is issued in accordance with Clause 6 of the contract, which establish the procedure for provisional acceptance of works. The acceptance certificate confirms the completion of the contracted works, both in terms of installation and operation (acceptance certificate Madeira, page 1), therefore demonstrating that the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System in Madeira has been installed and integrated into the electricity system of Madeira. The operating licence for the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System in Madeira, issued on 28 January 2025 by the competent regional authority (Operating licence No 001/2025, page 3), demonstrates that the storage system was installed and approved to enter into operation. Additionally, the operating licence confirms a storage capacity of 20.5 MWh (Operating licence No 001/2025, page 1).

On 14 June 2024, the acceptance certificate for the battery electricity storage system in Porto Santo was issued and signed by the project owner and the contractor. The acceptance certificate confirms the completion of the contracted works, both in terms of installation and operation (acceptance certificate Porto Santo, page 1), therefore demonstrating that the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System in Porto Santo has been installed and integrated into the electricity system of Porto Santo. The acceptance certificate is issued in accordance with Clause 6 of the contract. Moreover, the operating licence for the Battery Electrical Energy Storage System (CB2) in Porto Santo issued on 22 May 2024 by the competent regional authority (Operating licence No 001/2024, page 3) demonstrates that the storage system was installed and approved to enter into operation. Additionally, the operating licence confirms a storage capacity of 18.64 MWh (Operating licence No 001/2024, page 1).

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed 33.8 MWh of battery electricity storage capacity installed. Portugal installed 39,14 MWh, thus exceeding the goal of Target 14.7 by 5,34 MWh.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 15.11 Construction of a Bus Rapid Transit line between Praça do Império and Praça Albuquerque Mouzinho in Porto

Related Measure: C15-i04 Bus Rapid Transit Boavista – Império

Qualitative Indicator: Construction of a Bus Rapid Transit line and delivery of buses

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to increase the attractiveness of public transport in Porto and attract more users.

This investment consists of the creation of a new Bus Rapid Transit system between Praça do Império and Praça Mouzinho de Albuquerque in Porto.

Milestone 15.11 requires the Construction of the bus rapid transit line linking Praça do Império to Praça Albuquerque Mouzinho in Porto as well as the delivery of 11 zero-emission buses.

Milestone 15.11 is the second and last target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 15.10, related to the signature of the contract for the construction of a Bus Rapid Transit line between Praça do Império and Praça Albuquerque Mouzinho in Porto.

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 for the infrastructure signed on 23 March 2022, between Metro do Porto, a public entity, and the contractor, a consortium between Alberto Couto Alves, SA and Alves Ribeiro, SA.	This contract concerns the design and construction of a bus rapid transit line that links Praça do Império and Praça Albuquerque Mouzinho in Porto.
3	Acceptance certificate signed on 30 September 2024, between Metro do Porto, a public entity, the supervisors of the works and the contractor, a consortium between Alberto Couto Alves S.A. and Alves Ribeiro S.A.	This certificates show that the works done under the contract is in a condition to be accepted, with the exception of the work that needs to be corrected due to defects identified during the inspections carried out on 25, 26 and 27 September 2024 and listed in the attached list 'Works to be performed or completed identified during provisional acceptance inspections' (pages 3 to 41), which form an integral part thereof, which must be completed and/or corrected.

4	Acceptance certificate signed on 30 September 2025, between Metro do Porto, a public entity, the supervisors of the works and the contractor, a consortium between Alberto Couto Alves S.A. and Alves Ribeiro S.A.	The certificate shows that the works listed in the list 'Works to be performed or completed identified during provisional acceptance inspections' attached to the Certificate of completion of works signed on 30 September 2024 were completed.
5	Contract for the buses signed on 12 January 2024 by Metro do Porto, a public entity, and the contractor, a consortium between CaetanoBus – Fabricação de Carroçarias, S.A., DST Solar, S.A., Dourogás Natural – Comércio de Gás Natural e Energia, S.A., PRF-Gás Tecnologia e Construção, S.A. and BrightCity, S.A.	The contract concerns the supply and maintenance of BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) vehicles, projects and infrastructure for the production of green hydrogen and electricity from renewable sources, in accordance with the specifications. Clause 3 also established that the Technical Specifications Part I – General Clauses and
6	Technical Specifications Part I – General Clauses , issued on 3 July 2023 by Metro do Porto and part of the contract signed on 12 January 2024.	This document shows that the purpose of the contract signed on 12 January 2024 is the supply of 12 hydrogen hybrid BRT vehicles.
7	Technical Specifications Part II – Technical specifications of BRT vehicles , issued on 3 July 2023 by Metro do Porto and part of the contract signed on 12 January 2024.	This document shows that the vehicles shall be hybrid-powered, with electric motorisation and hydrogen fuel.
8	Delivery certificate signed on 18 December 2025, between Metro do Porto, a public entity, the supervisors of the works and the contractor, Caetano Bus - Fabricação de Carroçarias S.A.	This document certificate shows that 12 BRT buses were delivered by the supplier to Metro do Porto.

3. Analysis:

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

Construction of the bus rapid transit line linking Praça do Império to Praça Albuquerque Mouzinho in Porto.

Clause 1 of the contract for the infrastructure 'Purpose of the contract' signed on 23 March 2022 between Metro do Porto, S.A. and the contractor (Alberto Couto Alves, S.A. and Alves Ribeiro, S.A.) establishes that the purpose of the contract for the infrastructure is the design and construction of the Boavista-Império BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Line, linking Praça do Império to Praça Albuquerque Mouzinho in Porto.

The acceptance certificate signed on 30 September 2024, between Metro do Porto, the supervisors of the works- and the contractor, a consortium between Alberto Couto Alves S.A. and Alves Ribeiro S.A, shows

that the work envisaged by the contract for the infrastructure signed on 23 March 2022, for the Boavista-Império BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Line were performed. However, the certificate also specifies that the acceptance of the works is conditional to the execution of some additional works needed to fix the anomalies listed in the 'Works to be performed or completed identified during provisional acceptance inspections' table (pages 3 to 41).

Subsequently, the acceptance certificate signed on 30 September 2025, between Metro do Porto, a public entity, the supervisors of the works and the contractor, a consortium between Alberto Couto Alves S.A. and Alves Ribeiro S.A. shows that the works listed in the list 'Works to be performed or completed identified during provisional acceptance inspections' attached to the acceptance certificate previously signed on 30 September 2024 are final and completed, and thus in condition to be fully accepted.

Delivery of 11 zero-emission (electric or hydrogen) buses.

Clause 1 (page 4) of the contract for the buses signed on 12 January 2024 by Metro do Porto, a public entity, and the companies, a consortium between CaetanoBus – Fabricação de Carroçarias, S.A., DST Solar, S.A., Dourogás Natural – Comércio de Gás Natural e Energia, S.A., PRF-Gás Tecnologia e Construção, S.A. and BrightCity, S.A., establishes that the main purpose of the contract is the supply and maintenance of BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) vehicles, projects and infrastructure for the production of green hydrogen and electricity from renewable sources, in accordance with the specifications.

Clause 1 (page 8) of the Technical Specifications Part I – General Clauses specifies that the purpose of the contract is the supply of 12 hydrogen hybrid BRT vehicles.

Point 1.2.1 (page 10) of the Technical Specifications Part II – Technical specifications of BRT vehicles establishes that the vehicles shall be hybrid-powered, with electric motorisation and hydrogen fuel.

Delivery certificate signed on 18 December 2025, between Metro do Porto, the supervisors of the works and the contractor, Caetano Bus - Fabricação de Carroçarias S.A shows that 12 BRT buses were delivered in line with contract for the buses signed on 12 January 2024, and its technical specifications (both Part I and Part II), thus exceeding the goal of Milestone 15.11 by one unit.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 16.3 Employment + Digital training participants

Related Measure: C16-i01 Digital Empowerment of Enterprises

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 225 000

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to increase the digital skills of the population. The investment consists of two training programmes for digital skills i) the Portugal Digital Academy, an online platform with digital courses; ii) the Employment + Digital, a digital skills training programme.

Target 16.3 concerns the participations in training modules certified under the Employment + Digital programme.

Target 16.3 is the third and last target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 16.2 related to the start of the Portugal Digital Academy and the Employment + Digital programmes, and is accompanied by target 16.4 in the same payment request related to the creation of 30 new Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to be made available on the Portugal Digital Academy platform.

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	Government Order No. 246/2022 of 27 September (published in Portugal's Official Journal 'Diario da Republica' No. 187/2022, 1st series of 27 September 2022, pages 44-57), which entered into force on 28 September 2022.	Government Order 246/2022 establishes the second phase of the 'Employment + Digital' programme.
3	List of participations in training modules certified under the Employment + Digital programme	List of participations including the identification number of the participant, the name of the participant, the training module code and the number of the certificate.
4	60 Certificates of participation in training modules	In the context of the sampling analysis, certificates of participation were issued by the respective training providers for the sampled list of 60 participations.
5	60 Training contracts	In the context of the sampling analysis, signed training contracts between the training participant and the training provider were provided for the

		sampled list of 60 participations. Training contracts are signed between the training provider and the participant setting out the terms and conditions for participation in a training module.
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3. Analysis:

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

Number of participations in training modules certified under the Employment + Digital programme.

The target requires that 225 000 participations are certified under the Employment + Digital programme. Article 1(2) of the Government Order No. 246/2022 specifies that the Employment + Digital programme consists of the following professional training measures: 'Employment Training + Digital', 'Leader + Digital', 'Training Voucher + Digital', 'Trainer + Digital'.

Portugal submitted a list of 225 721 participations in training modules falling under the training measure 'Employment Training + Digital' and which, as explained above, is part of the Employment + Digital programme. For each participation, the Portuguese authorities reported in the list the identification number of the participant, the name of the participant, the training module code and the number of the certificate of participation.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted certificates of participation, which include the participant's personal identification number and the code of the training module, issued by the training provider, proving the certification of a participation to a specific training. In addition, Portugal submitted for each unit a training contract, which includes the participant's personal identification and the code of the training module, signed by the training participant and the training provider. Clause 1(2) of the training contracts states that each respective training module falls under the training measure 'Employment Training + Digital'. As explained above, the training measure 'Employment Training + Digital' is part of the 'Employment + Digital' programme. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that the requirements of the target have been met, and that 225 721 participations in training modules were certified under the 'Employment + Digital' programme.

According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed 225 721 training participations. Portugal certified 225 721 participations in training modules, thus exceeding the goal of Target 16.3 by 721 participations.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 16.4 Portugal Digital Academy MOOCs

Related Measure: C16-i01 Digital Empowerment of Enterprises

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 30

Time: Q3 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to increase the digital skills of the population.

The investment consists of two training programmes for digital skills i) the Portugal Digital Academy, an online platform with digital courses; ii) the Employment + Digital, a digital skills training programme.

Target 16.4 concerns the availability of 30 new Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) via the Portugal Digital Academy platform.

Target 16.4 is the third and last target of the investment and it is accompanied by target 16.3, which concerns the number of participations in training modules certified under the Employment + Digital programme. It follows the completion of milestone 16.2 consisting in platforms launched, skills diagnostics established for the Portugal Digital Academy and sectors and partners identified, and personalised digital training commenced for the Employment + Digital programme.

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	Contracts No. 253/2024, No. 254/2024 and No. 255/2024 signed by AMA – Agency for Administrative Modernisation, IP (currently ARTE, IP, pursuant to Decree-Law 96/2025) and Capgemini Portugal, SA and Distance Learning Consulting – Consultoria Pedagógica, Lda., on 12 December 2024.	Under an international tender, three contracts were signed for the provision of instructional design services and multimedia production of educational content, for a total of 60 new MOOCs to increase digital skills through e-learning.
3	Certificate of completion of works signed by ARTE, IP and Capgemini Portugal, SA, on 13 October 2025.	The certificate shows that a set of 54 MOOCs were made available online on the 'NAU' Platform, and that their access is fully operational for the development of the digital skills of the working-age population
4	Link to the Portugal Digital Academy platform https://academiaportugaldigital.pt/cursos	The link shows that the 54 newly created MOOCs are available on the Portugal Digital Academy platform.

		Commission services verified on 17 October 2025 that the 30 newly created MOOCs (the first 30 indicated in the Certificate of completion of works) were available via the Portugal Digital Academy platform, through links to the 'NAU' platform.
5	Link to the host platform 'NAU' https://www.nau.edu.pt	The link to the host platform 'NAU' shows that the 54 newly created MOOCs are accessible and operational. Commission services verified between 17 and 20 October 2025 that MOOCs were accessible and operational in the host platform 'NAU'.
6	Decree-Law No. 96/2025 , published in Portugal's Official Journal Diário da República n.º 160/2025, first series of 21 August 2025, which entered into force on 22 August 2025.	This decree-law on the change of designation of AMA shows that all references made to AMA, IP shall be understood as referring to ARTE, IP.

3. Analysis:

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

30 new Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are defined in the host platform NAU as open courses accessible to everyone produced by recognised entities. Contracts No. 253/2024, No. 254/2024 and No. 255/2024 were signed by AMA – Agency for Administrative Modernisation, IP (currently ARTE, IP, pursuant to Decree-Law 96/2025 of 21 August 2025) and Capgemini Portugal, SA and Distance Learning Consulting – Consultoria Pedagógica, Lda., on 12 December 2024. The first clause of these contracts outlines the 'object' of the contracts which amounts to the creation of 60 new MOOCs:

- 18 low-complexity asynchronous eLearning courses (6 per each contract)
- 24 intermediate-complexity asynchronous eLearning courses (8 per each contract)
- 9 advanced-complexity asynchronous eLearning courses (3 per each contract)
- 9 highly specialised asynchronous eLearning courses (3 per each contract)

shall be made available via the Portugal Digital Academy platform.

The Certificate of completion of works – which was signed by ARTE, IP (based on Article 2(2) of the Decree-Law No. 96/2025 on the change of designation, which establishes that all references made to AMA, IP shall be understood as referring to ARTE, IP.) and Capgemini Portugal, SA, 13 October 2025 – shows that 54 MOOCs were made available online via the Portugal Digital Academy platform and hosted on the NAU platform.

The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities between 17 and 20 October 2025 to verify that 30 newly created MOOCs (the first 30 indicated in the Certificate of completion of works) were available via the Portugal Digital Academy platform. This platform made available the courses through links to the NAU platform, which hosts the Portugal Digital Academy MOOCs as well as other courses. NAU is a Portuguese MOOC platform offering free online courses with a wide range of different subject and topics covered. The Portugal Digital Academy MOOCs were integrated in the NAU platform to provide digital skills training as part of a broader learning offer. The Commission services also accessed the link provided by the authorities on 17 October 2025 to check that MOOCs were accessible and operational in the NAU platform. These checks were completed successfully, confirming that at least 30 MOOCs were available via the Portugal Digital Academy platform and accessible and operational in the host platform NAU.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 17.4 Entry into force of a legal act on programme budgeting

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

Qualitative Indicator: Provision in the legal act indicating the entry into force of the legal act

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

This reform aims at modernising expenditure control and budgeting. It encompasses the entry into force of legal acts on public financial management.

Milestone 17.4 concerns the entry into force of a legal act on the specifications of programme budgeting and on a manual on programme budgeting costing.

Milestone 17.4 is the eighth and last milestone of the reform, and it is accompanied by target 17.8 related to the approval of budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises in this payment request. It follows the completion of milestone 17.6 related to the entry into force of the new management contract template for the management of state-owned enterprises, target 17.1 related to new procurement models for the national central public procurement system, milestone 17.2 related to the entry into force of legislation underpinning the State Accounting Entity, milestone 17.3 related to the completion and approval of the model for monitoring the budgetary and financial execution of general government, milestone 17.7 related to the new model for analysing and disclosing the financial situation and performance of state-owned enterprises, and milestone 17.5 related to the integration of spending reviews in the regular budgetary process.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Decree Law No. 86/2025 , of 18 July (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 137/2025, first series of 18 July 2025), which entered into force on 23 July 2025	This legal act establishes the specifications and guidelines relating to the implementation of budgetary programmes.

3. Analysis

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

Entry into force of a legal act...

Decree-Law No. 86/2025 was published in the Official Journal of Portugal on 18 July 2025. Decree-Law No. 86/2025 entered into force on 23 July 2025, in accordance with Article 2(2) of Law No.74/98, of 11 November, establishing the publication, identification and format of legal instruments.

... on the specifications of programme budgeting...

According to Article (1)(a) and (b), Decree-Law No. 86/2025 establishes the specifications and guidelines for the implementation of budgetary programmes to be included in the State Budget as well as the monitoring of their execution and accountability and approves the legal framework applicable to entities managing budgetary programs.

Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 86/2025 specifies that it applies to all services and bodies of the central administration and social security subsectors, including reclassified public entities, and Article 4 lays down the objectives of programme budgeting, which includes the objective of reinforcing the role and accountability of governmental areas in the field of public financial management, as well as implementing effective multiannual planning. Article 18 of Decree-Law No. 86/2025 establishes the evaluation procedure of budget programmes, and Articles 19 to 23 govern the execution of budget programmes, including budgetary deviations, withholdings, changes to the elements comprising each budgetary programme, as well as the costing and management accounting of budgetary programmes.

... and on a manual on programme budgeting costing.

Decree-Law No. 86/2025 includes Article 23(6), which regulates the manual on programme budgeting costing. In particular, Article 23(6) stipulates that the budgetary entity shall, within a maximum period of 12 months after the entry into force of Decree-Law No. 86/2025, prepare a costing manual to be implemented by the entities comprising the central administration and social security subsectors, through the development of tools and information systems suitable for costing and performance management.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 17.8 Budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises

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

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 136

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

This reform aims at modernising expenditure control and budgeting. It consists of the entry into force of legal acts on public financial management.

Target 17.8 concerns the approval by a Ministerial Order of 136 budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises.

Target 17.8 is the seventh and second-to-last step of the implementation of the reform and is accompanied by milestone 17.4 in this payment request, related to the entry into force of a legal act on programme budgeting. It follows the completion of milestone 17.6 related to the entry into force of the new management contract template for the management of state-owned enterprises, target 17.1 related to new procurement models for the national central public procurement system, milestone 17.2 related to the entry into force of legislation underpinning the State Accounting Entity, milestone 17.3 related to the completion and approval of the model for monitoring the budgetary and financial execution of general government, milestone 17.7 related to the new model for analysing and disclosing the financial situation and performance of state-owned enterprises, and milestone 17.5 related to the integration of spending reviews in the regular budgetary process.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	91 Orders of the Ministry of Finance approving budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises	These administrative acts approve budget and activities plans of 91 state-owned enterprises within the remit of the Ministry of Finance.
3	Order of the Ministry of Health approving organisational development plans of 42 state-owned enterprises.	This administrative act approves organisational development plans of 42 state-owned enterprises within the remit of the Ministry of Health.
4	Law No. 82/2023 of 29 December (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 250/2023, first series of 29 December 2023, pages	This legal act changes the requirements for the state-owned

	2 to 232, which entered into force on 1 January 2024.	enterprises within the remit of the Ministry of Health.
5	Order of the Minister of Finances and Minister of Health No. 14012/2025 of 25 November (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 228/2025, first series of 25 November 2025, which took effect on 1 January 2025.	This legal act approves the National Health Service's global reference framework (" <i>Quadro Global de Referência</i> ") for 2025, ensuring their applicability for the following financial years 2026 and 2027.
6	Decree-Law No. 133/2013 of 3 October (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ', No. 191/2013, first series of 3 October 2013, pages 5988 to 6002, which entered into force on 2 December 2013.	This legal act approves the legal regime of the public enterprise sector.

3. Analysis:

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

Number of budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises for 2025 approved by a Ministerial Order.

The target required that 136 budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises for 2025 were approved by a Ministerial order.

According to Article 39(9) of Decree-Law No 133/2013, of 3 December, activity and budget plans are always subject to the approval of a Government member from the Ministry of Finance. Portugal submitted 91 Ministerial Orders of the Ministry of Finance approving the budget and activities plan for 2025 of 91 the state-owned enterprises (one Ministerial Order per state-owned enterprise)

The Council Implementing Decision required budget and activities plans to be approved for state-owned enterprises. Portugal submitted one Order of the Ministry of Health approving the organisational development plans, including projected economic and financial performance, investment plans, and healthcare activities, for the period of 2025-2027 of 42 state-owned enterprises (one Ministerial Order for 42 state-owned enterprises). Whilst this constitutes a minimal formal deviation from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision, the organisational development plans approved by the Ministry of Health carry equivalent effect to budget and activities plans stipulated in the requirement. Pursuant to Articles 311 and 312 of Law No. 82/2023, the approval of budget and activities plans have been replaced by the approval of organisational development plans for state-owned enterprises under the Ministry of Health. According to those same legal provisions, the organisational development plans are subject to approval by a Government member from the Ministry of Health. The organisational development plans must be adopted in accordance with the National Health Service overall reference framework, which ensures consolidated planning for all healthcare units in the areas of budget (including projected financial statements, human resources, and annual and multiyear investment) and activities (including integration of care and performance in terms of output, access, quality, and efficiency). This approval was conditional on (1) the subsequent approval and publication of the National Health Service overall reference

framework for 2025, which took place on 25 November 2025 with the publication of Order of the Minister of Finances and Minister of Health No. 14012/2025, and (2) on the state-owned enterprises' monthly reporting on investments from then on. As of this, this minimal deviation does not affect the progress towards achieving the reform that the target represents. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

The Council Implementing Decision required 136 budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises for 2025 approved by a Ministerial Order. The number of budget and activities plans of state-owned enterprises for 2025 approved by a Ministerial Order is 133. Whilst this constitutes a minimal numerical deviation of 2% 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.

Number and name of the Milestone: 18.10 Statutes of the Judicial Clerks

Related Measure: C18-r33 Economic justice and business environment

Qualitative Indicator: Provision in the legal act indicating the entry into force of the legal act

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the reform is to increase the efficiency of administrative and fiscal courts and to reduce barriers to investment in the field of licencing.

Milestone 18.10 concerns the entry into force of the revised statutes of the judicial clerks.

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

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Decree-Law No. 27/2025 of 20 March (published in Portugal's Official Journal, ' <i>Diário da República</i> ' No. 56/2025, first series, of 20 March 2025), which entered into force on 19 April 2025	Legal act that revises the Statutes of the Judicial Clerks.

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of the revised Statutes of the judicial clerks.

On 20 March 2025, Portugal published in its Official Journal Decree-Law No. 27/2025, which revises the Statutes of the judicial clerks. According to its article 31, Decree-Law No. 27/2025 entered into force 30 days after its publication on 19 April 2025. **The revision shall include: (a) A multi-category career;**

According to article 2(2) of Decree-Law No. 27/2025, the judicial clerk career includes two categories: clerk (*escrivão*) and judicial technician (*técnico de justiça*). The competences of each category are specified in Annex I of Decree-Law No. 27/2025. Annex I is an integral part of Decree-Law No. 27/2025 (article 3(2)).

(b) New regime for the management position

According to article 4 of Decree-Law No. 27/2025, there are two new management positions: registrar of the high court (*secretário de tribunal superior*) and registrar of justice (*secretário de justiça*).

The two new positions, with their respective competences, remuneration and access rules constitute the new regime for the management position.

The registrar of high court position is obtained after a competitive selection process by judicial clerks who hold or have previously held the position of registrar of justice (article 4(2)). Whereas the position of registrar of justice is obtained after a competitive selection process, by judicial clerks belonging to the clerk category (article 4(3)).

The competences of each of these two management positions are specified in Annex II of Decree-Law No. 27/2025. Annex II is an integral part of Decree-Law No. 27/2025 (article 4(6)). The remuneration of each of the two positions is specified in article 9 and Annex II of Decree-Law No. 27/2025.

(c) New remuneration table with a transitory regime

A new remuneration table is set out in Annex III, which is an integral part of Decree-Law No. 27/2025 (Article 7(2)). This new remuneration is applicable to future judicial clerks but also to current judicial clerks under the terms established in article 17. In particular, when transitioning to the new remuneration table, current judicial clerks are positioned in the highest salary level closest to the value corresponding to the sum of the current base salary plus the procedural recovery supplement (article 17(3)).

For those judicial clerks that currently do not reach the first salary level of the new remuneration table, as well as for the judicial technicians entering in 2025 and 2026, a transitory regime (with its own remuneration table) applies (article 17(7), and article 18(1) respectively). This transitory regime will be in force until 1 January 2027 when all will be positioned in the new remuneration table (article 19).

(d) A new availability allowance for non-management positions.

Article 12(1) of Decree-Law No. 27/2025 introduces a new availability allowance (*suplemento de disponibilidade*) to compensate for the obligation to be available for service beyond office opening hours up to 24hours per month and 2 hours per day. This allowance is without prejudice to the payment of additional working hours according to the general employment terms for public officials (article 12(5)).

According to Article 12(2), the new availability allowance is not applicable to the management positions.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.14 IT systems of security forces and services

Related Measure: C19]-i04] Efficient, secure and shared critical digital infrastructure

Qualitative Indicator: IT systems delivered

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to improve the resilience of critical digital infrastructures. This investment consists in increasing the coverage and capacity of the State Emergency Communications network, of the national internal security network, and in the revision of information systems and processes of the security forces.

Milestone 19.14 consists in making IT systems of security forces and services available.

Milestone 19.14 is the third target of the investment. It follows target 19.11 related to secure mobile communications system for government employees and milestone 19.12 related to upgrades of the critical digital infrastructures. It will be followed by milestone 19.13 related to the upgrade of the National Internal Security Network and of the State Communications Emergency Network; and by milestone 19.15 related to the upgrade of critical technological infrastructures of the Government's IT network management centre. 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 the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Certificate of works of the upgrade to SIGAP (Information and Automated Process Management System), signed by the public entity (AIMA - Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo, I.P.) and the contractor (HCCM Consulting, S.A.) on 31 October 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3	Certificate of works of the development of residence permits and accesses to SAPA portal , signed by the public entity (AIMA - Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo, I.P.) and the contractor (Topick World, Lda.) on 08 September 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
4	Certificate of works of the automated process for the revocation of expression of interest , signed by the public entity (AIMA - Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo, I.P.) and the contractor (BOLDINT, S.A.) on 05 September 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.

5	AIMA IT systems Implementation Report of 06 November 2025 signed by the public entity (AIMA - Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo, I.P.)	Report describing the IT systems of AIMA that were delivered.
6	Certificate of works of the upgrade to the national system SIS II , signed by the public entity (Secretaria-Geral da Presidência do Conselho de Ministros) and the contractor (INDRA - Sistemas Portugal, S.A.) on 12 August 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
7	Certificate of works of technical support services for the national system SIS II , signed by the public entity (Secretaria-Geral da Presidência do Conselho de Ministros) and the contractor (INDRA - Sistemas Portugal, S.A.) on 12 August 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
8	Certificate of works of the border control system , signed by the public entity (Secretaria-Geral da Presidência do Conselho de Ministros) and the contractor (Present Technologies-Serviços Informáticos Lda.) on 11 August 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
9	Certificate of works of the PTIP program signed by the public entity (Secretaria-Geral da Presidência do Conselho de Ministros) and the contractor (PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS/AG – ASSESSORIA DE GESTÃO, LDA.) on 12 August 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
10	Border control IT systems Implementation Report of 11 August 2025 signed by the public entity (Secretaria Geral do Governo)	Report describing the IT systems delivered for border control and police cooperation.
11	Certificate of works of the Shared Services Computer Platform of the Ministry of Home Affairs, signed by the public entity (Secretaria Geral do Ministério da Administração Interna) and the contractor (A2ITwb Tecnologia, S.A.) on 03 July 2023	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
12	Certificate of works of storage and processing data system for video surveillance , signed by the public entity (Secretaria Geral do Ministério da Administração Interna) and the contractor (Altice) on 19 September 2023	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
13	Certificate of works of the Unified Platform of Video Surveillance Security Systems , signed by the public entity (Secretaria Geral do Ministério da Administração Interna) and the contractor (NOS) on 08 October 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the contracted services were developed and delivered by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
14	Security Forces Implementation Report of 07 November 2025 signed by the public entity	Report describing the shared IT systems of security forces that were delivered.

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3. Analysis:

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

The following IT systems are delivered:

a) IT systems of AIMA - Agency for Integration, Migration and Asylum

The IT systems of AIMA – Agency for Integration, Migration and Asylum (*Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo*) – delivered include:

- The SIGAP – Information and Automated Process Management System (*Sistema de Informação e Gestão Automatizada de Processos*), system used in AIMA’s service points, which was upgraded and delivered on 31 December 2024, according to the Certificate of works of the upgrade to SIGAP.
- The system for residence permits and the access to SAPA – Scheduling Automatic System (*Sistema Automático de Pré-Agendamento*) portal, for the management and issuance of residence permits and scheduling of appointments with AIMA’s services, which were upgraded and delivered on 08 September 2025, according to Certificate of works of the development of residence permits and accesses to SAPA portal.
- An automated process for the revocation of expressions of interest process, which was delivered on 05 September 2025, according to Certificate of works of the automated process for the revocation of expression of interest. This system assists the handling of expressions of interest submitted after 03 June 2024. The expression of interest was a process foreseen for foreign citizens to obtain a work permit. This process was revoked as of 03 June 2024. To speed the handling of the last requests, PT developed this automated process.

b) IT systems for border control and police cooperation

The following IT systems for border control and police cooperation were delivered:

- An upgrade to the N.SIS (National Schengen Information System), regarding border management and control, namely with the technical changes brought by Recast and NextGen. It was delivered on 12 August 2025 according to the Certificate of works of to the national system SIS II and Certificate of works of technical support services for the national system SIS II.
- “PASSE+” system, which is a new border control system, consists of a platform responsible for registering, validating and managing border crossings. It also automatically queries main national and European databases, such as precautionary measures, watch lists, active SIS alerts, Interpol data, among others, ensuring an integrated and efficient architecture to enhance police cooperation. It was delivered on 11 August 2025 according to the Certificate of works of the border control system.

- The Portuguese Trust International Platform (PTIP) for border management and control, in which are included the Central Access Point (CAP) system and the national European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) dataset. It was made available on 12 August 2025 according to the Certificate of works of the PTIP program.

The upgraded N.SIS, the PASSE+ and the Portuguese Trust International Platform systems contribute to police cooperation by facilitating information-sharing and enabling secure data exchange between police forces at national and European levels, as reported in the Border control IT systems Implementation Report (pages 2, 12 and 18).

c) **Shared IT services system for security forces and IT systems for video surveillance data.**

The following IT services for security forces were delivered:

- The Computer Platform for the Shared Services of the Ministry of Home Affairs and related infrastructure was delivered on 15 June 2023 according to the Certificate of works of the Shared Services Computer Platform.
- A storage and processing system for the data from video surveillance, including bodycams, was delivered to the security forces and services on 19 September 2023 according to the Certificate of works of storage and processing data system for video surveillance. In addition, a platform to manage, monitor and analyse data from bodycams, which is interconnected to other video surveillance systems, was delivered on 13 July 2025 according to the Certificate of works of the Unified Platform of Video Surveillance Security Systems.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 19.16 Digital Public services in the ARM

Related Measure: C19i05-RAM] Digital transition of Madeira's public administration

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 5

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to make digital technologies available for the provision of public services.

Target 19.16 consists in making five new digital projects or services available.

Target 19.16 is the second target of the investment and it follows milestone 19.28, related to a functional prototype. It will be followed by target 19.17 related to the availability of IT infrastructure of Madeira's public administration. 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 the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2A	Tender specifications of Tender No. DRI-25/CP/2023	Technical specifications of the tender to select a provider under the public "Digitecas" project.
2B	Certificate of works of the digital tools for the public "Digitecas" project signed by the <i>Região Autónoma da Madeira</i> on 12 December 2023	Certificate of works declaring that the digital tools were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
2C	Link to the information page about "Lojas de Juventude" https://www.madeira.gov.pt/drj/en-us/Estrutura/DRJ-en-US/Areas-en-US/Youth-Shops/ctl/Read/mid/14467/InformacaoId/67573/UnidadeOrganicaId/42/CatalogoId/0	Link to the Madeira Regional Government's website where the information about "Lojas de Juventude" is displayed. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.
2D	Link to the locations and schedules of the "Lojas de Juventude" https://www.madeira.gov.pt/Portals/44/Documentos/Hor%C3%A1rios_LJ_2025.pdf	Link to the Madeira Regional Government's website page where the information about the location and schedules of "Lojas de Juventude" is displayed. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.

3A	Tender specifications of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR	Technical specifications of the tender, divided in five lots, to select a provider of digitalization of documents of the Heritage Archives.
3B	Certificate of works of the digitalization of documents services acquired under lot 1 of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR, signed by the contractor on 26 November 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the digitalization services contracted under lot 1 of the tender were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3C	Certificate of works of the digitalization of documents services acquired under lot 2 of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR, signed by the contractor on 04 December 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the digitalization services contracted under lot 2 of the tender were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3D	Certificate of works of the digitalization of documents services acquired under lot 3 of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR, signed by the contractor on 27 November 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the digitalization services contracted under lot 3 of the tender were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3E	Certificate of works of the digitalization of documents services acquired under lot 4 of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR, signed by the contractor on 03 December 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the digitalization services contracted under lot 4 of the tender were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3F	Certificate of works of the digitalization of documents services acquired under lot 5 of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR, signed by the contractor on 07 November 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the digitalization services contracted under lot 5 of the tender were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3G	Tender specifications of Tender No. 34/2023/DRABM-PRR	Technical specifications of the tender for the creation and management of a digital library and acquisition of an Optical Character Recognition module.
3H	Certificate of works of the creation and management of a digital library and the acquisition of an Optical Character Recognition module acquired under Tender No. 34/2023/DRABM-PRR, signed by the public entity on 08 September 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the creation and management of a digital library and acquisition of an Optical Character Recognition module were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3I	Tender specifications of Tender No. 27/2023/DRABM-PRR	Technical specifications of the tender for the acquisition of web design services for the new website of <i>Direção Regional do Arquivo e Biblioteca da Madeira</i> .
3J	Certificate of works of the web design services for the new website of <i>Direção Regional do Arquivo e Biblioteca da Madeira</i> acquired under Tender No. 27/2023/DRABM-PRR, signed by the public entity on 05 December 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the web design services for the new website of <i>Direção Regional do Arquivo e Biblioteca da Madeira</i> were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
3K	Link to the Digital Library https://arca-abm.madeira.gov.pt/	Link to the online page of the Digital Library. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.

3L	Link to the new website of <i>Direção Regional dos Arquivos, das Bibliotecas e do Livro</i> https://drabl.madeira.gov.pt/	Link to the website of <i>Direção Regional dos Arquivos, das Bibliotecas e do Livro</i> . Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.
4A	Certificate of works of the New International Ship Registration System of Madeira – @ppMAR signed by the <i>Governo Regional da Madeira</i> on 16 May 2025	Certificate of works declaring that @ppMAR was made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
4B	Link to the @ppMAR website https://shippingregister.madeira.gov.pt/	Link to the online page of each the @ppMAR, the ship registration system. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.
5A	Certificate of works of the new APRAM's website signed by the <i>APRAM – Administração dos Portos da Região da Madeira</i> and <i>MEO - Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia, S.A.</i> on 07 September 2024	Certificate of works declaring that new APRAM's website was made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
5B	Link to the APRAM's website https://apram.pt/	Link to the APRAM's website. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.
5C	Certificate of works of the pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers signed by the <i>APRAM – Administração dos Portos da Região da Madeira</i> and <i>INDRA Sistemas Portugal, S.A.</i> on 04 December 2025	Certificate of works declaring that the pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers was made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
5D	Link to the platform for pier reservation management for ship stopovers https://jul.nsw.pt/web/#/authentication/login?returnUrl=vm%2Fvm%2Fberth-reservation	Link to the pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025.
5E	Certificate of works of the digital platform for the Environmental Management of APRAM signed by <i>APRAM – Administração dos Portos da Região da Madeira</i> on 12 December 2025.	Certificate of works declaring that the digital platform for the Environmental Management of APRAM was made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
6A	Certificate of works of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> platform – Lot 1, phase 1 , signed by the <i>Direção Regional do Ordenamento do Território</i> on 13 November 2024	Certificate declaring that the works of the first phase of lot 1 of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
6B	Certificate of works of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> platform – Lot 1, phase 2 , signed by the <i>Direção Regional do</i>	Certificate declaring that the works of the second phase of lot 1 of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.

	<i>Ordenamento do Território</i> on 07 March 2025	
6C	Certificate of works of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> platform – Lot 1, phase 3, signed by the <i>Direção Regional do Ordenamento do Território</i> on 16 April 2025	Certificate declaring that the works of the third phase of lot 1 of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
6D	Certificate of works of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> platform – Lot 2, signed by the <i>Direção Regional do Ordenamento do Território</i> on 08 August 2025	Certificate declaring that the works of lot 2 of the design and development of the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> were made available by the contractor and accepted by the public entity.
6E	Link to the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> platform https://sric.madeira.gov.pt	Link to the <i>Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral (SRIC)</i> platform. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 18 December 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

Number of new projects or services made available:

- “Digitecas”

“Digitecas” is the name of the project to equip the so-called “youth shops” (“*Lojas das Juventude*”), which are public spaces with free internet access, combining technology with interactive areas for reading, studying, and consultation, with IT tools to be used by the public. The *Região Autónoma da Madeira* launched a public tender for the acquisition of digital tools to be made available to the citizens under the public “Digitecas” project – Clause 1(3) of the Tender specifications of Tender No. DRI-25/CP/2023. The digital tools were to be delivered and made available to the public in “*Lojas de Juventude*” – Clause 6(5) of the Tender specifications of Tender No. DRI-25/CP/2023.

According to the Certificate of works of the digital tools for the public “Digitecas” project, the digital tools for the “Digitecas” project were made available in the public spaces “*Lojas de Juventude*”.

The authorities shared the link to the Madeira Regional Government’s website where the information about “*Lojas de Juventude*” is displayed, as well as the link to the locations and schedules of the “*Lojas de Juventude*”. The Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025 to verify the availability of public “Digitecas” in “*Lojas de Juventude*”. This check was completed successfully, confirming that there are currently seven available “*Lojas de Juventude*”.

- Digitalisation of documents from Heritage Archives

The *Região Autónoma da Madeira* launched a public tender, divided in five lots, for the digitalization of the following documents of the Heritage Archives – Clause 1(1) and (2) of the Tender specifications of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR:

- o Lot 1 – Digitalization of property records from the Madeira Tax Authorities, including planning, curative conservation, and packaging services.
- o Lot 2 – Digitalization of wills and charitable bequests from the 17th to 19th centuries, including planning and curative conservation services.
- o Lot 3 – Digitalization of newspapers.
- o Lot 4 – Digitalization of film and image processing and conversion thereof for digital preservation and dissemination.
- o Lot 5 – Digitalization of glass and film negative, including conservation and packaging services.

According to the Certificates of works of the digitalization of documents services acquired under lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Tender No. 5/SRTC/2023-PRR, the digitalization of the documents from the Heritage Archives was made available.

The *Região Autónoma da Madeira* launched a public tender for the creation and management of a digital library and acquisition of an Optical Character Recognition module – Clause 1(1) of the Tender specifications of Tender No. 34/2023/DRABM-PRR. According to the Certificate of works of the creation and management of a digital library and the acquisition of an Optical Character Recognition module acquired under Tender No. 34/2023/DRABM-PRR, the contracted services were made available.

Furthermore, the *Região Autónoma da Madeira* launched a public tender for the acquisition of web design services for the new website of *Direção Regional do Arquivo e Biblioteca da Madeira* – Clause 1(1) of the Tender specifications of Tender No. 27/2023/DRABM-PRR. According to the Certificate of works of the web design services for the new website of *Direção Regional do Arquivo e Biblioteca da Madeira* acquired under Tender No. 27/2023/DRABM-PRR, the contracted services were made available.

Portuguese authorities shared the links to the Digital Library and to the new website of *Direção Regional dos Arquivos, das Bibliotecas e do Livro*. Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025 to verify their availability. This check was completed successfully, confirming that both websites provide public access to digitalized documents.

- **Digital Ship Registration System**

According to the Certificate of works of the New International Ship Registration System of Madeira – @ppMAR, @ppMAR was made available on 16 May 2025.

Portuguese authorities shared the link to @ppMAR’s website. Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025 to verify the availability of @ppMAR online. This check was completed successfully, confirming the availability of @ppMAR and possibility to access the system using authentication credentials.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 17 December 2025 to verify the availability of the @ppMAR platform and its main features available to users. This check was completed successfully, confirming that @ppMAR platform is available.

- **Digital Port Community System**

Within the Digital Port Community System project, the following was made available:

- o The website of *APRAM – Administração dos Portos da Região da Madeira*, which was made available on 07 September 2024 according to the Certificate of works of the APRAM’s website.

The authorities shared the link to the APRAM's website. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025 to verify the availability of APRAM's new website. This check was completed successfully, confirming that website is available and accessible.

- o The pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers, which allows companies and agents to electronically submit stopover requests, reserve dock positions, and manage ship support services. It was made available on 14 August 2025 according to the Certificate of works of the pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers.

The authorities shared the link to the pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 08 December 2025 to verify the availability of the platform. This check was completed successfully, confirming that availability of the platform and possibility to access it using authentication credentials.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 17 December 2025 to verify the availability of the pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers and its main features available to users. This check was completed successfully, confirming that pier reservation management platform for ship stopovers is available.

- o The digital platform for the Environmental Management of APRAM, which is an internal platform of APRAM for the tracking of environmental data. It was made available on 12 December 2025 according to the Certificate of works of the digital platform for the Environmental Management of APRAM.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 17 December 2025 to verify the availability of the digital platform for the Environmental Management of APRAM and its main features available to users. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the digital platform for the Environmental Management of APRAM is available.

- **Digital “DROTe” (*Direção Regional do Ordenamento do Território*)**

Within the Digital DROTe, the *Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral* (SRIC) platform was made available. According to the Certificates of works of the design and development of the *Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral* (SRIC) platform, the platform was made available on 08 August 2025.

Portuguese authorities shared the link to the *Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral* (SRIC) platform. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 18 December 2025 to verify the availability of the platform online. This check was completed successfully, confirming the availability of *Sistema Regional de Informação Cadastral* (SRIC) platform.

Furthermore, in line with the measure description, this investment consists in the digitalisation of public services.

The digitalisation of documents from Heritage Archives, the Digital Ship Registration System and the Digital Port Community System provide citizens access to public services in digital form.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 19.27 Citizen Application

Related Measure: Reform C19-i01 – Redesign of public and consular services

Qualitative Indicator: New citizen application available

Time: Q1 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to ensure the digital transition in the Portuguese public administration, including consular services.

Milestone 19.27 consists in making available the application Gov PT, which allows citizens to access public services on the mobile phone.

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

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Certificate of Works of 29 May 2025 signed by the service provider TEKEVER IV - DIGITAL, UNIPessoal LD, and the public entity AMA (Agency for Modernisation of the Public Administration)	The certificate works signed according to the respective services contract between AMA –Agency for Modernisation of the Public Administration and the service provider, Tekever IV – Digital, Unipessoal Ld.
3	Links to the application stores where the app Gov PT is available for download onto a smart phone: https://play.google.com/store/search?q=Gov.pt&c=apps https://apps.apple.com/pt/app/gov-pt/id1384884826 https://appgallery.huawei.com/#/app/C101432927	Links to the application stores of Google, Apple and Huawei where the application is available for download. Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 30 October 2025 to verify that the application was available.

3. Analysis:

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

Citizen application, Gov PT is available for mobile phones.

On 28 March 2025 the citizen application Gov PT was made available, according to the certificate of works (page 1). Gov PT can be downloaded onto mobile phones from the following online stores:

- Android
- iOS
- Huawei

The Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 30 October 2025 to verify that the application was available. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the application was launched.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.33 SIADAP platform

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

Qualitative Indicator: the SIADAP platform is available

Time: Q1 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this reform is to attract and retain talent in the public administration and rejuvenate its workforce.

Milestone 19.33 concerns the availability of the IT platform of SIADAP (Integrated System to Manage and Evaluate Performance in Public Administration) and specific training to learn how to use it.

Milestone 19.33 is the third and last milestone of reform and it follows the completion of milestone 19.31 related to the entry into force of a legislative act that revises the SIADAP and milestone 19.32 related to the entry into force of the legislative act that revises the Public Administration Competencies profile.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Certificate of entry into operation of 12 August 2025 signed by DGAEP (Directorate-General for Administration and Public Employment), and the Shared Services Department of the Portuguese public administration eSPap	The certificate of entry into operation is issued within the contract that the National Institute of Public Administration and the Shared Services Department of the Portuguese public administration eSPap co-signed with DGAEP (Directorate-General for Administration and Public Employment). With this certificate, the project owner, DGAEP, accepts the works completed by eSPap , which made the IT platform SIADAP available for use.
3	Technical report of 2 September 2025 signed by the President of the Executive Council of the Shared Services Department of the Portuguese public administration (eSPap) <i>Cesar Augusto Gundersen Rodrigues Pestana</i>	The report contains short presentation of the IT platform and its state of play, with relevant access links to the platform, as well as an access link to the training modules. It also has printed

		screens of the platform's various modules and operational details.
4	Training on how to use the SIADAP by the National Institute of Public Administration – training available until 18 December 2025 https://ap.nau.edu.pt/pt/cursos/contratualizacao-dos-parametros-de-avaliacao-na-plataforma-do-ge/	<i>'Contractualization of the Evaluation Parameters in the GEADAP Platform - Evaluator and Evaluated'</i> – this training module is available for all public servants, being evaluators (managers) or evaluated (staff) Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 28 October 2025.
5	Tutorials by the Directorate-General for Administration and Public Employment on the use of SIADAP available since February to December 2025 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbodo5sR6vg&list=PLfcVYe5e14ygsgeXWfuYWxg3u-dt5ltx6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dq6so3G4ZeY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtbnYh68px8	Tutorials on the different modules of the SIADAP, for both managers and staff. These modules were developed in stages, starting in February 2025 all the way to December 2025 and they will remain available. Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 28 October 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

(i) SIADAP platform [...] shall be available

According to the Certificate of Entry into Operation, the IT platform of SIADAP is available to employees and managers of the public administration since 26 May 2025. This also means that the platform was delivered as described in the measure description.

The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 16 September 2025 to verify the functionalities of the IT platform of SIADAP as presented in the Technical Report and to verify that the IT platform was being used by employees and managers. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the IT platform of SIADAP is available.

(ii) Specific training to learn how to use [the SIADAP s platform] shall be available

The National Institute of Public Administration made available online one course on how to use the SIADAP Platform.

In addition, the Directorate-General for Administration and Public Employment also made available online the following tutorials explaining how to use the functions of SIADAP platform related to the evaluation of the employees.

The Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 28 October 2025 to verify the availability of the course (registration is possible online) and its content, as well as the availability and content of the tutorials (videos). This check was completed successfully, confirming that specific training to learn how to use the IT platform is available.

Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactory fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.34 Smart Territories Portal

Related Measure: C19-i08 – Intelligent Territories

Qualitative Indicator: Smart Territories Portal is available

Time: Q1 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the measure is to adopt a data-driven planning and managing cities and territories.

Milestone 19.34 consists in the availability of an online portal that provides a repository of legislation, best practices and funding resources related to the smart territories national strategy.

Milestone 19.34 is the first step of the implementation of the investment and it will be followed by milestone 19.35, related to the availability of urban management platforms in municipalities, digital twins, and a public policy dashboard, and milestone 19.36, related to the availability of training courses for public employees on smart territories. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q1 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Smart Territories Portal https://territoriosinteligentes.gov.pt/	Link to the Smart Territories Portal. Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 29 October 2025 to verify that the Portal is accessible.
3	Implementation report of 21 August 2025 signed by the owner of the project (Agência para a Modernização Administrativa, I.P.)	Implementation report describing the Smart Territories Portal and its main features and justifying the fulfilment of milestone 19.34. The report is signed by the owner of the project.
4	Certificate of conclusion of work of the Smart Territories Portal of 01 September 2025 co-signed by the owner of the project ("Agência para a Modernização Administrativa, I.P.") and the contractor ("Alpibre, Lda.")	Certificate of conclusion of work of the Smart Territories Portal declaring that the development of the portal was completed on 26 March 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

An online portal providing a repository of legislation, best practices and funding resources related to smart territories national strategy is available.

According to the certificate of conclusion of works, the Smart Territories Portal was made available on 26 March 2025.

The smart territories strategy relates to strategic information for the digital transformation of Portuguese territories, simplifying the sharing and access to fundamental resources for territorial management. The Portal centralises this information, in particular the related legislation (for example regarding urban management platforms), best practices (for example, regarding land management) and the available funds that can be used to support, for example, the digitalisation of services. The implementation report describes the objectives of the portal and its main features, including access to legislation, best practices and funding resources related to smart territories national strategy.

Portuguese authorities shared the internet link that directs to the Smart Territories Portal. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 29 October 2025 to verify that the Portal is accessible and to verify its functionalities. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the portal is launched and accessible with a repository of legislation, best practices and funding resources related to the smart territories national strategy.

Furthermore, in line with the measure description, this investment consists in the provision of digital tools

The Smart Territories Portal is one of the digital tools. The remaining digital tools are included in milestone 19.35 which belongs to the 10th instalment.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 19.36 Training on smart territories

Related Measure: C19-i08 Intelligent Territories

Qualitative Indicator: Availability of training courses

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to adopt a data-driven planning and managing of cities and territories.

The milestone consists in having training available with online registration for public employees on intelligent territories matters.

Milestone 19.36 is the second milestone of the investment, and it is accompanied by milestone 19.34. It will be followed by milestone 19.35, related to the adoption of Urban Management Platforms, Digital Twins and Public Policy Dashboard. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q1/2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Weblinks to the training courses: https://www.ina.pt/blog/programas-formacao/percurso-para-dirigentes-e-tecnicos-da-administracao-local/ https://www.ina.pt/blog/programas-formacao/percurso-para-deciso-res-e-dirigentes-superiores-da-administracao-local/ https://www.ina.pt/blog/programas-formacao/percurso-para-dirigentes-da-administracao-central/ https://www.ina.pt/blog/programas-formacao/percurso-para-tecnicos-da-administracao-central-e-outros-interessados/	Links to the online page of each of the four training courses explaining their content and audience

3	Links to the online registration in each training course: https://www.ina.pt/ficha-de-inscricao-programa-de-formacao-estrategia-nacional-de-territorios-inteligentes-enti-p1/ https://www.ina.pt/ficha-de-inscricao-programa-de-formacao-estrategia-nacional-de-territorios-inteligentes-enti-p2/ https://www.ina.pt/ficha-de-inscricao-programa-de-formacao-estrategia-nacional-de-territorios-inteligentes-enti-p3/ https://www.ina.pt/ficha-de-inscricao-programa-de-formacao-estrategia-nacional-de-territorios-inteligentes-enti-p4/	Links to the online form to enrol in each of the four training courses
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3. Analysis:

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

Training courses for public employees on smart territories are available with online registration

Portugal created four courses on smart territories, all of them for public employees and one of them open to public employees and other interested parties. The courses are available with online registration:

- For Local Public Administration employees: Smart Territories | A Path for Decision Makers and Senior Managers in Local Government, with online registration.
- For Local Public Administration employees: Smart Territories | A Path for Local Government Managers and officers, with online registration.
- For Central Public Administration managers: Smart Territories | Path for Central Government Leaders, with online registration.
- For Central Public Administration non-managers employees and other interested parties, with online registration.

The Commission services accessed the links provided by the authorities on 25 November 2025 to verify the training courses on smart territories for public employees were available with online registration. The Commission services also verified that the online registration form asked whether the candidate is a public employee, the respective position and name of the public employer. This check was completed

successfully, confirming that requirement that training courses for public employees on smart territories are available with online registration.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 21.1 Financial support to industrial decarbonisation projects

Related Measure: C21-i01 Scaled-up measure: Decarbonisation of Industry

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 310

Target: 810

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to scale up investment TC-C11-i01: Decarbonisation of industry, under component 11. At least one tender shall include specific modalities for simplified projects under EUR 200 000.

Target 21.1 concerns the provision of financial support for 500 additional decarbonisation projects compared to the baseline.

Target 21.1 is the only target of this investment.

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	List of the decarbonisation projects supported	The list of projects provided includes, for each project, the financial support received. This list was used for the selection of the sample.
3	Payment orders of the decarbonisation projects supported	For the 60 randomly selected projects. The payment orders are issued by IAPMEI and indicates tax identification number (<i>Número de Identificação Fisca</i> – hereinafter referred to as: “NIF”) of the beneficiary, the programme (i.e. RRP), the reference code of each project, the number of the contract for which the beneficiary is receiving support and the amount of the financial support provided.
4	Copy of the tender notice No. 03/C11-i01/2022 published by IAPMEI on 24 November 2023	Tender notice for supporting companies' industrial decarbonisation projects focused on low carbon processes and technologies, and/or adoption of energy efficiency measures, and/or incorporation of renewable energy and energy storage.

3. Analysis:

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

Number of projects that received financial support.

The Portuguese authorities submitted a list of 700 projects that received financial support for the decarbonisation of industry. For each project, the Portuguese authorities identified the tender process under which the project has been approved, the corresponding modality of the application, the financial support provided, the reference code of each project, and the tax-payer number ("NIF") of the company.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Portugal submitted 60 payment orders indicating the beneficiary's name and NIF, the date of the payment, and the financial support received. The payment order specifies the corresponding contract number, the reference code of each project, the reference to the RRP and measure C11-i01. The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that 700 projects received financial support. According to the evidence provided, Portugal completed the financial support of 700 additional projects compared to the baseline. 700 additional projects received financial support, thus exceeding the goal of Target 11.3 by 200 projects.

At least one tender shall include specific modalities for simplified projects under EUR 200 000. Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **this measure consists in providing financial support to companies for decarbonisation projects.**

According to point 3 of Tender notice No. 03/C11-i01/2022, companies can submit an application for simplified projects of industrial decarbonisation with support up to EUR 200 000 per single company, for a period of three years (corresponding to Modality A of application). Companies can also apply for Modality B, which corresponds to projects of industrial decarbonisation with support under the General Block Exemption Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.

Furthermore, according to point 7 of Tender notice No. 03/C11-i01/2022, the eligible costs for funding must fall within at least one of the following three categories: i) low-carbon processes and technologies; ii) adoption of energy efficiency measures; or iii) incorporation of renewable energy and energy storage.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.8 Financing instrument to tackle energy poverty

Related Measure: C21-r43 National Energy Poverty Observatory

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of legal act(s) or decision

Time: Q1 2025

1. Context:

This reform consists in the entry into force of the legal act establishing the National Energy Poverty Observatory, a dedicated body to oversee and drive efforts to alleviate energy poverty in Portugal, and of the legal act establishing a financing instrument for energy efficiency measures in the residential sector to tackle energy poverty.

Milestone 21.8 consists of the entry into force of the legal act establishing a financing instrument for energy efficiency measures in the residential sector to tackle energy poverty.

Milestone 21.8 is the second and last milestone of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 21.7 that consisted in the entry into force of the legal act establishing the National Energy Poverty Observatory.

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. 442-A/2025/1 of 12 December 2025 (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 239/2025, series I of 12 December), which entered into force on 13 December 2025.	This legal act establishes a financing instrument to support energy efficiency measures in the residential sector, contributing to the reduction of energy poverty in Portugal.
3	Study on the identification of households for the development of a financing instrument to tackle energy poverty , published in May 2025 on the website of the National Observatory for Energy poverty: https://onpe.pt/wp-content/uploads/Instrumento-Financeiro-Credito-Mais-Conforavel-ONPE-PT.pdf The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 9 January 2026	Study from the National Observatory for Energy Poverty in Portugal aiming at identifying households in energy poverty.

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of the legal act...

The Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 was published in the Official Journal of Portugal on 12 December 2025. According to its article 15, Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 entered into force one day after its publication, on 13 December 2025.

...establishing a financing instrument for energy efficiency measures in the residential sector ...

Article 1 (1) of Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 establishes the financing instrument for energy efficiency measures in the residential sector to tackle energy poverty (referred to 'the instrument' henceforth).

Article 9 of the Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 states that the instrument provides support in the form of a repayable loan, which may include a subsidy and a public guarantee.

Article 7 of the Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 indicates the types of energy efficiency interventions that the instrument aims to support.

Article 5 of the Order sets out the eligibility conditions for buildings, including the requirements on when to present energy performance certificates. Article 5 (1) specifies that eligible properties consist in existing residential buildings, both single-family and autonomous units of multi-family buildings.

...to tackle energy poverty.

According to the preamble of the Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1, the National Observatory for Energy Poverty carried out a study on the identification of households for the development of a financing instrument to tackle energy poverty (evidence 3). Chapter 4 of this study concludes that any financing scheme should target households based on income and dwelling energy performance to tackle energy poverty in Portugal. If designed as a credit instrument, the measure would be accessible to most families while allowing for higher subsidy rates for lower-income households. The study also recommends including all dwellings with an energy certificate rating of C or below.

Article 6 of the Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 defines the eligibility conditions for beneficiaries, whereas Article 5 defines the eligibility conditions of the households. Article 6 (1a) designates low-income households as eligible beneficiaries, and article 5(4) exempt these households from having to present an energy certificate. Other households may also apply (Article 6(1)(b)), but they must demonstrate that their dwelling holds an energy certificate of class C or lower (Article 5(5)). Any household, even those from low income, holding a certificate of class B or higher, is not eligible for the instrument (Article 5(6)). Furthermore, Article 9(2) provides that the financing rates and conditions may vary depending on the type of beneficiary. Taken together, the eligibility conditions of Article 5 and Article 6 of the Government Order No. 442-A/2025/1 are consistent with the findings of the National Observatory's study and demonstrate that the instrument is created tackle energy poverty.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactory fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.11 Espaços Cidadão Energia

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

Quantitative Indicator: Website showing the available *Espaços Cidadão Energia*

Baseline:

Target:

Time: Q1 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this reform is to support citizens in the preparation and implementation of energy efficiency investment projects. The reform consists of setting up energy efficiency one-stop shops for citizens “Citizens Energy Spaces” (“*Espaços Cidadão Energia*”).

Milestone 21.11 consists of a website available with at least 50 physical *Espaços Cidadão Energia* offering a range of services for citizens.

Milestone 21.11 is the third and final milestone of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 21.9 and target 21.10, related to signature of cooperation protocol for the creation of *Espaços Cidadão Energia*) and capacity building actions.

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	Website of the <i>Espaços Cidadão Energia</i> network: https://redeespacoenergia.pt/	The website contains the map with the <i>Espaços Cidadão Energia</i> . Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 21 November 2025 verifying that the website is of public access to citizens.
3	General Conditions of Adhesion to the <i>Espaço Cidadão</i> network	General conditions of adhesion to the <i>Espaço Cidadão</i> network regulating the terms and conditions for adhesion to the network approved by the General Council of ADENE (the national energy agency and the body responsible for the coordination of the one-stop shops network) and accept by each entity who joins as promoter

4	Order No. 7100/2024 of Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Environment and Energy which regulates the creation and operation of the Citizen Energy Spaces (published in Portugal's Official Journal, 'Diário da República', No. 123/2024 series II of 27 June 2024, which entered into force on 22 June 2024, the day after of its signature (point 16).	This a regulatory act setting out the rules for the creation and operation of Citizen Energy Spaces.
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3. Analysis:

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

Website available with at least 50 physical *Espaços Cidadão Energia*... Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the reform consists in physical counters (Citizens Energy Spaces – *Espaços Cidadão Energia*).**

According to point 1 and 2 of Order No. 7100/2024, *Espaços Cidadão Energia* are one-stop shops where citizens have access to information and personalised support in the adoption of energy saving measures and in the improvement of the comfort of homes.

Recital 3 of Order No 7100/2024 provides that the creation and operation of the physical Energy Citizen Spaces are intended to ensure their long-term presence across locations in the territory. Accordingly, pursuant to points 4 and 5 of Order No 7100/2024, the *Espaços Cidadão Energia* are established on the initiative of the municipalities in which they are physically located and must be adapted to the socio-economic realities of the relevant territory.

To establish a *Espaço Cidadão Energia (Citizen Energy Space)* it is necessary to have a physical service counter (*atendimento presencial*) available during regular working hours, located in a properly identified and publicly accessible space, and equipped with the necessary hardware and software to provide the services, according to Clause 2 and Annex I, point 1 of General Conditions of Adhesion to the *Espaços Cidadão* Network.

The entities in charge of the *Espaços Cidadão Energia*, (the so-called “*entidades promotoras*”) are responsible for disseminating the services offered and report the activities carried out on a digital platform, according to point 8 of the Order No 7100/2024.

The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 21 November 2025 to verify that the website of the *Espaços Cidadão Energia* is publicly available and provides information about 60 physical *Espaços Cidadão Energia*, including the respective address, opening times, services available and

the possibility to schedule in person appointments.. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the website is available with at least 50 physical *Espaços Cidadão Energia*

(...) offering a range of services for citizens (for example technical support to citizens in identifying solutions to improve the energy efficiency of homes).

The website allows citizens to book appointments directly by either selecting one of the *Espaços Cidadão Energia* from an interactive map or by choosing the general "Book an Appointment" tab. The website also includes essential features for user interaction, such as zoom functionality on the map and clickable icons that allow users to select specific locations and book appointments. These features demonstrate both the accessibility and availability of the services to citizens.

Point 3 of Order No 7100/2024 establishes the range of services that shall be provided by *Espaços Cidadão Energia*. When booking an appointment through the website, users can choose from a range of services provided directly by the *Espaços Cidadão Energia* - in line with the list defined under point 3 of Order No.7100/2024 : 30 services, across five key thematic areas: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Incentives and Funding, Sustainable Mobility and Information and Capacity Building, including for example technical support to citizens in identifying solutions to improve the energy efficiency of homes.

The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 21 November 2025 to verify that the website of the *Espaços Cidadão Energia* identified the services provided by each of the physical *Espaços Cidadão Energia*, for example technical support to citizens in identifying solutions to improve the energy efficiency of homes. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the physical *Espaços Cidadão Energia* included in the website, offer a range of services for citizens (for example technical support to citizens in identifying solutions to improve the energy efficiency of homes).

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactory fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.15 Training Centre for Energy Transition

Related Measure: C21-r45 Green Skills

Qualitative Indicator: Entry into force of Government Order

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of this reform is to offer vocational training for green skills. The reform consists in a) the Green Skills & Jobs Programme: a vocational training programme in the area of energy and b) the Training Centre for Energy Transition for the provision of training in the areas of energy transition and climate action.

Milestone 21.15 provides for the entry into force of Government Order which establishes the Training Centre for Energy Transition.

Milestone 21.15 is the second and last target of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 21.14, related to entry into force of Government Order which establishes the Green Skills & Jobs programme.

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. 163/2023 , (published in Portugal's Official Journal <i>Diário da República</i> No. 114/2023, first series of 14 June 2023), which entered into force on 15 June 2023.	The order approves the protocol establishing the CTE - Training Centre for Energy Transition. Article 2 sets out that the order enters into force on the day following its publication that is, on 15 June 2023, as the Order was published on 14 June 2023.

3. Analysis:

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

Entry into force of Government Order which establishes the Training Centre for Energy Transition.

The Portaria n.º 163/2023 (hereinafter referred to as Government order No. 163/2023) was published in the Official Journal of Portugal (*Diário da República* No. 114/2023, first series of 14 June 2023) on 14 June 2023. According to its article 2, Government order No. 163/2023 entered into force on the day following its publication that is, on 15 June 2023, as Government order No. 163/2023 was published on 14 June 2023.

Point 1 of Article 1 of Government order No. 163/2023 approves the protocol that establishes the CTE - Training Centre for Energy Transition, created by the Institute for Employment and Vocational Training *Instituto do Emprego e da Formação Profissional, I. P.* (IEFP), the Energy Agency *Agência para a Energia* (ADENE) and the Portuguese Renewable Energy Association *Associação Portuguesa de Energias Renováveis* (APREN). Point 2 of Article 1 of Government order No. 163/2023 outlines that the text of the protocol is published in the annex to Government order No. 163/2023 and forms an integral part thereof.

Article 2 of Government order No. 163/2023 sets out that the order enters into force on the day following its publication that is, on 15 June 2023, as Government order No. 163/2023 was published on 14 June 2023.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **for the provision of training in the areas of energy transition and climate action.**

Point 3 (b) of the Section II 'Nature, duties and powers' of Chapter I 'General provisions' in the 'Protocol for the creation of the CTE Professional Training Centre - Training Centre for Energy Transition' annex of Government order No. 163/2023, establishes that the Training Centre for Energy Transition has the competence to provide vocational training in the areas of energy transition and climate action.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 21.38 Signature of contract

Related Measure: C21-i14 Bus Rapid Transit Braga

Qualitative Indicator: Signature of contract

Time: Q2 2025

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to increase sustainable public transport in Braga.

The investment consists of the construction of a Bus Rapid Transit line in the city of Braga and the purchase of ten zero-emission buses.

Milestone 21.38 requires the signature of contract between the public authorities and the contractor for the construction of a Bus Rapid Transit line.

Milestone 21.38 is the first step of the implementation of the investment. It will be followed by target 21.39, related to the construction of 6 kilometres of the Bus Rapid Transit line in Braga (Red line) and the delivery of ten zero-emission (electric or hydrogen) buses. The investment has a final expected date for implementation in Q2 2026.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	This document duly justifies how the milestone (including all constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Contract signed on 3 October 2025 between the TUB – Transportes Urbanos de Braga, E.M. and the contractor, a consortium between M. Couto Alves S.A., Tecnifeira - Engenharia e Construção, S.A. and Painhas S.A..	Project implementation contract signed on 3 October 2025 between the public entity and successful tenderer following a call for tenders launched on 19 May 2025.

3. Analysis:

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

Signature of contract between the public authorities and the contractor for the construction of a Bus Rapid Transit line.

The contract signed on 3 October 2025 between TUB (Transportes Urbanos de Braga), the public entity responsible for public transport in Braga, and the contractor (M. Couto Alves S.A., Tecnifeira - Engenharia e Construção, S.A. and Painhas S.A.), specifies that the object of the contract is the design and

construction of the Braga BRT Red Line for TUB – Transportes Urbanos de Braga, E.M. (Clause 1, page 3). As evident from page 19, the contract was signed digitally by all parties.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.