

ANNEX A: THE REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

Belgrade, March 14th 2025

I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to the Republic of Serbia under the Facility for the relevant period, 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 Republic of Serbia Reform Agenda for the following steps have been fulfilled:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
2.1.1. Implementation of the Third Energy Package for gas and transposition and implementation of the electricity integration package	<i>Implementation of the Electricity Integration Package (December 2024) through:</i> a) SRB Transmission System Operator (TSO) to suggest an acceptable reconfiguration within the ENTSO-E framework of the Shadow SEE CCRs including all SRB TSO bidding zone borders from Annex I of the Decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community 2022/03/MC-EnC; b) SRB TSO and Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) agree to all steps and procedures as required for the implementation of day-ahead market coupling with EU, in line with the	EUR 20,381,435.06

	applicable decisions of the Energy Community Ministerial Council; c) The Serbian TSO will provide all necessary inputs required by the relevant RCC for capacity calculation to ensure capacity allocation within the market coupling process on all its bidding zone borders, as listed in Annex I of the Decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community 2022/03/MC-EnC.	
2.2.1 Secure and sustainable digital infrastructure including rural broadband and 5G roll-out	The 5G security bylaw is adopted by the Government (transposition of EU's 5G cybersecurity toolbox)	EUR 13,587,623.37
4.4.2 (Potential) Security risks for the EU linked to the visa-free travel rights for nationals of countries that would be otherwise visa required, addressed	Alignment with EU visa regime with at least three countries whose nationals need visa to enter the EU	EUR 27,175,246.75
4.5.1 Improved fight against and Prevention of Corruption	Following consultations with the Commission, the Anti-corruption strategy and action plan for 2025-2028 are adopted	EUR 6,793,811.69
		Total EUR 67,938,116.87

On the basis of the above I request that the amount of EUR 67,938,116.87 is made available, EUR 31,591,224.34 disbursed directly to the treasury of the Republic of Serbia, and EUR 36,346,892.53 to be made available through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR 16,848,652.98 in the form of loans and EUR 19,498,239.55 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 the Republic of Serbia.

Belgrade, March 14th 2025

Signature by the Coordinator



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Minister of European Integration

Government of the Republic of Serbia

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 Commission Implementing Decision C(2024)7375 of 23 October 2024

Annexes:

1. Summary of audits performed by relevant authorities, including weaknesses identified and any corrective actions taken.

No audit was performed to assess the implementation of the steps.

2. Fiches used for each step:

Fiche No. 1

The step under review	Final inventory submitted in line with the European Commission's comments from March 2024
Baseline	State aid inventory adopted by the CSAC on February 9, 2024
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28th 2025)
Actual results	The Republic of Serbia submitted (on Monday, March, 10) requested information and new comprehensive inventory of state aid schemes for final comments. Below is the record exchange with the EC and improvements in addressing EC comments: March 27, 2024 – The Republic of Serbia submitted the State Aid Schemes Inventory to the European Commission in accordance with the obligations arising from the accession negotiations for EU membership. April 11, 2024 – The European Commission provided comments on the submitted State Aid Schemes Inventory. In response, the Republic of Serbia sent answers and additional information to clarify the previously provided data and address the points raised by the Commission. November 29, 2024 – The Council of the Commission for State Aid Control adopted the Proposal for the State Aid Schemes Inventory, which included the additional information requested by the European Commission. This proposal was then sent to the European Commission for further review and comments. December 17, 2024 – The European Commission sent additional comments on the Proposal for the State Aid Schemes Inventory, requesting further clarification and details on certain sections and sectors.

	January 10, 2025 – An online meeting was held between the Republic of Serbia and the European Commission to discuss the comments and explore possible solutions to the issues raised in the previous exchange. January 23, 2025 – The Republic of Serbia submitted an updated draft of the State Aid Schemes Inventory, which included the addition of the “Law on Public Media Services” (a scheme for granting aid to public service broadcasters). It also provided details on the sectors where state aid is granted, along with clarifications in the “Other Comments (notes)” column, and included a list of ongoing individual aids. February 13, 2025 – The European Commission sent further comments on the updated draft, pointing out the need for additional adjustments and clarifications in certain sections. February 25, 2025 – A follow-up meeting was held between the Republic of Serbia and the European Commission to discuss the latest comments and finalize the necessary amendments to the State Aid Schemes Inventory. March 10, 2025 – The Republic of Serbia submitted the final updated version of the State Aid Schemes Inventory, which included schemes since 2017, along with additional responses to the European Commission’s comments.
Evidence provided	- Final updated version of the State Aid Schemes Inventory submitted to the EC on March 10, 2025. Once the inventory is in line with the EC from March 2024 comments, the Conclusion of the Government of the Republic of Serbia will be adopted and official letter submitted to the European Commission.
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Consultations between the Republic of Serbia (<i>represented by MEI as Technical Secretariat of National Coordinator and Commission for State Aid Control</i>) and the European Commission on the State Aid Schemes Inventory.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Partially achieved (up to now).

Fiche No. 2

The step under review	Implementation of the Electricity Integration Package (December 2024) through: a) SRB Transmission System Operator (TSO) to suggest an acceptable reconfiguration within the ENTSO-E framework of the Shadow SEE CCRs including all SRB TSO bidding zone borders from Annex I of the Decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community 2022/03/MC-EnC; b) SRB TSO and Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) agree to all steps and procedures as required for the implementation of day-ahead market coupling with EU, in line with the applicable decisions of the Energy Community Ministerial Council; c) The Serbian TSO will provide all necessary inputs required by the relevant RCC for capacity calculation to ensure capacity allocation within the market coupling process on all its bidding zone borders, as listed in Annex I of the Decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community 2022/03/MC-EnC.
Baseline	The primary and secondary legislation establishing a legal basis is in the process of preparation. Expected adoption is Q4 2024.
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28th 2025)
Actual results	By addressing challenges head-on, such as reconfiguring the Shadow SEE CCRs within the ENTSO-E framework, establishing a legislative framework and gaining recognition for market coupling with the EU, and providing necessary inputs for capacity calculation to ensure capacity allocation within the market coupling process, the Republic of Serbia has demonstrated significant commitment and progress in advancing electricity market integration through fostering regional cooperation. In the process of overcoming challenges, Serbia has taken a major step by proposing a reconfiguration of the Shadow SEE CCRs within the ENTSO-E framework. This proposal, submitted by Serbian TSO in May 2024, underscores Serbia's dedication to regional integration. The support from neighbouring EU TSOs and the signed declaration in Brussels in December 2024 highlight the collaborative spirit driving this initiative. Additionally, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) has requested ENTSO-E to submit the reconfiguration proposal and a technical feasibility analysis by July 31, 2025. While these activities fall outside Serbia's direct jurisdiction, the country's foundational work has been essential in reaching this stage. Furthermore, the legislative framework of the Republic of Serbia related to market coupling is currently being evaluated by the Energy Community Secretariat. This framework was established by the Amendment to the Law on

	Energy on November 27, 2024, and by secondary legislation adopted in December 2024, ensuring that all necessary measures for the integration of the electricity market with the EU have been transposed. After receiving a positive evaluation from the Energy Community Secretariat and the recognition of the Serbian NEMO by SDAC and SIDC, the condition is met for all EU TSOs to submit the MCO IP proposal to ACER, which includes the plan for coupling the EU market with the Energy Community Secretariat. Following ACER's approval, the Serbian NEMO and Serbian TSO can apply for full membership in SDAC and SIDC and proceed with signing operational agreements. All preconditions are met by Serbian side. In June 2023, SEEPEX (designated NEMO) successfully launched the Intraday market, complementing the existing Day-Ahead market, which has been operating since 2016. Serbia is one of the first Energy Community Contracting Parties in the region to establish these two market models, playing a key role in the development of electricity market integration in the region. Serbia is proactively providing all necessary inputs for capacity calculation to ensure seamless capacity allocation within the market coupling process. In accordance with Law on Energy (adopted in November 2024) and article 126a "Cooperation with Regional Coordination centres" Serbian TSO has stipulated jurisdiction in capacity calculation between trading zones and congestion management. Serbian TSO is in constant communication with the relevant regional center and the anticipated formal negotiations with the RCC underscore Serbia's readiness for collaboration. In fulfilling the reform "7.1.1. Implementation of the Third Energy Package for gas and transposition and implementation of the electricity integration package," Serbia has completed all measures within its jurisdiction to advance electricity market integration and is committed to continuing its efforts in collaboration with regional and EU partners. It is important to note that the remaining sub-steps are under the jurisdiction of European institutions, and Serbia depends on their timelines for completion.
Evidence provided	- Report(s) submitted by the implementation partner institutions (EMS AD, SEEPEX) to MoME; - Amendment to the Law on Energy "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia" No. 94/2024, dated 28.11.2024, pg. 204; - Regulation on Transmission Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 102/2024 dated 23.12.2024, pg. 3.
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	To ensure that the step is fulfilled in accordance with the applicable rules, MoME conducted thorough desk-based reviews to examine all relevant documents and regulations. In addition to the desk-based reviews, a series of meetings with key stakeholders have been organized. These meetings provided a platform for discussing findings, clarifying any ambiguities, and ensuring that all parties were aligned with the requirements. Also, MEI have checked alignment of adopted legislation with EU acquis.

Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved (from Serbia's side).
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Fiche No. 3

The step under review	The 5G security bylaw is adopted by the Government (transposition of EU's 5G cybersecurity toolbox)
Baseline	5G security bylaw not adopted
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28 th 2025)
Actual results	Fulfilled – Decree on laying down measures to reduce the security risks associated with the deployment and operation of fifth generation mobile electronic communications networks adopted by the Government of Republic of Serbia on 27 th of February 2025. and published in Official Gazette on 28 th of February 2025.
Evidence provided	- Government of the Republic of Serbia website: https://www.srbija.gov.rs/extfile/sr/863650/ur_mere_smanjenje_bezbedn_rizika_5G_066_cyr.zip - Decree on laying down measures to reduce the security risks associated with the deployment and operation of fifth generation mobile electronic communications networks adopted by the Government of Republic of Serbia (in Serbian and English) - The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia no. 17/2025, pg.44.
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Decree was prepared in close cooperation with EC DG Connect and DG Near experts and email was received on 20 th of February 2025. from Mr. ONACA with the following text: "As discussed during our meeting, there are currently no further comments related to the Draft Decree.". Adopted text of the Decree is slightly modified after round table held with all MNOs in Serbia and with 5G equipment vendors (Nokia, Huawei) related to deadlines for enforcement of measure of obligation of swap of 5G HRV equipment, but this amendment was also agreed between Ministry of Information and Telecommunications RS and EC DG Near and DG Connect.
Clear conclusion on the	Fully achieved.

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Fiche No. 4

The step under review	First composite step due by December 2024 (subject to ODIHR assessment as the verification mechanism), ○ WG composed in accordance with the ODIHR recommendation. The would mean inter-agency Working Group on Co-ordination and Follow-up of the Implementation of Recommendations for the Improvement of the Electoral Process should act in full transparency, with the inclusion of relevant stakeholders, such as civil society organizations. ○ A meaningful audit of voter register completed in accordance with ODIHR recommendations. This step means establishment of the Commission which will oversee and control voters register. The Commission should include representatives of opposition, as well as relevant civil society organizations. The implementation of this recommendation should be recognized/verified by ODIHR. ○ REM Council is re-elected (in line with the Law on electronic media) in a transparent and inclusive process. Clear explanation of this step is given in the relevant law.
Baseline	ODIHR February 2024 Report recommending to address as a matter of priority recommendations pertaining to REM, Voter Register and Working group.
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28th 2025)
Actual results	The National Assembly has established the WG, composed of two representatives of each parliamentary group, one of each national minority political party, and three representatives of civil society - with a chairman elected among the CSOs' representatives (Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability CRTA, Centre for Free Elections and Democracy CeSID, and Transparency Serbia). Please find attached links to the decision of establishing of the working group (with all further changes). The WG successfully held seven meetings in 2024 discussing the modalities for implementing ODIHR recommendations. Information about work of the working group is also transparent and attached on web site of the National Assembly of Republic of Serbia. Please find attached the link. After its extensive work on key ODIHR recommendations related to the voter register (ODIHR: 7:2017, 13:2017, 6:2020, 10:2020, 16:2020, 3:2022, 4:2023, 3:2024), the WG submitted two versions of <i>The Draft Proposals on Amendments to the Unified Voter Register Law</i> (by the Serbian Progressive Party (which was later improved) and CRTA). Accompanied by the informal

	comments provided by ODIHR, the draft Amendments to the Unified Voter Register Law were the subject of three public hearings organised by the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Matters (January-March 2025). Both Draft I and Draft II are stipulating the establishment of The Commission for auditing, verifying, and controlling the accuracy and updating of the UVR, per the Reform Agenda. In its comments, ODIHR expressed its opinion that “Both proposals allow for an inclusive and possibly independent Commission, involving both the government and the opposition”. Thus, the full implementation of this segment of the First composite step will be completed upon the finalisation of the public debate and the legislative process, which is underway, and successfully UVR audit completion. The main focus in this process is transparency. So far, three public hearings were held, 1st in Belgrade on January 27, 2025, 2nd on February 21, 2025 in Kragujevac and 3rd on March 3, 2025 in Nis. Opposition and part of the civil sector took part in these public hearings. Final, 4th public hearing will be held in Novi Sad on March 19, 2025. Also, final comments by ODIHR are expected in the next few weeks, and it is expected that after receiving final comments from ODIHR, the proposal will be sent forward, in parliament. In relation to the demand from the First composite step (Reform 9.1.1) that the <i>Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media (REM) Council is re-elected in a transparent and inclusive process</i>, the authorized Parliamentary Committee on Culture and Information, on November 24th, 2024, issued a Public Call for Nominating Candidates for the Election of Members of the Council of the REM (in line with the Law on Electronic Media). On January 23rd, 2025, and following the public interview of the proposed candidates, the Committee submitted to the National Assembly, under urgent procedure, a report and List of Candidates, accompanied by their CVs and statements that they accept the candidacy to allow for the unimpeded operation of the body. With seven out of eighteen candidates withdrawing from the process, the way in which the procedure will be repeated in accordance with the law is currently being considered.
Evidence provided	The submitted evidence relates to the decision on the formation of the Working Group, its successive amendments, and the website where all information about its work can be found. ○ Decision on the establishment of the Working Group for the improvement of the electoral process: ○ 06-961_24.pdf ○ 06-961_24_Odluka2.pdf ○ Odluka o izmenama i dopunama Odluke 21062024.pdf ○ 23.11.2024. izmena RG.pdf ○ Web page National Assembly: ○ Народна скупштина Републике Србије Радне групе

Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	On the first composite sub-step: Meeting of the representative of the National Coordinator Technical Secretariat (MEI) with the General Secretariat of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. On the second composite sub-step: ODIHR provided informal opinion on the two draft Amendments to the Unified Voter Register Law.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Partially achieved (up to now): 1. Working Group is established in accordance with given conditions in transparent manner with representatives from opposition and civil sector included. 2. Changes to the law are still not adopted and a commission isn't established yet, but it is an ongoing process done with full transparency. Also, ODIHR's final comments on proposed law changes are still not provided, but it is expected that it will be done in the next few weeks. After providing final ODIHR comments, it is expected that proposal for the law's changes will be sent to parliament. 3. A roadmap for the process of REM Council members election has been made, so it is expected that the procedure will be repeated in accordance with the law.

Fiche No. 5

The step under review	The three following laws are adopted, following consultations with the Commission: The law on electronic media and the law on public information and media are amended to align fully with the EU acquis and Council of Europe's standards; a new law on public service media is adopted in line with the media strategy, the EU acquis and Council of Europe's standards
Baseline	The Law on Public Information and Media and the Law on Electronic Media were harmonized and adopted in October 2023 and they will be amended in certain domains with the latest EU framework. The new Law on Public Service Media will be harmonized with new EU media instruments and standards.
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28 th 2025)
Actual results	The Ministry of Information and Telecommunication is in accordance with this Reform agenda step formed in 2024 three working groups for these relevant laws. All stated working groups have finished three version of draft laws.

	The amendments of the Law on Electronic Media were translated and sent to EC. The Ministry is currently waiting for EC reply and further suggestions. Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Information and Media and the Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Service Media are expected to be sent to the EC soon for comments. The Ministry of Information and Telecommunication has been for several months in intensive communication with European Commission with the aim to fully implement EC suggestions. Once all the EC comments are received and transposed, the relevant will be put in further procedure.
Evidence provided	- Draft Law Amending the Law on Electronic Media sent to the EC
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	In order to properly align media laws with European standard and EU acquis the Ministry of Information and Telecommunication has been for several months in intensive communication with European Commission with the aim to implement EC suggestions.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.

Fiche No. 6

The step under review	Alignment with EU visa regime with at least three countries whose nationals need visa to enter the EU
Baseline	Not yet aligned fully with the EU visa regime.
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28 th 2025)
Actual results	On December 5, 2024, the Government of the Republic of Serbia officially adopted a decision amending the Decision on the Abolishment of Visas for entry into the Republic of Serbia for the citizens of Qatar, Kuwait, and Oman, thereby canceling the visa-free regime for nationals of these countries. The decision was officially promulgated in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia on December 6, 2024. Consequently, it came into force on December 14, 2024, and became immediately applicable.

	Additionally, on December 12, 2024, the Republic of Serbia terminated the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Government of Mongolia on the Abolition of Visas for Citizens of the Two Countries, originally signed in 2013. According to the provisions of the Agreement, if one party decides to terminate it in writing, the Agreement ceases to be valid 90 days after the receipt of the notification delivered through diplomatic channels. The official termination date is March 13, 2025, from which point citizens of Mongolia will require a visa to enter the Republic of Serbia.
Evidence provided	As evidence of the fulfilment of this action, the Republic of Serbia is submitting the following: 1. The Decision on the Abolishment of Visas for Entry into the Republic of Serbia for Citizens of Qatar, Kuwait, and Oman, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 54/15 (file name: <i>The decision on the abolishment of visas for entry into the Republic of Serbia 2015.-English translation with original text</i>). The Amending Decision abolishing the visa-free regime for nationals of Qatar, Kuwait and Oman, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 97/2024 (file name: <i>The Government decision on Amending the Decision on abolishing visa regime for Qatar, Kuwait, Oman English translation with original text</i>). 2. Copies of diplomatic notes notifying the cessation of the visa-free regime, sent to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Qatar and Oman. Additionally, a diplomatic note cancelling the visa agreement with Mongolia (<i>File names: Diplomatic note sent to MFA of Qatar, Diplomatic note sent to MFA of Oman and Diplomatic Note sent to Mongolia</i>). * <i>The diplomatic correspondence with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait took place in verbal form.</i> 3. A link to the website of the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where all foreign nationals can access information about visa requirements for entering Serbia: 1. https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime/katar 2. https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime/kuvajt 3. https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime/oman 4. Mongolia March 13. 4. A link to the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, no 97/94 https://pravno-informacioni-sistem.rs/slglrsViewPdf/45986cc6-01f5-42a7-9094-6c36e4f8c622?fromLink=true (page 7)

Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	MEI, in the capacity of National Coordinator Technical Secretariat, has timely checked that the relevant countries have been notified of the decision made. The Republic of Serbia has notified the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of these countries about the cancellation of the visa-free regime. In addition, the International Air Transport Association has received information about the changes in the visa regime for these countries, and these changes can easily be verified through their Timatic Auto Check service.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved. Based on the provided evidence confirming that the Republic of Serbia has abolished the visa-free regime for nationals of four countries listed in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, we can conclude with a high degree of certainty that Serbia has successfully fulfilled Step 4.4.2 of the Reform Agenda. Furthermore, it has achieved alignment with the EU visa regime for at least three countries whose nationals require a visa to enter the EU.

Fiche No. 7

The step under review	Following consultations with the Commission, the Anti-corruption strategy and action plan for 2025-2028 are adopted
Baseline	The Strategy is adopted and the Action plan is in the drafting phase.
Deadline of the step	December 2024 (February 28 th 2025)
Actual results	The National Anti - Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 was adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on July 25th 2024 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia number: 63/24). The new Strategy for the fight against corruption aims of strengthening existing and creating new systemic solutions for preventing corruption at all levels and raising awareness of the harmfulness of corruption, as well as creating conditions for more effective detection, prosecution and sanctioning of criminal offences, with continuous implementation and upgrade of existing anti-corruption mechanisms. It is mostly related to the twelve risk areas: Education, Health, Taxes, Customs, Local self-government, Public sector management, Public enterprises, Police, Privatization, Construction and infrastructural planning, Financing of political parties and Public procurement. The Action Plan for the period 2024-2025, aimed at implementing the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028, was adopted on December 26th 2024. During preparation of both documents, the European Commission was consulted and draft versions were provided for feedback.

Evidence provided	The National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 was adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on July 25th 2024 and published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia number: 63/24 (https://pravno-informacioni-sistem.rs/eli/rep/sgrs/vlada/strategija/2024/63/1/reg). For the adopted Action Plan hereby is link of the MoJ web page where both version, Serbian and English, have been published: https://www.mpravde.gov.rs/sr/tekst/39384/nacionalna-strategija-za-borbu-protiv-korupcije-za-period-od-2023-2028-godine-.php
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	In the capacity of National Coordinator Technical Secretariat, MEI has performed desk-review to verify the fulfilment of the step, in accordance with national legal framework, including the Law on Planning System, Article 18, paragraph 7. Also, MEI has validated, in consultation with the Ministry of Justice, that the Action Plan has been adopted for the period until the end of 2025, in order to align the subsequent action plan with the schedule for obtaining the IBAR, and to reflect all the findings of the self-assessment in order to obtain the IBAR. On the meeting of the representatives of MEI and Ministry of Justice, it has been acknowledged that: On 28th February 2023 the Ministry formed the Working Group to draft The National Anti-Corruption Strategy, whose members were representatives of over 40 relevant institutions including representatives of the CSOs. Ministry of Justice organised and conducted public consultation process for the draft text of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. European Commission was consulted during the process of the development of the Strategy and provide Republic of Serbia with comments on the draft National Anti- Corruption Strategy. On 24th August 2024 Ministry of Justice established Working Group for the draft of the Action plan for the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. WG was composed by representatives of over 40 different institutions including CSOs. The public debate on the Draft Action Plan was held from 8 October to 28 October 2024, and the text of the Draft Action Plan was posted on the website of the Ministry of Justice and on the e-consultation portal. Comments on the text of the Draft Action Plan and proposals for its amendment or supplement were submitted by post or electronically. During preparation of the Action Plan, the European Commission was consulted and draft versions were provided for feedback.

Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved. Adoption of the Action plan for the period 2024-2025 accompanying the National Anti - Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 as a step under the Reform 4.5.1 Improved fight against and Prevention of Corruption has been fulfilled by the deadline as set in the Reform Agenda. As the EU Commission was consulted during the process of drafting the Action Plan, it was agreed that for the implementation of the Strategy there will be 2 action plans. In that respect the first action plan, that was adopted, is targeting 2024 and 2025. By the end of 2025 the Government of the Republic of Serbia is to adopt the new action plan, based on the results of the current action plan as well as based on the comments of the European Commission which were provided to the Ministry of Justice on January 15th 2025.
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