



Mid-term review

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Mid-term review regulatory framework (CPR)

- Article 18(1): Member State to review each programme and decide on the flexibility amount (including analytical background work, targeted discussions).
- Article 18(2): MS to submit by 31/03/2025 at the latest:
 - an **assessment** for each programme on the **outcome** of the mid-term review (MTR);
 - a proposal to **definitively allocate** the flexibility amount.
- Article 18(3-4): outcome of the MTR:
 - if deemed necessary, MS submits amended programme(s);
 - if the MTR concludes that no amendment is needed, the Commission can confirm this, or request the MS to submit a programme amendment in accordance with Art. 24 CPR.

Mid-term review process:

Submission of the assessment of the MTR outcome
by 31 March 2025

Confirmation of flexibility amounts without programme amendment

Article 18(4) CPR

- **Required documents:** assessment of the MTR outcome with request for confirmation of the flexibility amounts
- **Programmes changes:** no changes allowed - SFC2021 will link the assessment to the latest approved (amended) programme
- **Deadlines:**
 - (1) 3 months to adopt decision or
 - (2) in the case of disagreement, 2 months to request MS to submit programme amendment

Programme amendment

Article 18(3) CPR

- **Required documents:** assessment of the MTR outcome with proposal for definitive allocation of the FA and amended programme
- **Programme changes:** amendments resulting from MTR and/or reallocation of the FA and related changes (e.g., revised targets), changes exceeding MTR elements are allowed and should be clearly explained in the request
- **Deadlines:** 4 months to adopt decision (regular amendment process)

Flexibility amount for FENG:

EUR 1 279 061 576

Programme assessment

European Semester 2024 and mid-term review

- Article 18(1) of the CPR: the Member State reviews each programme, taking into account the following elements:
 - i. New challenges identified in the **relevant country-specific recommendations** adopted in 2024;
 - ii. where relevant, progress in implementing the **integrated national energy and climate plan** ;
 - iii. progress in implementing the principles of the **European Pillar of Social Rights**;
 - iv. the **socio-economic situation** of the Member State or region concerned, with a particular focus on **territorial needs**, taking into account any major negative financial, economic or social developments.

European Semester - Spring package 2024

The [Spring Package 2024](#) was published by the Commission in June 2024 and includes:

- Report on the economic, social, employment, structural and budgetary policies of each Member State (see next slides).
- [Council Recommendations](#) on country-specific economic, social, employment, structural and fiscal policies (CSRs) – 4 for Poland:
 - i. Fiscal policy and timely submission of a medium-term fiscal-structural plan.
 - ii. The implementation of the National Recovery Plan, including strengthening the administrative capacity to manage the Plan and increasing resilience, accelerating investment and maintaining the pace of reform implementation and **accelerating the implementation of cohesion policy programmes**.
 - iii. Increase labour market participation of disadvantaged groups, including by improving the quality and access to home and community-based formal long-term care.
 - iv. Accelerate the **phase-out of fossil fuels in the heating sector** through the transition to renewable energy.

Mid-term review of cohesion policy in the 2024 Country Report for Poland

- MTRs are an opportunity to assess cohesion policy programmes and adapt them to new needs and challenges.
- Further implementation of current priorities:
 - i. investing in an innovative and smart economic transformation, based on R&D activities, implementation of new technologies and strengthened cooperation between science and business**
 - ii. moving away from coal and accelerating the green transition.
 - iii. investment in skills, in particular in adult learning, and digital and green skills.
 - iv. bridging the territorial gap in access to quality and affordable childcare.
 - v. increasing access to quality, affordable and accessible community-based long-term care services.

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- New suggested elements:
 - i. The unprecedented influx of refugees from Ukraine and its impact on the support system for non-EU citizens and their comprehensive integration opportunities.
 - ii. Consider the opportunities offered by the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) to support the transformation of the economy, especially in the area of clean and resource-efficient technologies.

Additional elements to be assessed:

- i. Demographic challenges – assessment of situation and adjustment of Cohesion Policy funds in the view of [Communication on harnessing talent in Europe's regions](#) using the [Demography Toolbox](#).
- ii. Considering the main results of relevant evaluations, wherever available and useful for the exercise – no specific evaluation required!
- iii. Progress in achieving the programme milestones, taking into account major difficulties encountered in the implementation of the programme.

Thank you



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