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Positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets related to the fifth payment request submitted by Austria on 29 July 2026, 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 29 July 2026, Austria submitted a request for payment for the sixth instalment of the non-repayable support. The payment request was accompanied by the required management declaration and summary of audits.

To support its payment request, Austria provided due justification of the satisfactory fulfilment of the 18 milestones and targets of the sixth instalment of the non-repayable support, as set out in Section 2.3 of the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Austria[1].

For two targets covering a large number of beneficiaries, in addition to the summary documents and official listings provided by Austria, 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, Austria 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 Austria, the Commission has made a positive preliminary assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of all 18 milestones and targets.

The milestones and targets positively assessed as part of this payment request demonstrate significant steps in the implementation of Austria's Recovery and Resilience Plan. They notably highlight the continuation of the reform momentum in key policy areas. This includes, among others, spending review focusing on green and digital transformation, production of renewable hydrogen of non biological origin and promotion of Quantum Sciences. The milestones and targets also confirm progress towards the completion of investment projects related to digitalisation, research and development, transport and green transition.

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.

[1] ST 10159/21 INIT, ST 10159/21 ADD 1 and ST 10159/21 COR 1, amended by ST 14472/23, ST 14472/23 ADD 1, ST 10502/25 INIT and ST 10502/25 ADD 1, and ST 15728/25 ADD 1 COR 1

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Number and name of the Target: 8 Submission of notification of completion

Related Measure: C1.1A3 Combating energy poverty

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 39

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to contribute to a reduction in energy consumption in buildings for vulnerable people. The investment consists of projects for thermal renovation or the exchange of heating systems in buildings used by social non-profit organisations that contain dwellings for vulnerable people prone to energy poverty.

Target 8 requires the submission of the notification of completion for at least 39 projects in which thermal renovations and/or an exchange of heating systems have been carried out.

Target 8 is the third and last target of the investment. It follows the completion of milestone 6 and target 7, related to the adoption of the funding guidelines and the submission of applications for funding for the projects.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	40 Notifications of completion	Copies of the notifications of completion provided by the construction company carrying out the thermal renovation and/or exchange of heating system that the works have been completed. Programme applicants (non-profit organisations, municipalities) needed to submit the notifications of completion to the implementing body Kommunalkredit to receive funding.
3	40 payment confirmations	Confirmation by the implementing body (Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, KPC) confirming the disbursement of grants for the projects.
4	List of projects	The project list has been prepared by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (KPC) and details the works carried out for the respective projects (thermal refurbishment and/or replacement of heating system). The list is dated 26 June 2026.

5	Funding guidelines Renovation and boiler exchange: climate-friendly buildings for vulnerable people 'Sanierung und Kesseltausch: klimafitte Gebäude für Schutzbedürftige'	Copy of the adopted funding guidelines of the support scheme for thermal renovation of buildings. They were published on the website of Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, hereinafter referred to as "KPC": https://www.umweltfoerderung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/umweltfoerderung/betriebe/Gebaeude_Schutzbeduerftige/UFI_Standardfall_Infoblatt_GEBSAN_Schutz.pdf

3. Analysis:

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

The notification of completion shall be submitted for at least 39 projects …

Austrian authorities have provided 40 notifications of completion for 40 thermal renovation and/or exchange of heating system projects (evidence 2) which have received funding from the support scheme "Renovation and boiler exchange: climate friendly buildings for vulnerable people" (evidence 3). The notifications were issued by the construction company in charge of the works. The notifications of completion do not follow a standard template. Some have been issued to the building authority (e.g. because a building permit or some other authorisation/notification had been required), while others have been issued directly to Kommunalcredit Public Consulting (KPC), the implementing body of the programme. To receive funding, the applicants to the support scheme (non-profit organisations, municipalities) submitted the final accounting and copies of the notifications of completion to KPC. This process is explained in the funding guidelines for the support scheme (evidence 5). Only once the notifications of completion and the final accounting had been checked by KPC, KPC issued the payment confirmation letter (evidence 3) and the final payment.

… in which thermal renovations and/or an exchange of heating systems have been carried out. The construction projects have been carried out as part of the support scheme "Renovation and boiler exchange: climate-friendly buildings for vulnerable people" as laid out in the funding guidelines (evidence 5). The funding guidelines specify that the scheme supports only projects involving thermal renovation and/or exchange of heating systems in buildings containing dwellings for vulnerable people. For each of the 40 projects, the Austrian authorities have provided payment confirmation letters (evidence 3), which indicate the support scheme "Renovation and boiler exchange: climate-friendly buildings for vulnerable people" as the source of funding and are linked to the respective notification of completion (evidence 2). The payment confirmation letters were issued following the completion of the projects. Taken together, the funding guidelines and the payment confirmation letters, linked to their respective notifications of completion demonstrate that the 40 projects carried out consisted of thermal renovations and/or the replacement of heating systems.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 15 Buses equipped with full electric or hydrogen technology

Related Measure: C1.1B3 Zero-emission buses

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 521

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to lower the emissions of the public transport system by increasing the use of zero-emission buses.

Target 15 concerns vehicle registration certificates for at least 521 full electric or hydrogen buses.

Target 15 is the third and last target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 13 and milestone 14, respectively related to the launch of the zero-emission buses support programme and completion of the last call for expression of interest.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all its constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	EBIN project list of vehicles	Global list of zero-emission buses prepared by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (hereinafter referred to as "FFG"), with information on each supported unit, including the vehicle identification number, the powertrain type, relevant funding call and project reference number related to the support scheme *Emissionsfreie Busse und Infrastruktur* (hereinafter referred to as "EBIN")
3	EBIN – first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh calls	Copies of funding guidelines and eligibility criteria related to seven calls for expression of interest, published by the FFG.
4	eBus fleet 2019 – 2025	Data overview published by Austria's central platform for zero-emission mobility (hereinafter referred to as "eMOVE"), illustrating the growth in the stock of zero-emission buses in Austria in 2019 – 2025 (May)

		https://emove-austria.gv.at/ebus/
5	60 vehicle registration certificates	Vehicle registration certificates, each indicating vehicle identification number, vehicle category, type of powertrain, date of issuance

3. Analysis:

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

Vehicle registration certificates for at least 521 full electric or hydrogen buses have been issued.

A list of 543 full electric or hydrogen buses has been provided by the Austrian authorities (evidence 2), overachieving the target by 22 units. Following the selection of a random sample of 60 units, Austria submitted vehicle registration certificates for each of the 60 sampled buses (evidence 5). The evidence provided for a sample of 60 units confirmed that the requirements of the target have been met: for each sampled unit, the registration certificate shows a unique vehicle identification number, that the vehicle is of M3 category, i.e. it corresponds to buses) (as per the EU classification[2] the M3 vehicle type is defined as ”vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, comprising more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, and having a maximum mass exceeding 5 tonnes“), uses full electric or hydrogen powertrain technology and was registered after the launch of the first call, namely after 16 February 2022 (evidence 3).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, the investment consists of **increasing the use of zero-emission buses**.

The Austrian authorities provided a copy of data (evidence 4) published on the website of Austria's central platform for zero-emission mobility (eMOVE). The Commission services accessed the link provided by the Austrian authorities on 16 July 2026 to verify the increase in the use of zero-emission commercial vehicles. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the number of zero-emission buses in Austria grew steadily from 2019 to 2025.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

[2] Regulation (EU) 2018/858

Number and name of the Milestone: 23 Confirmation of works

Related Measure: C1.1B5 Construction of new railways

Qualitative Indicator: Confirmation of works fulfilling the contracts or other legal instruments

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to improve the Trans-European Network along the Baltic-Adriatic Core-Network Corridor and the intra-regional connectivity in Austria through public transport. The investment consists of works on projects and project segments on the Koralm railway between Styria and Carinthia including the related infrastructure.

Milestone 23 concerns the confirmation that works on projects fulfilling the contracts or other legal instruments defined for milestone 22 have been finalised.

Milestone 23 is the third and last milestone of the investment 1.B.5. It follows the completion of milestone 21, concerning the start of construction of Lavanttal railway station, and it builds on milestone 22, which concerns the award of contracts for works on several projects and project segments aimed at constructing a new railway line (Koralm railway) between Styria and Carinthia, including the relevant infrastructure.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary Document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Confirmation by Schieneninfrastruktur Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH (SCHIG)	Report issued by Schieneninfrastruktur Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH (SCHIG), issued on 2 June 2026 confirming that the works fulfilling the contracts or other legal instruments for milestone 22 have been finalised. The report contains declarations of conformity, as well as construction book entries and/or handover protocols and/or confirmations of corrective action, and/or delivery notes and/or completion notices, for the following contracts and other legal instruments: A13835, A15123, B15850, B16235, B16313, B16383, B16574, B16661, B16935, B16951, B17331, B17340, B17378, B17377, B17818, B17475, B17731, B17773, B17839, B17980, , B19639, , E13843, E13852, E13858, G22685, L11774, L12244.
3	Inspection reports	Four inspection reports for interim invoices and one inspection report for the final invoice related contract A15123, issued by the construction management.

4	Declaration of technical compliance and documentation reports for contract L12244	Declarations issued by the contractor Siemens Mobility GmbH certifying technical compliance and full execution of works under the contract L12244
5	Handover protocol for contract L11774	Handover protocol issued by ÖBB Infrastruktur AG confirming that works under contract L11774 were accepted as finalised and delivered to the client
6	Construction book entries under contract G22685/G22960	Excerpts from two construction books concerning the contracts for works B16235 and B17980 respectively, both issued (i) by ÖBB Infrastruktur AG and (ii) by the independent construction oversight consortium ARGE ÖBA TA KAT FHA under the service contract G22685/G22960.

3. Analysis:

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

Confirmation by Schieneninfrastruktur-Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH (SCHIG) that the works fulfilling the contracts or other legal instruments for milestone 22 have been finalised.

The Austrian authorities provided a copy of the report issued by the Schieneninfrastruktur-Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH (evidence 2). The report, issued on 2 June 2026, contains, for each contract or other legal instrument covered by milestone 22, SCHIG's confirmation that the relevant works have been finalised.

Each confirmation is supported by a declaration of conformity ("Konformitätserklärung"), and, as applicable, by one or more of the following documents: a construction book entry ("Baubucheintrag"), a handover protocol ("Übernahmeprotokoll"), a confirmation of corrective action ("Mängelliste-Mängelbehebung"), a completion notice ("Fertigstellungsmeldung") or an order confirmation ("Bestellung"). In combination, these documents substantiate the completion of the corresponding works for each project and project segment under milestone 22.

- **Graz-Weitendorf**

For the works awarded under Contract B17331, covering the project Graz-Weitendorf under milestone 22 (Provia reference 53890) (evidence 2, page 359), the report includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the relevant engineering and planning companies and the construction company as well as (ii) the construction book entry, the handover protocol and the confirmation of corrective action (evidence 2, pages 359–375). Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

- **Feldkirchen-Weitendorf, including airport branch (Flughafenast)**

For the project segment Feldkirchen-Weitendorf, including the airport branch (Flughafenast), the report (evidence 2, pages 190, 280, 414, 482, and 499) identifies the following contracts as relating to this project segment: Contract B16313, Contract B16574, Contract B17475, Contract B17839, Contract B17980, Contract G22685/G22960.

For the works awarded under Contract B16313 (Provia reference 37575), the report (evidence 2, pages 190–206) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the relevant engineering and planning companies, the construction company, the construction oversight, as well as (ii) the construction book entry, the handover protocol, and the confirmation of corrective action. Together,

these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract B16574 (Provia reference 55897), the report (evidence 2, pages 280-286) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract B17475 (Provia reference 55757), the report (evidence 2, pages 414-425) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract B17839 (Provia reference 73025), the report (evidence 2, pages 482-498) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the construction companies, as well as (ii) the construction book entry, the handover protocol and the confirmation of corrective action. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract B17980 (Provia reference 73015), the report (evidence 2, pages 499-511) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the construction company and the construction oversight, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the construction oversight services covered by Contract G22685/G22960 (Provia reference 51594), the report (evidence 2, pages 557-558) includes the declarations of conformity issued by the construction oversight consortium ARGE ÖBA TA KAT FHA in relation to works under the contract B15850, as evidence that the construction oversight services under the service contract G22685/G22960 have been carried out. Furthermore, the Austrian authorities provided the excerpts from two construction books (evidence 6) with entries concerning the contracts for works B16235 and B17980 respectively, both issued by ÖBB Infrastruktur AG and by the independent construction oversight consortium ARGE ÖBA TA KAT FHA under the service contract G22685/G22960. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the services covered by the service contract G22685/G22960 have been finalised.

- **Wettmannstätten-Deutschlandsberg**

For the project segment Wettmannstätten-Deutschlandsberg, the report (evidence 2, pages 287 and 538) identifies the following contracts as relating to this project segment: Contract B16661, and Contract E13852.

For the works awarded under Contract B16661 (Provia reference 61571), the report (evidence 2, page 287-315) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the relevant engineering and planning companies, the construction company, the relevant construction oversight bodies, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract E13852 (Provia reference 71059), the report (evidence 2, pages 538–545) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the relevant engineering and planning company and the construction oversight body, as well as (ii) the construction book entry

and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

- **Deutschlandsberg-St.Andrä, including Koralmtunnel**

For the project segment Deutschlandsberg – St. Andrä, including Koralmtunnel, the report (evidence 2, pages 157, 179, 342, 516, 49, and 557) identifies the following contracts as relating to this project segment: Contract B15850, B16235, B16951, A15123, and G22685/G22960.

For the works awarded under Contract B15850 (Provia reference 36150) the report (evidence 2, pages 157-178) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entry, the handover protocol and the confirmation of corrective action. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract B16235 (Provia reference 22115) the report (evidence 2, pages 179-189) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entry, the handover protocol and the confirmation of corrective action. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under Contract B16951 (Provia reference 69161) the report (evidence 2, pages 342-358) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entries, and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the services covered by contract A15123 (Provia reference 77013) the report (evidence 2, pages 49-65) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the construction company for the works carried out under contract B16951, as well as (ii) the order confirmation and the confirmation of an amendment of the order. The contract B16951 builds on the contract A15123, whereas both concern works and services carried out in the Koralmtunnel, namely the installation of overhead wire lines and catenary systems. Furthermore, the Austrian authorities provided five inspection reports (evidence 3) reviewing four interim invoices as well as the final invoice related to the orders under contract A15123. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the services covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the construction oversight services covered by contract G22685/G22960 (Provia reference 51594) the report (evidence 2, pages 557-558) includes the declaration of conformity issued by the construction oversight consortium ARGE ÖBA TA KAT FHA in relation to works under the contract B15850, as evidence that the construction oversight services under the service contract G22685/G22960 have been carried out. Furthermore, the Austrian authorities provided the excerpts from two construction books (evidence 6) with entries concerning the contracts for works B16235 and B17980 respectively, both issued by ÖBB Infrastruktur AG and by the independent construction oversight consortium ARGE ÖBA TA KAT FHA under the service contract G22685/G22960. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the services covered by the service contract G22685/G22960 have been finalised.

- **St.Andrä-Aich**

For the works awarded under Contract B17731, covering the project St.Andrä-Aich under milestone 22 (Provia reference 58782) (evidence 2, page 426), the report includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the planning company, the construction oversight, and the construction company as well as (ii) the construction book entry, and the handover protocol (evidence 2, pages 426–455). Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

• Aich-Mittlern, including Jauntal bridge

For the works awarded under Contract 16383, covering the project Aich-Mittlern, including Jauntal bridge under milestone 22 (Provia reference 55992) (evidence 2, page 207), the report includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the relevant engineering and planning companies, the relevant construction oversight bodies, and the construction company as well as (ii) the construction book entry, and the handover protocol (evidence 2, pages 207–279). Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

• Mittlern-Althofen

For the works awarded under Contract 16935, covering the project Mittlern-Althofen under milestone 22 (Provia reference 36048) (evidence 2, page 316), the report includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the planning company, the construction oversight, and the construction companies as well as (ii) the construction book entry, and the handover protocol (evidence 2, pages 316–341). Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

• Maintenance bases along the Koralm railway

For the construction of the maintenance bases ("Anlagen Service Center", ASC) along the Koralm railway, the report (evidence 2, pages 382, 402, 464 and 546) identifies the following contracts as relating to these projects: Contract B17377, B17378, B17818, and E13858.

For the works awarded under contract B17377 (Provia reference 62234) the report (evidence 2, pages 382-401) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the planning company, the construction oversight and the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entry, the handover protocol and the confirmation of corrective action. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under contract B17378 (Provia reference 73588) the report (evidence 2, pages 402-413) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the planning company, the construction oversight and the construction company, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under service contract E13858 (Provia reference 72158) the report (evidence 2, pages 546-556) includes (i) the declarations of conformity of the planning company, the construction oversight and the construction company, as well as (ii) the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under contract B17818 (Provia reference 87218) the report (evidence 2, pages 464-481) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the planning companies and the oversight bodies, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together,

these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

• Tunnel doors along the Koralm railway

For the works awarded under the Contract A13835 (Provia reference 11760), covering the project Tunnel doors along the Koralm railway under milestone 22 (evidence 2, page 16), the report = includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the relevant engineering and planning and construction companies, the relevant construction oversight bodies, as well as (ii) the construction book entries and the handover protocols (evidence 2, pages 16-48). Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

• Radio Block Center Graz

For the works on the Radio Block Centre Graz, the report (evidence 2, pages 559 and 562) identifies the following contracts as relating to this project: Contract L11774 and L12244.

For the works awarded under contract L11774 the report (evidence 2, pages 559-561) includes the declaration of conformity issued by the certification body. The handover protocol (evidence 5) confirms that works under contract L11774 were accepted as finalised and delivered to the client. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under contract L12244 the report (evidence 2, pages 562-567) includes the declaration of conformity issued by the certification body and the order confirmation. The declarations issued by the contractor Siemens Mobility GmbH (evidence 4) attest the technical compliance and full execution of works under this contract. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

• Traction power supply along the Koralm railway (Bahnstromversorgung)

For the works on the traction power supply along the Koralm railway, the report (evidence 2, pages 456, 376 and 527) identifies the following contracts as relating to this project: Contracts B17773, B17340 and E13843.

For the works awarded under service contract B17773 (Provia reference 75729) the report (evidence 2, pages 456-463) includes (i) the declarations of conformity issued by the contractor, as well as (ii) the completion notice and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under contract B17340 (Provia reference 48892) the report (evidence 2, pages 376-381) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the contractor, as well as (ii) the completion notice and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

For the works awarded under contract E13843 (Provia reference 70613) the report (evidence 2, pages 527-537) includes (i) the declaration of conformity issued by the contractor, as well as (ii) the construction book entry and the handover protocol. Together, these documents support SCHIG's confirmation that the works covered by the contract have been finalised.

Furthermore, the investment consists of **works on projects and project segments on the Koralm railway between Styria and Carinthia including the related infrastructure.** The relevant contracts and other legal instruments submitted as part of the SCHIG-report (evidence 2), further supported by the inspection reports (evidence 3), document works carried out both in Styria and Carinthia, as well as in the Koralm tunnel, including the related infrastructure.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 29 Biodiversity projects

Related Measure: C1.1C2 Biodiversity fund

Quantitative Indicator: Number of projects

Baseline: 0

Target: 20

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to support the preservation and restoration of biodiversity in Austria.

The investment consists in establishing a biodiversity fund, which shall fund projects for the conservation of biodiversity, restoration of degraded ecosystems, awareness raising activities and implementation of biodiversity monitoring.

Target 29 requires the submission of disbursement letters which have been issued by the implementing body for 20 projects for the restoration of degraded ecosystems and the protection of species and habitats.

Target 29 is the final target in this investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 27, which concerned the entry into force of the legal framework for theBiodiversity Fund, and milestone 28, which related to the completion of the call for projects to restore priority degraded ecosystems and protect endangered species and habitats.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	20 Disbursement letters	Letters issued by the implementing body *Kommunalkredit Public Consulting* (hereinafter referred to as KPC) addressed to the project recipients confirming that project grants will be paid out.
3	20 Project reports for restoration of degraded ecosystems and the protection of species and habitats	Final reports by the project recipients submitted after completion of their project.

3. Analysis:

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

Disbursement letters have been issued by the implementing body ...

Austrian authorities provided 20 disbursement letters that have been issued by the implementing body for the Biodiversity Fund, the KPC (evidence 2). Disbursement letters contain the single project identification number and the project title. Following the submission of final reports by the project recipients (evidence 3), the reports were reviewed and approved in mutual agreement between the implementing body and the competent Ministry, namely the Biodiversity Unit (*Stabstelle Biodiversität*) of the Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management (BMLUK). In a first step, KPC verified whether the report complies with the formal and substantive requirements set out in the funding agreement. Then, the final reports were evaluated by the BMLUK. Following the successful completion of this two-step verification process, the KPC issued the disbursement letters confirming that project grants will be paid out, with dispatch dates ranging from April 2024 to April 2026.

...for 20 projects for restoration of degraded ecosystems and the protection of species and habitats.

Austrian authorities submitted the 20 final project reports (evidence 3) for which the disbursement letters had been issued. These project reports are linked to the disbursement letters either through the unique identification number or the project title. These reports demonstrate that the projects concerned the restoration of degraded ecosystems and the protection of species and habitats through a description of the activities carried as part of the project. These projects had been selected from calls 1 and 3 under the Biodiversity Fund focusing on restoration of degraded ecosystems and the protection of species and habitats.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 31 Projects for washing, refilling or packaging facilities or the acquisition of reusable beverage containers

Related Measure: C1.1C3 Investments in reverse vending systems, washing and refilling facilities, and packaging equipment

Quantitative Indicator: Number of projects

Baseline: 0

Target: 15

Time: Q1 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to support take-back systems in the retail sector and to increase the reuse quota of beverage containers. The investment consists of the purchase and refurbishment of take-back systems in the retail sector and a support programme for washing and refilling facilities and packaging of reusable beverage containers.

Target 31 concerns 15 payment letters issued by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH to recipients for washing, refilling or packaging facilities or the acquisition of reusable beverage containers.

Target 31 is the second and last target of the investment, and it follows the completion of target 30, related to the purchase by companies in the retail sector of at least 5 000 new reverse vending machines or upgraded existing ones in terms of efficient take back and data connectivity.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) has been satisfactorily fulfilled
2	Investment guidelines 2022 for domestic environmental funding entered into force on 1 April 2022 and published on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management.	The investment guidelines define the goals, the scope and the framework for funding for environmental investments in Austria and - among others - set the objective to provide support for investments in the

		construction, expansion and adaptation of washing and filling facilities and systems for packaging reusable beverage containers. https://www.bmluk.gv.at/themen/klima-und-umwelt/klima/klima-initiativen-und-foerderungen/ufi/foerderrichtlinie.html
3	Funding Guidelines for funding facilities for washing, refilling and packaging reusable beverage containers issued by the implementing agency, Kommunalkredit Public Consulting in April 2022 and updated in November 2022	The guidelines detailing the conditions for funding and payout for the call for projects for the construction, expansion or adaptation of facilities for washing, refilling and packaging reusable beverage containers. More information on the scheme is also available on the website of Kommunalkredit Public Consulting https://www.umweltfoerderung.at/betriebe/mehrwegsysteme/kreislaufwirtschaft
4	18 letters issued to recipients by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH.	Letters issued by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH addressed to the project recipients confirming that project grants will be paid out.

3. Analysis:

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

15 letters regarding payment for washing, refilling or packaging facilities or the acquisition of reusable beverage containers have been issued to recipients by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH.

The Austrian authorities provided 18 disbursement letters (evidence 4) that were issued by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting GmbH (hereinafter referred to as " KPC") from 27 June 2023 to 24 June 2026. The letters confirm the payments for either the adaptation (4 projects) or construction (11 projects) or extension (3 projects) of filling or washing facilities of reusable beverage containers. Some of the constructions and adaptation of filling facilities also include washing or/and packaging of reusable beverage containers (5 projects). The signed letters indicate by when the payment would be made, the subject and number of the project, and the amount to be disbursed.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investments consist of** …. **a support programme for washing and refilling facilities and packaging of reusable beverage containers.** The Investment guidelines 2022 for domestic environmental funding (hereinafter referred to as "Investment Guidelines) were published on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry,

Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management. In accordance with Article 15, the Investment Guidelines entered into force on 1 April 2022. Article 4 (1) point 3 (e) of the Investment Guidelines sets the objective for investments in the construction, expansion and adaptation of washing and filling facilities and systems for packaging reusable beverage containers (evidence 2)**.** In order to implement this objective, KPC issued funding guidelines in April 2022 and updated it in November 2022 (evidence 3). The funding guidelines lay down the conditions for funding and payout for the call for projects for the construction, expansion or adaptation of facilities for washing, refilling and packaging reusable beverage containers, as well as the purchase of reusable standard containers and standard boxes or similar. The funding guidelines also specify the procedure leading to the disbursement, notably that following the assessment of the project by the KPC, the responsible committee discusses the funding proposal and recommends it to the Federal Minister in charge. After approval of the funding proposal by the responsible Federal Minister, the disbursement is carried out by KPC.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 33 New or retrofitted sorting facilities

Related Measure: C1.1C4 Retrofitting of existing and construction of new sorting facilities

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 8

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to increase the plastic packaging waste sorting capacity and depth in Austria. It consists of constructing new and retrofitting of existing plastic packaging waste sorting facilities.

Target 33 is the final step of the implementation of the investment. It consists in the issuance of disbursement letters for at least eight new or retrofitted sorting facilities for plastic packaging waste by the implementing agency.

It follows the completion of target 32, which related to the receipt of at least three applications from public and/or private waste management companies for permits for the construction or retrofitting of sorting facilities for plastic waste by the competent authorities.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all its constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled
2	Funding guidelines Plastic waste sorting facilities issued by the implementing agency, Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (KPC) (hereinafter referred to as KPC) and published on the webpage of the implementing agency published on 4 April 2022: https://www.umweltfoerderung.at/betriebe/sortieranlagen	Funding guidelines detailing the conditions for funding and payout for the call for projects for the construction of new or retrofitting of existing sorting facilities for separately collected plastic packaging: https://www.umweltfoerderung.at/betriebe/sortieranlagen
3	8 disbursement letters	Letters issued by KPC addressed to the project recipients confirming that project grants will be paid out.

3. Analysis:

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

Disbursement letters for at least eight new or retrofitted sorting facilities for plastic packaging waste have been issued by the implementing agency. Furthermore, **the measure consists of constructing new and retrofitting of existing plastic packaging waste sorting facilities**...

Austria has provided a copy of the funding guidelines t (evidence 2), which was issued by the implementing agency and published on its webpage. The objective of the funding call is defined as supporting the establishment of new sorting facilities and the retrofitting of existing sorting facilities for separately collected plastic packaging and plastic packaging collected together with other packaging in order to increase the sorting capacity and depth of the collected plastic packaging. The funding guidelines also contain the conditions for funding and payout for the call for projects.

Austrian authorities provided 8 disbursement letters (evidence 3) that have been issued by the implementing agency, KPC, demonstrating that the implementing agency approved the payment of grants for either new sorting facilities (6 projects) or for the retrofitting of existing facilities (2 projects). Following project completion, recipients must submit all required records and documents to KPC which verifies whether the submitted documents comply with the formal and substantive requirements (evidence 2). Once everything has been verified and approved, a disbursement letter is sent to the grant recipient confirming that project grants will be paid out, with dispatch dates ranging from 8 October 2025 to 2 July 2026.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 40 Electrolyser capacity installed

Related Measure: C1.1D1 Renewables Expansion Law

Qualitative Indicator: Electrolyser capacity installed

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this reform is to contribute to an increase in the share of renewable energy in electricity supply. The reform consists of the entry into force of legislation on renewable energy expansion, the installation of renewable electricity generation capacity and hydrogen production capacity.

Milestone 40 concerns the publication of the *Marktbericht* by *Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase* [clerical error "Energien" as mentioned below]. The reported capacity of installed hydrogen electrolysers, as specified in the section "Erneuerbarer Wasserstoff" of the *Marktbericht*, shall be at least 28 MW.

Milestone 40 is the third and last milestone or target of the reform. It follows the completion of milestone 38, which is related to the entry into force of the Renewables Expansion Law and of target 39, related to the additional generation capacity from renewable sources.

The Commission considers that there is a clerical error in section 2 of the Annex of the Council Implementing Decision which classifies milestone 40 as a target. Milestone 40 clearly reads as milestone under section 1 of the Council Implementing Decision. Therefore, the description of milestone 40 as milestone is considered correct.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all its constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Market Report 2025 by Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase (Renewable Gases Service Centre; finalised and published on 23 March 2026)	The Market Report describes the state of play of renewable gases during the year 2025 in Austria and was published in March 2026. The report lists in Section 3.1.2 Renewable Hydrogen (*Erneuerbarer Wasserstoff*) the installed electrolyser capacity in Austria, by individual projects. It was authored and published by the Renewable Gases Service Centre on their website: https://www.erneuerbaresgas.at/news/seg_marktbericht_2025
3	Press release of the Austrian	The press release announces that a new body, the

	Energy Agency on 5 January 2023 regarding the establishment of a new *Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase.*	*Servicesstelle Erneuerbare Gase* was established in 2023 in Austria. It is part of the Austrian Energy Agency and operates as an independent and neutral information and advisory body dealing with questions related to the production of renewable gases. https://www.energyagency.at/aktuelles/neues-aea-projekt-servicestelle-erneuerbare-gase

3. Analysis:

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

The Marktbericht by Servicestelle Erneuerbare Energien shall be published.

Firstly, the Commission considers that there is a clerical error in the text of the Council Implementing Decision as regards the description of the milestone 40 and has undertaken the assessment on a revised basis. In such description, the name of the institution responsible for publishing the market report is referred to as "Servicestelle Erneuerbare Energien". However, the correct name of the institution responsible for publishing the Marktbericht is, and has been since its establishment in 2023, "Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase", as indicated in the press release of the Austrian Energy Agency regarding the establishment of its new body (evidence 3) in January 2023. Therefore, the reference to Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase correctly reflects the official name of the institution responsible for publishing the market report. Against this background, the justification and substantiating evidence provided by the Austrian authorities cover all constitutive elements of the milestone.

The Marktbericht (evidence 2) by Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase covers the year 2025 and was published on its website. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 23 July 2026 to verify that the market report had been published by Servicestelle Erneuerbare Gase. The check was completed successfully, confirming that the report was published. The 2025 market report provides a comprehensive overview of the development of renewable gases in Austria and their integration into the European and international regulatory and policy framework.

The reported capacity of installed hydrogen electrolysers, as specified in the section "Erneuerbarer Wasserstoff" of the Marktbericht, shall be at least 28 MW.

The section "Erneuerbarer Wasserstoff" of the Market Report (evidence 2, p. 16-18) states that as of December 2025, twelve electrolysis plants with a total installed capacity of 32.16 MW are in operation in Austria. The report lists all twelve electrolysis plants by name, location, technology and installed capacity in megawatt (MW).

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 43 Issuing of greenhouse gas emission reduction reports for decarbonisation projects

Related Measure: C1.1D2 Transforming the economy towards climate neutrality

Quantitative Indicator: Number

Baseline: 0

Target: 20

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to accelerate the decarbonisation of the economy.
The investment consists of calls for proposals that target transformative decarbonisation projects in economic sectors inter alia also falling under the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.

Target 43 consists of the implementing body receiving greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports for at least 20 decarbonisation projects.

Target 43 is the third and last target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 41 and target 42, related to an amendment of the regulatory criteria and funding guidelines for environmental support and the approval for funding of 20 projects to decarbonise industrial production.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary Document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all its constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	List of projects	The list provides an overview of the 19 projects, funded under the support scheme, for which greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports have been received by the implementing body.
3	19 greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports for the funded projects	Copies of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction report of each project, issued by independent technical experts (Technical Inspection Association/TÜV Süd, Engineering Office Frühwirth, TAS SV GmbH, Güssing Energy Technologies GmbH, Novel Energy Solutions GmbH, EnergieAG, Engineering Office Schützeneder, Energy Agency Upper Styria GmbH, Technical Office for Mechanical Engineering Matthias Theissing, Energy

		Consultants GmbH, Water & Energy Utility Associates Europe GmbH, Industrieconsult Wenger-Oehn OG, d&e Consulting GmbH).
4	19 payment letters to funding recipients	Copies of the 19 payment letters from the implementing body to the funding recipients, confirming the disbursement of the funding.

3. Analysis:

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

Greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports for at least 20 decarbonisation projects have been received by the implementing body.

The evidence submitted by the Austrian authorities includes greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports for 19 projects (evidence 3) funded under the programme Transformation of the Economy (*"Transformation der Wirtschaft"*), implemented by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting (KPC), acting on behalf of the Climate and Energy Fund as the funding body, and payment letters from KPC to the funding recipients for the 19 projects, confirming the disbursement of the funding (evidence 4).

The greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports (evidence 3) for the projects were submitted to KPC via meinefoerderung.at, which is KPC's dedicated online platform to administer funding on behalf of the Austrian government. Each greenhouse gas emissions reduction report (evidence 3) contains the name of the company, the location and address of the project, a description of the measures used to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and a statement of the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, verified by independent technical experts.

Each payment letter (evidence 4), issued by KPC to the funding recipients, contains the name of the company, the address, the unique identifier of the project and a confirmation of the disbursement of the funding on the basis of the project documents received by KPC. Each payment letter is signed by representatives of KPC. By confirming the disbursement, KPC, the implementing body, confirms receipt of the reports.

Under three calls for tenders under the programme Transformation of the Economy, a total of 20 decarbonisation projects were approved for funding by Kommunalkredit Public Consulting. The Council Implementing Decision required the receipt of greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports for at least 20 decarbonisation projects. Of the 20 projects approved for funding under the support scheme, only 19 projects continued to comply with the requirements set by the funding body. Consequently, one project was excluded from funding and only 19 greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports were submitted. Whilst this constitutes a minimal numerical deviation of 5% from the requirement of the Council Implementing Decision, the overall objective of this target is considered met notwithstanding this minor deviation. On this basis, it is considered that this constitutive element of the target is satisfactorily fulfilled.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 48 Projects providing broadband access

Related Measure: C2.2A2 Widespread availability of Gigabit capable access networks and creation of new symmetric Gigabit connections

Quantitative Indicator: Number of projects

Baseline: 0

Target: 250

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to increase broadband availability in those areas of Austria, which, due to a market failure, are not or are insufficiently covered by the private sector. The investment consists of supporting at least 250 projects providing Gigabit-capable access for at least 80 000 households.

Target 48 requires the acceptance by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) of at least 250 projects providing access to Gigabit-capable networks for at least 80 000 households.

Target 48 is the third and last target of the investment. It follows the completion of milestone 46, related to the completion of the calls for tenders to enable Gigabit capable access networks under Broadband Austria 2030 with award decisions issued, and milestone 47, related to the signature of all contracts regarding the completed calls for tenders, representing projects for 150 000 Austrian households.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1.	Summary document	A summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2.	List of 282 projects providing access to Gigabit-capable networks covering a total of 83 232 households (as of 30 May 2026)	List with 282 projects providing access to Gigabit-capable networks, for which the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) issued acceptance letters/emails to recipients. The list outlines the number of covered households per project, totalling 83 232 households (as of 30 May 2026).
3.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2030: Access (BBA2030:A), issued by Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism,	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2030: Access, for the 1st tender

	for the 1st tender, GZ 2022-0.103.107 (BMLRT/BBA2030), March 2022	
4.	Special directive (S*onderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2030: OpenNet (BBA2030:ON), issued by Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism, for the 1st tender, GZ 2022-0.103.107 (BMLRT/BBA2030), March 2022	Special directive (concerning the funding programme BBA2030: OpenNet, for the 1st tender
5.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2030: OpenNet (BBA2030:ON), issued by Federal Ministry of Finance, for the 2nd tender, GZ 2023-0.768.129 (BMF/BBA2030), November 2023	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2030: OpenNet, for the 2nd tender
6.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Access (BBA2020_A), issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, for the 4th tender, December 2015	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Access, for the 4th tender. While the special directive pre-dates the RRF eligibility period, the relevant projects were started and implemented during the RRF eligibility period (that is, after 1 February 2020).
7.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Access (BBA2020_A), issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, for the 5th tender, December 2015	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Access, for the 5th tender. While the special directive pre-dates the RRF eligibility period, the relevant projects were started and implemented during the RRF eligibility period that is, after 1 February 2020).
8.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Access (BBA2020_A), issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, for the 6th tender, February 2018	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Access, for the 6th tender. While the special directive pre-dates the RRF eligibility period, the relevant projects were started and started and implemented during the RRF eligibility period (that is, after 1 February 2020).
9.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm (BBA2020_LeRohr), issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, for the 9th and 10th tender, September 2018	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungs-programm (BBA2020_LeRohr), for the 9th and 10th tender. While the special directive pre-dates the RRF eligibility period, the relevant projects were started and implemented during the RRF eligibility period (that is, after 1 February 2020).
10.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungs-programm

	(BBA2020_LeRohr), issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, for the 11th and 12th tender, September 2018	(BBA2020_LeRohr), for the 11th and 12th tender. While the special directive pre-dates the RRF eligibility period, the relevant projects were started and implemented during the RRF eligibility period (that is, after 1 February 2020).
11.	Special directive (*Sonderrichtlinie – SRL*) concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Leerrohr (BBA2020_L), issued by Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism, for the 13th tender, GZ 2020-0.744.249 (BMLRT/BBA 2020 - Förderungsrecht) September 2021	Special directive concerning the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungs-programm (BBA2020_LeRohr), for the 13th tender
12.	Tender document by the implementing body FFG concerning the call of the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm, for the 9th and 10th tender, Version 1.0	Tender document by FFG concerning the call of the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm, for the 9th and 10th tender
13.	Tender document by the implementing body FFG concerning the call of the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm, for the 11th and 12th tender, Version 1.0	Tender document by FFG concerning the call of the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm, for the 11th and 12th tender
14.	Tender document by the implementing body FFG concerning the call of the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm, for the 13th tender, Version 1.0	Tender document by FFG concerning the call of the funding programme BBA2020 Leerverrohrungsprogramm, for the 13th tender
15.	State aid decision SA.63172 (2021/N) – Austria RRF – Broadband Austria 2030.pdf: C(2022) 1791 final, 21.3.2022	State aid decision SA.63172 (2021/N) – Austria RRF – Broadband Austria 2030
16.	State aid decision SA.58261 (2020/N) – Broadband Austria 2020 Prolongation.pdf: C(2020) 9161 final, 14.12.2020	State aid decision SA.58261 (2020/N) – Broadband Austria 2020 Prolongation
17.	Sample of 60 projects: For each of the 60 randomly sampled projects: a. Acceptance letter/email issued by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) to recipient; b. Progress report submitted by the recipient to the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), stating the number of households which have been covered; c. Funding contract.	Evidence for 60 samples projects
18.	Extracts from the FFG database with approved costs for eight sampled BBA2020 projects	For eight BBA2020 projects, extracts from the FFG database demonstrating that the approved project costs include fibre optic cables

3. Analysis:

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

Acceptance by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) of at least 250 projects providing access to Gigabit-capable networks for at least 80 000 households.

The Austrian authorities provided a list with 282 projects providing access to Gigabit-capable networks, for which the implementing body, the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), issued acceptance letters or emails to the recipients of funding (evidence 2). For each project, the list includes the name of the broadband initiative (Broadband Austria 2020 or Broadband Austria 2030), eCall funding application number, project number, name of the recipient and number of covered households. The total number of households covered by the projects included in the list is 83 232, exceeding the requirement of 80 000 households.

During the implementation of Broadband Austria funding programmes, the recipients were required to submit progress reports to the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) at least once a year (chapter 8.2 "*Verwendungsnachweis"* of the Special Directives BBA2030:A and BBA2030:ON in evidence 3, 4 and 5; chapter IX(a) and 9.1 of the Special Directives BBA2020 Access and BBA2020 Leerrohr in evidence 6-11). As part of the progress reports, the recipients were required to provide documentation regarding the implemented coverage, quality, location and technical specifications of the infrastructure. The progress reports also specified the total number of households covered since the start of the project, based on a geographical mapping in WebGIS (a national geographic information system and interactive mapping portal) and official *Statistik Austria* data (evidence 17.b).

The progress reports and related evidence submitted by the recipients were subject to verification by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) (chapter 8.3 of the Special Directive BBA2030:A and BBA2030:ON in evidence 3, 4 and 5; chapter IX(b), (c) and chapter 9.2 of the Special Directive BBA2020 Access and BBA2020 Leerrohr in evidence 6-11). For each report, the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) checked the technical characteristics of the deployed network (including its Gigabit capability), the provided WebGIS mapping, the number of covered households, and in general the compliance of the implementation of the project with the funding contract.

After the successful verification, the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) issued an acceptance letter or an email in the form of an electronic message via the eCall system[3] to the funding recipient (evidence 17.a), following which the payment was made to the recipient.

Following the selection of a random sample of 60 projects by the Commission, the Austrian authorities submitted for each project:

- acceptance letter/email issued by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) to recipient;
- progress report submitted by the recipient to the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), stating the number of households which have been covered; and
- funding contract (evidence 17).

[3] eCall is FFG's web-based online portal used to submit, manage, and track applications for public broadband funding, as well as to formally communicate with the applicants.

The Commission services verified for each sampled project that:

1. An acceptance letter or email issued by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) to the funding recipient is available for each project (evidence 17.a). These acceptance documents confirm that the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) had successfully verified the number of covered households and the Gigabit capability of the network.

2. The number of covered households indicated in the list of projects (evidence 2) matches the number of covered households indicated in the progress report, which was validated by the relevant acceptance letter/email (evidence 17.b). This confirmed that access was provided to at least 80 000 households.

3. The projects relate to the deployment of Gigabit-capable networks. In particular, the Commission examined the funding contracts for each sampled project and confirmed that they relate to the deployment of Gigabit-capable networks. As mentioned in point 1. above, the acceptance letter/email, issued by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) following its checks, demonstrates that the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) successfully verified the Gigabit capability of the network, in compliance with the contracts.

   More specifically, for 22 sampled **Broadband Austria 2030 ("BBA2030") projects**, there is an explicit contract requirement to deploy a Gigabit-capable network (clause 8.11 or 8.12; evidence 17.c). The requirement to deploy a Gigabit-capable network was also included in the BBA2030 funding programme (chapter 5.1, evidence 3, 4 and 5) and was acknowledged in the State aid decision SA.63172 (*RRF - Austria - Broadband Austria 2030*) (for example, recitals (9), (120), (127), (189), evidence 15).

   For the sampled **Broadband Austria 2020 ("BBA2020") projects**, Gigabit capability is demonstrated as follows:

   - For 29 projects, Gigabit capability is confirmed by the designation of the projects as fibre-to-the-home in the contracts (evidence 17.c) and/or by the contractual requirement to design projects with Gigabit capability (evidence 17.c, clauses 8.7 or 14.10). As explained above, the availability of the acceptance letter/email demonstrates that the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) successfully verified the Gigabit capability of the network.

   - For eight of the nine sampled BBA2020 projects, where the deployed network technology was not explicitly stated in the submitted documents, the Austrian authorities provided extracts from the FFG database demonstrating that the incurred and approved costs include fibre optic cables (evidence 18), which are by definition capable of supporting Gigabit speed. As explained above, the availability of the acceptance letter/email demonstrates that the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) successfully verified the Gigabit capability of the network.

   - For one sampled BBA2020 project, where the deployed network technology was not stated in the submitted documents, no additional evidence was provided to demonstrate its Gigabit capability. That project related to 110 covered households. Even assuming that that one project out of 60 failed the sampling check, there is statistical assurance that the target has been met given the overachievement of the target with

282 projects (covering 83 232 households) for required 250 projects (covering 80 000 households).

- Furthermore, State aid decision SA.58261 (*Broadband Austria 2020 Prolongation*) acknowledged that the prolonged BBA2020 programme supported projects upgradable to Gigabit speed (recitals (24), (28), (36), (40), (50), (55), (56), evidence 16).

This demonstrates that FFG accepted more than 250 projects providing access to Gigabit capable networks covering more than 80 000 households.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 77 Signature of performance agreements with universities

Related Measure: C3.3A2 Quantum Austria — Promotion of Quantum Sciences

Quantitative Indicator: Signed performance agreements

Baseline: 0

Target: 4

Time: Q1 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to facilitate future-oriented and transformative basic and advanced research. It consists of funding research infrastructures and research collaborations for quantum computing, simulation, and communication.

Target 77 covers the signature of performance agreements with universities, confirming that the projects funded within the Quantum Austria framework will be integrated into the universities' regular operations.

Target 77 is the third and last target of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 75, related to the call for expressions of interest by stakeholders of the RTI sector and milestone 76, related to the production of the interim report on the progress made.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed with Universität Innsbruck (UI)	Performance agreement covering the period of 2025-2027 signed on 05 December 2024 between the Federal Ministry for Education, Science, and Research and Universität Innsbruck. It includes dated signatures by the Federal Minister Education, Science, and Research and the Rector ("Rektorin") of Universität Innsbruck.
3	Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed with Technische Universität Wien	Performance agreement covering the period of 2025-2027 signed on 05 December 2024 between the Federal Ministry for Education, Science, and Research and Technische Universität Wien. It includes dated signatures by the Federal Minister Education, Science, and Research

	(TUW)	and the Rector (“Rektor”) of Technische Universität Wien.
4	Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed with Universität Linz (UL)	Performance agreement covering the period of 2025-2027 signed on 05 December 2024 between the Federal Ministry for Education, Science, and Research and Universität Linz. It includes dated signatures by the Federal Minister Education, Science, and Research and the Rector (“Rektor”) of Universität Linz.
5	Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed with Universität Wien (UW)	Performance agreement covering the period of 2025-2027 signed on 05 December2024 between the Federal Ministry for Education, Science, and Research and Universität Wien. It includes dated signatures by the Federal Minister Education, Science, and Research and the Rector (“Rektor”) of Universität Wien.
6	Quantum Austria Jahresbericht 2025	Annual report co-published in March 2026 by the Federal Minister for Education, Science, and Research, Austrian Research Support Agency (“Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft”) and the Austrian Science Fund (“Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung”). It outlines the progress made so far of the calls and, where possible, of the projects. The report is available at: https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/dam/jcr:ffa1587e-dbbe-4fda-90c0-326afab47382/Quantum_Austria_Jahresbericht_2025.pdf

3. Analysis:

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

Signature of performance agreements with universities, confirming that the projects funded within the Quantum Austria framework will be integrated into the universities’ regular operations.

The Austrian authorities provided the copies of 4 signed performance agreements (“Leistungsvereinbarung”) (evidence 2-5). Each agreement included dated signatures by the Federal Minister for Education, Science, and Research and the Rector (“Rektor/-in”) of the relevant university. Furthermore, each of the agreements includes a passage establishing that projects funded within the Quantum Austria framework will be integrated into the universities’ regular operations:

1. ***Universität Innsbruck***: Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed on 05 ***December*** 2024 with Universität Innsbruck (UI) states on page 29 that “In particular, the calls for proposals within the framework of Quantum Austria were able to meet a fundamental need at the University of Innsbruck. The (infrastructure) projects funded within this framework, including high-performance computing (HPC), will be integrated into the university's regular operations. This ensures the sustainable use of all projects as a basis for highly innovative research and technologies, as well as the maintenance and operation of the infrastructure.” (evidence No. 2).
2. ***Technische Universität Wien***: Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed on 05 December2024 with Technische Universität Wien (TUW) states on page 33 that “The infrastructure projects funded under Quantum Austria, including HPC, will be integrated into

the university's regular operations. This ensures the sustainable use of all projects as a foundation for highly innovative research and technologies, as well as the maintenance and operation of the infrastructure." (evidence No. 3).

3. ***Universität Linz***: Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed on 05 December 2024 with Universität Linz (UL) states on page 22 that "The infrastructure projects (including HPC) funded by Quantum Austria will be integrated into the university's regular operations under the performance agreement. This ensures the sustainable use of all projects as a basis for highly innovative research and technologies, as well as the maintenance and operation of the infrastructure." (evidence 4).
4. ***Universität Wien***: Performance agreement 2025-2027 signed on 05 December 2024 with Universität Wien (UW) states on page 28 that "The infrastructure projects funded by Quantum Austria, including the high-performance computing (HPC) projects, will be integrated into the university's regular operations. This ensures the sustainable use of all projects as a foundation for highly innovative research and technologies, as well as the maintenance and operation of the infrastructure." (evidence 5).

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment consists of funding research infrastructures and research collaborations for quantum computing, simulation, and communication.**

The four performance agreements cover projects funded under the Quantum Austria framework. This is confirmed by the specific integration clauses contained in each agreement, which state that the infrastructure and research projects supported through Quantum Austria will be integrated into the universities' regular operations (evidence 2-5). The Quantum Austria framework supports research infrastructures and research collaborations in the fields of quantum computing, simulation, and communication, as outlined in the Quantum Austria Jahresbericht 2025 (evidence 6).

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 80 Preliminary acceptance of the building

Related Measure: C3.3A3: Austrian Institute of Precision Medicine

Qualitative Indicator: Preliminary acceptance protocol for the building for the Institute of Precision Medicine

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this investment is to establish a centre for precision medicine on the campus of the Medical University of Vienna.

The investment consists of the construction of a building for this new research centre.

Milestone 80 requires a preliminary acceptance protocol that substantiates that the building for the Institute of Precision Medicine has reached the stage of preliminary acceptance.

Milestone 80 is the third and last milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 78 and milestone 79, related to the ministerial approval of planning and publication withing the Austrian Building Programme and to the (physical) start of construction works, marked by a ceremonial event.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the requirements of the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) were satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Preliminary acceptance protocol	The preliminary acceptance protocol for the building of the Institute for Precision Medicine provides an overview of the documentation submitted in support of the preliminary acceptance status of the building. It was jointly prepared and signed by the Medical University of Vienna and the Vienna General Hospital and was submitted on 30 June 2026.
3	Completion assessment and deficiency reports	Three completion assessment reports provide information on the degree of finalisation of the building by level (report 1), the heating systems,

		cooling systems, ventilation systems, sanitary systems and instrumentation and control engineering (report 2) and the electrical engineering, fire detection system, security system and elevator systems (3). The assessment has been carried out by the site supervision team (staff from the architecture and engineering firm TDC-SKD GmbH, "PMC Gebäudetechnik" and the engineering firm "Ogrisek und Knopper GmbH") after inspection of the site. The level of completion is also documented with photographs. The three completion assessment reports were prepared by TDC GmbH SKD, "PMC Gebäudetechnik" and "Ogrisek and Knopper GmbH" and were issued on 10 June 2026, 11 June 2026 and 15 June 2026 respectively.

3. Analysis:

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

Preliminary acceptance protocol for the building for the Institute of Precision Medicine signed by the Medical University of Vienna and the Vienna General Hospital

The Austrian authorities have submitted the preliminary acceptance protocol for the building for the Institute of Precision Medicine. This confirms that the new building has been completed to the extent necessary for preliminary acceptance and that the formal protocol has been established (evidence 2). The Institute for Precision Medicine will be part of the Medical University of Vienna and is located on the grounds of the Vienna General Hospital. The document is signed by the Medical University of Vienna and the Vienna General Hospital confirming their approval of the preliminary acceptance. The preliminary acceptance protocol includes the relevant documentation required to ensure operational facility management of the building.

The preliminary acceptance protocol includes documents to further substantiate the claim that the building has reached the stage of preliminary acceptance. Preliminary acceptance refers to the early handover of the building before all final legal, contractual, and administrative formalities have been completed. A preliminary acceptance protocol is used to document the status of completion of typically complex and large-scale construction projects when other documentation, such as a final account, all official approvals and evidence of complete rectification of defects cannot yet be provided. The degree of finalisation is documented by three completion assessment reports (evidence 3). These contain information on the degree of finalisation of the building, heating systems, cooling systems, ventilation systems, sanitary systems, instrumentation and control engineering, the electrical engineering, fire detection system, security system and elevator systems. Works are either fully finalised or very close to being finalised as per the assessment in the completion report. The reports have been prepared by the site supervision team after inspection of the site and document the degree of finalisation with pictures.

Furthermore, the investment consists of **the construction of a building for this new research centre.** The preliminary acceptance protocol (Evidence 2) documents that the Centre for Precision Medicine is substantially complete and fit for use, with only minor outstanding works remaining.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Target: 100 – EUR 125 000 000 allocated and payment letters regarding payments of at least EUR 100 000 000 sent

Related Measure: C3.3D1 IPCEI Microelectronics and Connectivity

Quantitative Indicator: EUR (million)

Baseline: 0

Target: 125

Time: Q3 2026

1. Context:

The investment aims to increase Europe's open strategic autonomy by supporting areas within the sector of microelectronics, as well as to develop more energy-efficient solutions, thus contributing to the achievement of climate objectives. The investment consists of a call for expression of interest, selection of projects, and funding the approved projects in the areas of microelectronics and connectivity.

Target 100 requires the allocation of at least EUR 125 000 000 to approved projects, as well as the sending of payment letters by *Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft* (AWS) or *Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft* (FFG) regarding payments of at least EUR 100 000 000.

Target 100 is the fourth and last target of the investment. It follows the completion of milestone 97 related to the publication of documents concerning the second phase of the call for expression of interest in funding projects under the IPCEI Microelectronics and Connectivity, milestone 98 related to the completion of the selection of Austrian projects, and target 99 related to the start of at least 66% of the approved Austrian projects.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target requirements (including all its constitutive elements) have been satisfactorily fulfilled
2	Signed funding contracts a. AT & S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik – AWS Funding Offer (signed), 24 May 2024; b. AT & S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik – FFG Funding Contract (signed), 7 May 2024; c. Infineon Technologies Austria AG - AWS Funding Offer (signed), 21 May 2024; d. Infineon Technologies Austria AG – FFG Funding Contract (signed), 7 May 2024; e. EEMCO GmbH - AWS Funding Offer (signed), 11 June 2024;	Ten funding contracts signed between the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Economics and Labour with the participating undertakings (Austria Technologie &

	f. EEMCO GmbH - FFG Funding Contract (signed), 10 June 2024; g. AVL List GmbH - AWS Funding Offer (signed), 25 October 2024; h. AVL List GmbH - FFG Funding Contract (signed), 10 July 2024; i. NXP Semiconductors Austria GmbH & Co KG - AWS Funding Offer (signed), 5 June 2024; j. NXP Semiconductors Austria GmbH & Co KG - FFG Funding Contract (signed), 8 May 2024.	Systemtechnik AG (AT&S AG), AVL List GmbH, Ebner European Mono Crystal Operations GesmbH (EEMCO), Infineon Technologies Austria AG, NXP Semiconductors Austria), specifying project scope, allocated funding, and start obligations.
3	Payment letters sent by *Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft* (AWS) and *Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft* (FFG) to recipients: a. AWS payment letter to AT&S, 10 July 2024; b. AWS payment letter to AT&S, 29 December 2025; c. AWS payment letter to AT&S, 16 July 2026; d. AWS payment letter to AVL, 5 November 2024; e. AWS payment letter to EEMCO, 10 July 2024; f. AWS payment letter to Infineon, 10 July 2024; g. AWS payment letter to Infineon, 23 December 2025; h. AWS payment letter to Infineon, 17 July 2026; i. AWS payment letter to NXP, 10 July 2024; j. AWS payment letter to NXP, 20 February 2026; k. FFG payment letter to AT&S, 16 November 2025; l. FFG payment letter to AT&S, 20 July 2026; m. FFG payment letter to AVL, 29 December 2025; n. FFG payment letter to AVL, 20 July 2026; o. FFG payment letter to EEMCO, 8 February 2026; p. FFG payment letter to EEMCO, 20 July 2026; q. FFG payment letter to Infineon, 3 August 2025; r. FFG payment letter to Infineon, 17 May 2026; s. FFG payment letter to Infineon, 20 July 2026; t. FFG payment letter to NXP, 9 November 2025; u. FFG payment letter to NXP, 20 July 2026.	Twenty-one payment letters sent by AWS and FFG to the companies that implement the approved projects indicating the amounts to be paid out.

3. Analysis:

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

At least EUR 125 000 000 allocated to approved projects (including expenses of the implementing agency).

On 8 June 2023, the Commission approved under the EU State Aid rules the Important Project of Common European Interest (IPCEI) in the field of Microelectronics and Communication Technologies

(Commission Decision C(2023) 3817 final of 8 June 2023, "IPCEI ME/CT State Aid Decision")[4]. Five Austrian projects in the areas of microelectronics and connectivity of the following undertakings were approved (IPCEI ME/CT State Aid Decision, page 93):

1. Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik AG (AT & S);
2. Infineon Technologies Austria AG;
3. Ebner European Mono Crystal Operations GesmbH (EEMCO);
4. AVL List GmbH;
5. NXP Semiconductors Austria.

Each of the abovementioned companies signed funding contracts with the Austrian implementing agencies, *Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft* (AWS) and *Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft* (FFG) (evidence 2). Under the signed funding contracts the following amounts of non-repayable grant support were allocated to the approved projects:

Company	Allocated funding (EUR)	Implementing agency	Agency/ Evidence
AT & S	67 139 216	AWS	Evidence 2(a), Section 3
	15 610 206	FFG	Evidence 2(b), Clause 3.1
Infineon	39 439 742	AWS	Evidence 2(c), Section 3
	38 215 437	FFG	Evidence 2(d), Clause 3.1
EEMCO	11 538 279	AWS	Evidence 2(e), Section 3
	17 306,936	FFG	Evidence 2(f), Clause 3.1
AVL	7 509 914	AWS	Evidence 2(g), Section 3
	11 692 887	FFG	Evidence 2(h), Clause 3.1
NXP	4 103 193	AWS	Evidence 2(i), Section 3
	10 230 807	FFG	Evidence 2(j), Clause 3.1
Total	**222 786 617**		

Therefore, the total funding allocated to the approved projects under the funding contracts is EUR 222 786 617, which exceeds the target of EUR 125 000 000.

Payment letters sent by *Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft* or *Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft* to projects regarding payments of at least EUR 100 000 000.

AWS and FFG sent the following payment letters regarding payments to the companies implementing the approved projects (evidence 3):

Company	Payout amount (EUR)	Implementing agency	Payment letter date	Evidence
AT & S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik AG	6 713 922	AWS	10.07.2024	Evidence 3(a)
	8 813 431	AWS	29.12.2025	Evidence 3(b)
	15 241 461	AWS	16.07.2026	Evidence 3(c)
	1 561 021	FFG	20.07.2026	Evidence 3(l)
	1 293 579	FFG	16.11.2025	Evidence 3(k)
AVL	750 991	AWS	05.11.2024	Evidence 3(d)

[4] Available at: https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/cases1/202417/SA_101202_4007068F-0200-C9AB-8043-61F44BDD37B4_307_1.pdf.

	5 763 185	FFG	29.12.2025	Evidence 3(m)
	1 169 299	FFG	20.07.2026	Evidence 3(n)
EEMCO	1 153 828	AWS	10.07.2024	Evidence 3(e)
	5 483 125	FFG	08.02.2026	Evidence 3(o)
	1 730 695	FFG	20.07.2026	Evidence 3(p)
Infineon Technologies Austria AG	3 943 974	AWS	10.07.2024	Evidence 3(f)
	20 395 581	FFG	03.08.2025	Evidence 3(q)
	5 525 501	AWS	23.12.2025	Evidence 3(g)
	6 355 223	FFG	17.05.2026	Evidence 3(r)
	11 697 166	AWS	17.07.2026	Evidence 3(h)
	3 821 545	FFG	20.07.2026	Evidence 3(s)
NXP Semiconductors Austria GmbH & Co KG	410 319	AWS	10.07.2024	Evidence 3(i)
	4 839 489	FFG	09.11.2025	Evidence 3(t)
	580 319	AWS	20.02.2026	Evidence 3(j)
	1 023 081	FFG	20.07.2026	Evidence 3(u)
Total:	**108 266 735**			

Therefore, the payment letters sent by AWS and FFG to the approved projects concerns payments of a total of EUR 108 266 735, which exceeds the target of EUR 100 000 000.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure **(...) the investment consists of (...) funding the approved projects in the areas of microelectronics and connectivity.**

Austria funded five approved projects in the areas of microelectronics and connectivity through the payments of over EUR 100 000 000, as described above. The payment letters (evidence 3) confirm that the payment is being executed. They also indicate the exact amount, the name of the bank and the bank account number to which the bank transfer is being made.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 103b Projects entered the first-industrial-deployment-phase

Related Measure: C3.3D2 IPCEI Hydrogen

Qualitative Indicator: Annual Member State Report to the European Commission

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

This measure aims to support the creation of a national and European hydrogen ecosystem which can contribute to Austria's and the EU's decarbonisation and climate objectives. The investment consists of the selection of projects following a call for expression of interest and the start of the first industrial deployment phase (FID).

Milestone 103b requires that at least two projects with signed national funding agreements have entered the first-industrial-deployment phase.

Milestone 103b is the third milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 101 and target 102, related to the selection of Austrian IPCEI Hydrogen projects and the beginning of their implementation.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Annual Member Sate Report IPCEI Hy2Tech - Austria	Annual Member State Report for the reporting period from 01. January 2025 until 31. December 2025, drafted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, submitted to DG Competition in fulfilment of Austria's reporting obligations.
3	Signed national funding agreements: a. Robert Bosch AG –AWS Funding Offer (signed) b. Robert Bosch AG – FFG Funding Contract (signed) c. OPmobility SE (formerly Plastic Omnium New Energies Wels GmbH) - AWS Funding Offer (signed)	Signed national funding agreements with two implementing agencies (AWS and FFG)

	d. OPmobility SE (formerly Plastic Omnium New Energies Wels GmbH) -FFG Funding Contract (signed)	
4	Press release "Plastic Omnium is now OPmobility"	Press release announcing the name change from Plastic Omnium to OPmobility on 27 March 2024 published on the company website:https://www.opmobility.com/en/plastic-omnium-is-now-opmobility/

3. Analysis:

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

At least two projects with signed national funding agreements have entered the first-industrial-deployment phase.

On 3 July 2026, the annual Member State Report on the progress of the Austrian undertakings participating in the IPCEI Hy2Tech was submitted to Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission by the Austrian authorities (evidence 2). The report was drafted by officials in the Austrian Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism for the reporting period between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 fulfilling Austria's reporting obligations under the IPCEI.

The information in the report is based on the annual reports submitted by the participating undertakings and verified by the funding agencies, which regularly carry out on-site audits to monitor the progress of the projects' implementation (evidence 2, page 5). Chapter 3 of the annual Member State Report provides summaries of the annual progress of three Austrian undertakings that directly participate in IPCEI Hy2Tech and that have signed national funding agreements – AVL List, Robert Bosch and OPmobility. On 27 March 2024 the company announced its name change from Plastic Omnium to OPmobility (evidence 4).

The table on the annual implementation of R&D and first-industrial-deployment (FID) activities on pages 6 and 7 of the report shows that two of these undertakings had entered the FID phase during the reporting period (evidence 2, pages [6-11]):

- For **Robert Bosch**, the report states that the FID phase officially commenced in January 2024. It describes key activities and results that were achieved during this phase, including the finalization of the conceptual design for a flexible assembly line, the correction of critical laser beam welding defects and the complete redesign of the solenoid to meet safety standards.
- For **OPmobility**, activities during the FID phase focused on the implementation of optimization of the high-volume production process for the FCM170 system, alongside product optimisation and integration.
- For **AVL List**, the report states that the project has not yet entered the FID phase.

Both Robert Bosch and OPmobility had signed national funding agreements with the two implementing agencies (AWS and FFG) (evidence 3).

This demonstrates that at least two projects (Robert Bosch and OPmobility) with signed national funding agreements had entered the first-industrial-deployment phase by the end of the reporting period.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 113 Applications available in test environment

Related Measure: C4.4A3 Development of the electronic 'parent-child pass' platform

Qualitative Indicator: Applications available in test environment

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to run a screening programme for the early detection of health problems during pregnancy and early childhood. The investment consists of an electronic platform for the parent-child pass.

Milestone 113 requires that for the electronic parent-child pass, a web application for healthcare providers, a web application for parents and a mobile app for parents are available in a test environment.

Milestone 113 is the third and last milestone of the investment, and it follows the completion of milestone 111 and milestone 112, related to the adoption of the legal basis of the electronic parent-child pass and the awarding of the programming contract for the electronic platform respectively.

The Commission considers that there is a clerical error in section 2 of the Annex of the Council Implementing Decision which classifies milestone 113 as a target. Milestone 113 clearly reads as milestone under section 1 of the Council Implementing Decision. Therefore, the description of milestone 113 as milestone is considered correct.

Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the target requirements (including all its constitutive elements) have been satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Digital documents showing screenshots	Screenshots showing the electronic parent-child pass web application for medical providers, web application for parents and mobile application for parents. On 14 and 17 July 2026, Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check to verify alignment of the evidence and the electronic applications.
3	Ecard website for the test environment	The link to the test environment for the parent-child application is available on the website of eCard: https://www.chipkarte.at/cdscontent/?contentid=10007.910375&portal=ecardportal. The link to the test environment is available here: https://ekp-a.ecard-test.sozialversicherung.at/ekp-rest-gda/

3. Analysis:

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

For the electronic parent-child pass, a web application for healthcare providers, a web application for parents and a mobile app for parents are available in a test environment.

The Austrian authorities provided a link to the website where authorised users can access the electronic parent-child pass test environment (evidence 4). The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 6 August 2026 to verify if the link to the test environment is available. The link leads to a website from where authorised users, in particular software developers licensed to supply health care providers, can access the electronic parent-child pass test environment. Moreover, the website offers documentation relevant to the development of the electronic parent-child pass.

The Austrian authorities provided digital documents showing screen shots of the web and mobile applications for the electronic parent-child pass in a test environment (evidence 2). The Commission services conducted an on-the-spot check on 17 July 2026 to verify that a web application for healthcare providers, a web application for parents and a mobile application for parents are available in a test environment.

- The ***web application for healthcare providers*** includes a login page, an interface to create a new electronic parent-child pass if a pregnancy is detected, a main interface showing key results on the pregnancy/early childhood for the healthcare provider and an interface to record the results of medical checks (evidence 2, pages 2-6).
- ***The web application for parents***, includes an interface to select the preferred language (German, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, English, French and Turkish), an overview of upcoming medical checks, key dates and figures on the pregnancy, an interactive growth monitoring page showing the child's size as compared to its peers, and an overview of the child's early childhood medical data (evidence 2, pages 8-12).
- The ***mobile application for parents*** has the same functionalities and language options as the web application for parents and additionally sends notifications to remind parents of upcoming medical checks (evidence 2, pages 14-18).

The on-the-spot check was completed successfully, confirming that the electronic parent-child pass with the three applications is available in the test environment in line with the milestone requirements.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Target: 130 Brownfield land projects

Related Measure: C4.4B3 Investment in climate-friendly town centres

Quantitative Indicator: Number of recycling of brownfield land projects

Baseline: 30

Target: 60

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to raise the attractiveness of town centres, notably in rural areas. The investment consists of thermal renovation of buildings in town centres, connection to high-efficiency district heating as well as recycling of brownfield land.

Target 130 requires that payment letters have been issued for 60 recycling brownfield land projects. Target 130 is the fourth target or milestone of the investment. It follows the completion of milestone 122 related to the adoption of the funding guidelines for the renovation of buildings in town centres in four areas of intervention. Targets 123, and 127 are related to other areas of intervention within measure 4.B.3. Target 129 also refers to the completion of at least 30 projects of recycling of brownfield land.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Full project list	List of all supported recycling of brownfield land projects provided by the Austrian authorities, including names of recipients, locations of projects and date of approval.
3	Award recommendations	Award recommendations issued by the Commission for Remediation of Contaminated Sites and Brownfields for each supported brownfield recycling project. The documents set out the brownfield site-development concept and (where applicable) the assessment of additional location-induced expenditures.
4	66 Disbursement letters	Copies of payment letters issued by the competent authority (Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, KPC) addressed to the project recipients confirming that project grants will be paid out.

3. Analysis:

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

Payment letters have been issued for 60 recycling brownfield land projects.

Austria submitted the following evidence demonstrating that payment letters have been issued for 66 recycling brownfield land projects, thereby exceeding the target of 60 projects. The full list of supported projects provided by the Austrian authorities (evidence 2) contains 66 recycling of brownfield land projects. All the projects on the list were assessed by the Commission for Remediation of Contaminated Sites and Brownfields, which issued recommendations for their support (evidence 3). The project descriptions in evidence 3 set out the brownfield site-development concept and, where applicable, the assessment of additional location-induced expenditures.

Once these 66 projects were completed, the competent authority (Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, KPC) issued payment letters for each of the selected projects (evidence 4). The signed letters indicate by when the payment would be made, the subject and number of the project, and the amount to be disbursed. The issued disbursement letters confirm that project grants were to be paid out between July 2023 and December 2025.

Furthermore, in line with the description of the measure, **the investment consists of thermal renovation of commercial and communal buildings in town centres, connection to high-efficiency district heating and recycling of brownfield land.** The Commission assessed these investments in its preliminary assessment of the second payment request of 19 September 2025.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this target has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 139 Renovation of the Volkskundemuseum

Related Measure: C4.4C3 Renovation Volkskundemuseum Wien and Prater Ateliers

Qualitative Indicator: Handover certificate

Time: Q2 2026

1. Context:

The objective of the investment is to demonstrate the combination of living building culture and environmentally conscious monument protection. The investment consists of the renovation of the Prater Ateliers and Volkskundemuseum Wien.

Milestone 139 concerns the handover of the renovation certificate of the Volkskundemuseum Wien.

Milestone 139 is the third and last milestone of the investment. It follows the completion of milestone 137, which related to feasibility studies for both the Prater Ateliers and Volkskundemuseum Wien, and milestone 138, related to the handover of the renovation certificate of the Prater Ateliers.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Copy of the handover certificate	This handover certificate (*Protokoll der Übergabe/Übernahme in die Benützung*) signed on 28 August 2026 by the Federal Ministry of Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport, the project owner and administrator (Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft), the project planner (architectural office Silberpfeil) and the construction supervisory authority (*Bauaufsicht* Raster), confirming the handover of the renovated Volkskundemuseum Wien into use.
3	Copies of energy certificates before and after renovation	Two energy certificates (*Energieausweis*) assessing the energy efficiency of the Volkskundemuseum Wien before and after renovation. Each certificate includes an explanation of the assessment methodology and the company, name and signature of the certifying expert.

3. Analysis:

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

Handover certificate signed by the Federal Ministry of Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport regarding the renovation of the Volkskundemuseum Wien.

The handover certificate (*Protokoll der Übergabe/Übernahme in die Benützung*) regarding the renovation of the Volkskundemuseum Wien was signed by the Federal Ministry of Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport, the project owner and administrator, the project planner and the construction supervisory authority on 28 August 2026 (evidence 2). The document identifies the object by name and address and contains the signatures of all parties involved in the handover (page 7) and certifies the completion of the renovation works and the handover of the museum.

The renovation shall contribute to an increase of energy efficiency of the building.

The two energy certificates (*Energieausweis*) before and after renovation (evidence 3) assess the energy performance of the same building at the same address before renovation and after renovation, thereby providing a direct before-and-after comparison of the impact of the renovation works on the building's energy efficiency. Each certificate includes an explanation of the applied assessment methodology. The certificates were issued and signed by a civil and process engineer at an independent engineering office, thus certifying an increase in energy efficiency of the Volkskundemuseum Wien.

Before the renovation, the overall energy efficiency factor (Gesamtenergieeffizienz-Faktor) was 2.52, corresponding to energy class E (see page 6 of evidence 3). After the renovation, the overall energy efficiency factor improved to 1.46, corresponding to energy class C (see page 28 of evidence 3).

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled.

Number and name of the Milestone: 150 Spending Review 'Sustainability of public procurement'

Related Measure: C4.4D1 Spending review focusing on green and digital transformation

Qualitative Indicator: Dissemination of the report

Time: Q1 2026

1. Context:

The objective of the reform is to carry out spending reviews for public spending related to the green and digital transitions. The reform consists of the dissemination of spending reviews.

Milestone 150 relates to the dissemination of the spending review report on 'sustainability of public procurement' and focuses on evaluating the status quo with regard to sustainable procurement.

Milestone 150 is the sixth and last milestone of the reform. It follows the completion of milestones 146, 147, 148, 149 and 151, related to the analysis of the climate and energy policy support and incentive landscape, the identification of synergies in the funding landscape of the Länder, including the climate responsibility mechanisms between the federal level and the Länder as part of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Act 2017, the implementation of the EU taxonomy at national level, the review of climate-related sustainability strategies of state-owned enterprises as well as the further development of digitalisation within public administration.

2. Evidence provided

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	The report, titled Module 5: "sustainability of public procurement" (modul 5: "Nachhaltigkeit der öffentlichen Beschaffung") The sustainability of public procurement spending review report of the green spending review cycle focuses on evaluating the status quo with regard to sustainable procurement.	The report was submitted to the minister's cabinet on 25 June 2026 by the Ministry of Finance and was published on the website of the Ministry of Finance on 10 July 2026. It is available under the following link: https://www.bmf.gv.at/themen/klimapolitik/green_Budgeting/green_spending_reviews_des_bmf/modul-5_%C3%B6ffentliche_Beschaffung_Ebene1.html

3. Analysis:

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

The spending review report on 'sustainability of public procurement' shall be internally disseminated.

The finalised spending review report on 'sustainability of public procurement' (evidence 2 and hereinafter referred to as "Report") was submitted on 25 June 2026 to the minister's cabinet by the Ministry of Finance and published on the homepage of the Austrian Ministry of Finance on 10 July

2026. The Commission services accessed the link provided by the authorities on 13 July 2026 to verify that the report was published online. This check was completed successfully.

This report shall focus on evaluating the status quo with regard to sustainable procurement.

The Report is structured into six chapters that as a whole address the topic of sustainability of public procurement. In particular, chapter 2 "*The status-quo of public procurement"* specifically assesses the status quo with regards to sustainable public procurement. This Chapter evaluates the current state of sustainable public procurement in Austria by analysing the existing legal framework, governance arrangements, procurement strategies, the National Plan for Sustainable Public Procurement (naBe), and the procurement strategies of the Federal Procurement Agency (BBG), while identifying strengths, gaps, and areas for further development.

Furthermore, it shall emphasise developing optimisation potential for sustainable public procurement.

Chapter 4 "*Possible options for integrating climate-specific dimensions into the procurement process*" specifically addresses the optimisation potential for sustainable public procurement and outlines the existing challenges that need to be overcome. These challenges include, among others, the lack of data availability, misaligned incentives due to separate areas of responsibilities and tasks, and conflicting interests between short-term budget discipline and long-term costs. Chapter 4 also explores life cycle costing and includes several best practices illustrating approaches for integrating life cycle costing into public procurement processes and offering inspirations for further development.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled

Number and name of the Milestone: 176 Publication of the integrated national energy infrastructure plan and entry into force of the legislation on the requirements for the production of renewable hydrogen of non-biological origin

Related Measure: C5.A.2 Hydrogen as key technology to climate neutrality

Qualitative Indicator: Publication of the integrated national energy infrastructure plan and provision in the legislation indicating the entry into force

Time: Q1 2026

1. Context:

The objective of this measure is to create a new policy and to coordinate initiatives on renewable hydrogen in Austria by way of a national Hydrogen Strategy. The measure consists of the publication of a national Hydrogen Strategy, the establishment of the national hydrogen platform, the publication of the integrated national energy infrastructure plan and entry into force of the legislation on the requirements for the production of renewable hydrogen of non-biological origin.

Milestone 176 requires the publication of the integrated national energy infrastructure plan (NIP) and the entry into force of legislation establishing the requirements for the production of renewable hydrogen of non-biological origin.

Milestone 176 is the third and last milestone of the reform, and it follows the completion of milestone 174 and milestone 175, related to the publication of the Hydrogen Strategy, the establishment of the national hydrogen platform, and the first evaluation of the implementation of the Hydrogen Strategy.

2. Evidence provided:

	Name of the evidence.	Short description
1	Summary Document	Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all its constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled.
2	Integrated Austrian Energy Network Infrastructure Plan	The integrated Austrian national energy infrastructure plan, published on 08 April 2024, by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology. The plan is publicly available on the website of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Economy, Energy and Tourism: https://www.bmwet.gv.at/Services/Publikationen/publikationen-energie/netzinfrastrukturplan.html
3	Federal Law Gazette of the Republic of Austria, Part II, No.	Official publication of the Hydrogen Regulation in the Federal Law Gazette. https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/eli/bgbl/II/2026/139/20260615

	139/2026 (Hydrogen Regulation)	

3. Analysis:

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

The integrated national energy infrastructure plan (NIP) shall be published.

The integrated Austrian national energy infrastructure plan (ÖNIP) was published on 08 April 2024 (evidence 2) by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology on the ministry's website. Following the change of government, the plan is publicly available on the website of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Economy, Energy and Tourism (evidence 2).

The Commission services accessed the link provided by the Austrian authorities on 30 July 2026 to verify that the integrated Austrian national energy infrastructure plan (ÖNIP) is published. This check was completed successfully, confirming that the requirement for the publication of the ÖNIP has been fulfilled.

The integrated Austrian national energy infrastructure plan is a strategic planning instrument for the Austrian energy transformation. It covers the key energy infrastructure in an integrated way, linking electricity, gas and hydrogen planning, with the aim to enable electrification, phase out fossil energy use, and integrate a rising share of renewable energy across the system. It gives hydrogen a strategic role for, mainly, hard-to-electrify industrial uses, and focusses on industrial clusters, repurposing gas assets and linking to EU hydrogen networks.

Entry into force of the legislation on the requirements for the production of renewable hydrogen of non-biological origin.

Regulation of the Federal Minister for Economy, Energy and Tourism on requirements and criteria for the production of renewable hydrogen of non-biological origin (hereinafter referred to as 'Hydrogen Regulation') was published in the Federal Law Gazette of the Republic of Austria, Part II, No. 139/2026 on 15 June 2026 (evidence 3). According to its Article 11, the Hydrogen Regulation entered into force on the day following its publication.

For defining the requirements for the production of renewable hydrogen of non-biological origin, Article 3 of the regulation refers to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1184, as amended by (EU) 2024/1408, which lays down rules for determining when electricity used for the production of renewable liquid and gaseous transport fuels of non-biological origin can be considered fully renewable.

On this basis, the Commission has reasonable assurance that this milestone has been satisfactorily fulfilled by 31 August 2026.

4. Commission Preliminary Assessment: Satisfactorily fulfilled