

**REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Skopje, 15 July 2025

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I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to North Macedonia under the Facility for the period Q2/25 (30 June 2025), based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, as well as on the evidence enclosed, the payment conditions set out in the North Macedonia's Reform Agenda for the following steps have been fulfilled:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
Reform 2.1.1.1: Align with electricity integration package to enable electricity market coupling of the EU and North Macedonia: establish the day ahead electricity market, operationalise the package in line with the market coupling operator integration plan by the end of 2025	Complete transposition of the electricity integration package and continue its implementation, in line with Energy Community requirements	6,422,435.55 Euros
2.2.1.1: Setting up a comprehensive framework for cyber resilience (introducing requirements of NIS2 Directive and strengthening relevant institutions)	Adopt and implement cybersecurity legislative framework that is fully aligned with EU cybersecurity policy and EU cybersecurity acquis, i.e. the Law on security of networks and information systems and updated cybersecurity strategy	4,281,623.70 Euros
2.2.2.1: Secure Digital infrastructures roll-out	Adoption of the new Law on Electronic Communications, alignment of national legislation with the relevant EU Acquis to align it with the EU Acquis and the Gigabit Infrastructure Act, upon entry in force in EU	4,281,623.70 Euros
2.2.2.2: Digital Public Services	Compliance with the EU Digital Identity Regulation and eIDAS2 Regulation by adoption of updated Law on Electronic Document,	6,422,435.55 Euros

	Electronic Identification and Trust Services, including compliance with the new EU Digital Identity Regulation, revising the eIDAS Regulation	
	Adopt legislation to allow of archiving or electronic documents	4,281,623.70 Euros
4.1.1: Address the informal economy in support of the recently adopted Strategy for Formalization of the Informal Economy	The number of inspections is increased for the Labour Inspectorate by 20% and for the Market Inspectorate by 15% compared to the 2020-2023 period average. Inspections are carried on the principle of sectorial risk with a focus on construction, tourism, and agriculture	2,140,811.85 Euros
4.1.3: Foster SMEs development by adopting and implementing the new SME strategy	Ease the access to lending for SMEs by amending relevant legislation to allow the use of intangible assets as collateral in lending to SMEs	4,281,623.70 Euros
4.1.5: Reform the governance of State-Owned Enterprises with focus on the Railways and Postal services	Create a register of SOEs and companies with State participation which is publicly available	4,281,623.70 Euros
	Restructuring plan for state owned railways operator and railway infrastructure manager adopted by January 2025	2,140,811.85 Euros

On the basis of the above I request that the amount of **EUR 38,534,613.28** is made available, **EUR (17,918,595.17)** disbursed directly to the treasury of North Macedonia, and **EUR (20,616,018.10)** to be made available through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which **EUR (9,556,584.09)** in the form of loans and **EUR (11,059,434.01)** in the form of non-repayable support<sup>12</sup>.

- <sup>1</sup> Subject to rules laid down in Articles 16 and 17, each instalment shall draw from the indicative financial contributions set out in Article 2 paragraph 2, as follows: a) 28.7% from the non-repayable support and 24.8% from the loan support, in sum 53.5%, to be made available through the Western Balkans Investments Framework (WBIF), and b) 46.5% from the loan support to be channelled directly to the treasury.
- <sup>2</sup> A condition precedent to the disbursement of the loan to the Treasury, to be channelled to the WBIF, is the submission of the signed contribution arrangement with the WBIF. This signed arrangement must be provided before any loan disbursements are processed.

I hereby attach an assessment of each step, the required evidence showing the satisfactory fulfilment of the qualitative and quantitative steps set out in the relevant Annex to the Commission implementing decision<sup>3</sup> and other information requested as per Article 14 of the Facility Agreement.

Skopje, 15 July 2025

Signature by the Coordinator

Murtezani Orhan  
Minister for European Affairs and National RGF Coordinator



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<sup>3</sup> Reference of CID (2024)7375, 23.10.2024