



Montenegro

Ministry of Finance

Directorate for management of the EU pre-accession funds structures

ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to Montenegro under the Facility for the period first half of 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 Montenegro Reform Agenda for the following steps have been fulfilled:

REFORM		STEP	FINANCIAL VALUE
1.1.4	1.1.4.1	Adopting the Spatial Plan of Montenegro (by the Parliament)	2,317,185.60
2.1.2	2.1.2.1	Phase out of public intervention in the price-setting for the supply of electricity in line with Article 5 of the Directive 2019/944 on common rules for the internal market for electricity	2,317,185.60
2.3.2	2.3.2.1	Adopt legislation in line with the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) including a regulatory framework for prosumers and streamlining of permit-granting procedures (e.g. designation of a single contact point)	2,317,185.60
4.4.1	4.4.1.1	Supreme state prosecutor has put in place and monitor standard operating procedures for the prosecution as regards the handling of sexual and gender-based violence cases, in line with relevant articles of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, as well as of the EU Directive of Victim Protection; Standard operating procedures for the sentencing in cases of sexual and gender-based violence are put in place, in line with the new Criminal Code	2,317,185.60
Total (steps with deadline 28/02/2025)			9,268,742.40
2.1.2	2.1.2.2	Implementation of measures aimed at protecting energy poor and vulnerable customers including developing methodology to define energy poor groups and monitoring tools	2,317,185.60
2.2.1	2.2.1.1	Governance structures mandated to implement and monitor just transition actions are operational and have adopted a plan for training and job creation for people employed in mining and coal power production	579,296.40
2.3.2	2.3.2.2	Operationalise the system of guarantees of origin	1,158,592.80
2.3.4	2.3.4.2	Long-term renovation strategy and action plan adopted and starts to be implemented with retrofitting of existing public buildings ongoing and aligned with the annual 3% renovation target	2,317,185.60

REFORM	STEP		FINANCIAL VALUE
3.1.3	3.1.3.4	Minimum package of guaranteed social services identified and an approach to their sustainable financing is defined in the Strategy for Deinstitutionalization	579,296.40
4.5.1	4.5.1.1	Linking and access to the databases of the Revenue and Customs Administration and other state bodies with which the Special Prosecution Office cooperates	2,317,185.60
Total (steps with deadline 30/06/2025)			9,268,742.40
Total (steps with deadline 28/02/2025 and 30/06/2025)			18,537,484.80

On the basis of the above I request that the amount of EUR 18,537,484.80 is made available, EUR 8,619,930.43 disbursed directly to the treasury of Montenegro, and EUR 9,917,554.37 to be made available through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR 4,597,296.23 in the form of loans and EUR 5,320,258.14 in the form of non-repayable support¹².

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 decision³ and other information requested as per Article 14 of the Facility Agreement.

I hereby also declare that measures related to the reforms for which satisfactory fulfilment has been declared previously in prior Commission decisions have not been reversed by Montenegro.

Podgorica, July 31st 2025



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¹ 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.

² 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.

³ CID C(2024) 7375 final, from 23/10/2024