

ANNEX A: THE REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

Belgrade, July 15th 2025

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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
1.2.1 Enhanced investment and development opportunities for entrepreneurs and private sector	The level of transparency regarding all projects contracted under intergovernmental agreements is increased by introducing project-specific information on the website of the ministry in charge of implementing the project on any completed, ongoing and new procurement contracts under intergovernmental agreements. All contracts under intergovernmental agreements will be published starting from December 2024 and this practice will be maintained in the following years for all new contracts: including: name of the project; basic procurement contract information; contracting authority; main contractor and procurement procedure followed	EUR 20,381,435.06
1.2.1 Enhanced investment and development opportunities for entrepreneurs and private sector	Final inventory submitted in line with the European Commission's comments from March 2024.	EUR 3,396,905.84

1.2.1 Enhanced investment and development opportunities for entrepreneurs and private sector	A time-bound action plan for alignment of state aid schemes with the EU acquis, based on a final inventory, is adopted and approved by the European Commission	EUR 13,587,623.37
1.2.2 Further Development of the science and innovation ecosystem for a knowledge-based economy	The number of funded researchers/innovative companies in the National Innovation System (Supported by Science Fund and Innovation Fund programs) is increased to 3400/600	EUR 13,587,623.37
1.3.1. Enhance the competitiveness of the agricultural sector	At least 10 projects financed from the national budget, not exceeding EUR 299,999 per project, contracted under public calls aimed to improve rural public infrastructure in the areas of water supply and road infrastructure facilities	EUR 13,587,623.37
2.1.1. Implementation of the 3rd Energy Package for gas, and of the electricity integration package	Allocation of capacities at Horgos and IBS border points is opened	EUR 20,381,435.06
4.2.2 Enhance freedom of expression by amending the laws on electronic media and on public information and media to align with the EU acquis and European standards and by adopting the law on public service media and ensure implementation	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	EUR 20,381,435.06
		Total EUR 105,304,081.15

On the basis of the above, I request that the amount of EUR 105,304,081.15 is made available, EUR 48,991,738.29 disbursed directly to the treasury of the Republic of Serbia, and EUR 56,312,342.86 to be made available through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR 26,091,385.53 in the form of loans and EUR 30,220,957.34 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, July 15th 2025

Signature by the Coordinator



STAROVIĆ Nemanja,
Minister of European Integration
Government of the Republic of Serbia

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

Annexes:

Summary of checks performed by relevant authorities on the steps for which funding is requested, including weaknesses identified and any corrective actions taken.

Pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Facility Agreement, the National Coordinator plays a central role in facilitating and overseeing the process of verifying the implementation of the qualitative and quantitative steps identified in the Reform Agenda, as well as in supporting the preparation and submission of requests for the release of funds. This includes working in close coordination with the appointed coordinators for respective policy areas and other responsible national institutions to review the progress achieved and assess the reliability of the information provided. As part of this mandate, the National Coordinator, together with the relevant authorities, seeks to ensure that adequate verification mechanisms, such as desk reviews and, where relevant, on-the-spot checks, are in place and effectively applied.

In line with this role, the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator (hereinafter: NC TS) conducted a desk-based verification process, reviewing publicly available data and documentation published on institutional websites or otherwise submitted by relevant authorities. In addition to the desk reviews, the NC TS also held targeted meetings with competent national institutions, particularly with those designated as coordinators for pertinent policy areas, in order to both gather and provide input, obtain more precise clarifications, and ensure consistent interinstitutional coordination throughout the verification process. The purpose of these checks was to confirm the implementation of individual steps and assess the availability, relevance, and clarity of the supporting evidence. Where applicable, findings regarding identified weaknesses or missing elements were communicated back to the respective authorities and addressed through corrective measures or additional clarifications. The following section presents a summary of the checks performed by the NC TS and relevant authorities, including any observations and follow-up actions taken.

The Ministry of Finance, as the coordinator for the Policy Area 1 – Business Environment and Private Sector Development and the institution responsible for the implementation of the step related to *increasing the level of transparency regarding all projects contracted under intergovernmental agreements*, informed the NC TS that the step had been fulfilled. The Ministry of Finance, in its role as sub-coordinator, had previously verified the availability and accuracy of this information through multiple checks carried out during the implementation period. Following this notification, NC TS carried out additional verification of all submitted links leading to the websites of the competent institutions. The verification process included reviewing the functionality of each hyperlink to confirm that the webpages were publicly accessible, fully operational, and up to date. Additionally, the content was examined to ensure that all required data had been made available, including the name of the project, key procurement information, the contracting authority, the main contractor, and the procurement procedure used.

With regard to the step *The number of funded researchers/innovative companies in the National Innovation System is increased to 3400/600*, the verification process included both institutional consultations and a review of publicly available information. During an initial desk-based assessment carried out on May 16, 2025, the NC TS noted that the annual reports of the Science Fund and the Innovation Fund – which typically serve as sources for tracking the number of

beneficiaries – would not be published within the timeframe relevant for this reporting cycle, which was recognised as an outstanding weakness. Therefore, corrective action was suggested to ensure adequate documentation for the timely verification of the achieved results – the NC TS initiated communication with the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation, recommending the preparation of a dedicated ad hoc report outlining the implementation of public calls. A joint meeting was held on May 22, 2025, involving the NC TS, the Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation, with the aim of validating available data and coordinating the next steps. Based on the NC TS's suggestion, the Funds proceeded to publish the reports on their respective websites by the end of June 2025, thereby ensuring that the required information was accessible and in line with transparency standards. A follow-up verification was conducted in the final week of June to confirm that all supporting documentation, including public calls, lists of beneficiaries, and detailed implementation reports, had been published in accordance with the internal procedures of the Funds.

When it comes to the two closely related steps, i.e. *Final inventory submitted in line with the European Commission's comments from March 2024* and *A time-bound action plan for alignment of state aid schemes with the EU acquis, based on a final inventory, is adopted and approved by the European Commission*, the verification process was carried out over an extended period of time and it involved continuous engagement with both the European Commission and relevant national authorities. The preparation of the State Aid Inventory was marked by multiple iterations and technical rounds of feedback, with successive working drafts submitted to the European Commission and refined in response to detailed observations, particularly regarding the inclusion of all schemes falling under the EU definition of state aid. Recognising the complexity and sensitivity of the exercise, and having in mind that the European Commission's clarification that only the measures that are included in the inventory can be considered 'existing aid' within the context of EU law as of the day of Serbia's accession to the EU, the NC TS has conducted a final verification of the Inventory before its submission, including direct outreach to all competent institutions in order to confirm the completeness and accuracy of their contributions. The validated version of the Inventory was formally adopted by the Government, and it served as the basis for the subsequent Action Plan. Building on this, the Action Plan was developed through intensive consultations from May to July 2025, involving the NC TS, the Commission for State Aid Control, the Ministry of Finance, as well as other relevant authorities, in line with the European Commission feedback. The NC TS coordinated the collection of data for all schemes identified in the final Inventory and issued structured guidance to institutions, aligned with the methodology provided by the Commission for State Aid Control. The plan was finalised and submitted to the European Commission in early July 2025, following its translation and technical editing.

For the step titled *At least 10 projects financed from the national budget, not exceeding EUR 299,999 per project, contracted under public calls aimed to improve rural public infrastructure in the areas of water supply and road infrastructure facilities* the verification process combined a review of the documentation submitted by the competent authority with continuous desk-based checks carried out by the NC TS. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, in charge of implementing this step, informed the Ministry of Finance, as the designated policy area coordinator, that the step had already been fulfilled, even though its implementation was initially envisaged for December 2025. Upon receiving this information, the NC TS conducted a desk-based review, which confirmed the previous assessment that the step had indeed been fully achieved. These checks focused on publicly available information published on the website of the

Directorate for Agrarian Payments. The NC TS monitored the publication of key documents throughout the implementation process and confirmed that the required information, such as the Rulebook, public calls, and the final ranking list, was published in a timely and transparent manner. Taking into account that the original Rulebook required revision to fully reflect the objectives set out in the Reform Agenda, the Rulebook was subsequently amended, and the Directorate issued a public call under the updated legal basis. This was followed by the publication of the final ranking list of selected projects. The sequence and clarity of the published materials confirmed that the contracting process adhered to the procedural framework and transparency standards defined for this step. Ultimately, a total of 16 projects were contracted, out of which financing was disbursed for 14 projects by the end of the reporting deadline, thus exceeding the quantitative target defined in the step.

A special verification meeting was held on July 2, 2025, between representatives of the Ministry of Finance, as the coordinator for Policy Area 1 – Business Environment and Private Sector Development, the NC TC, and all other institutions responsible for the implementation of reform steps within this policy area. During the meeting, each verification source was individually presented and examined, and institutional representatives provided detailed explanations of how each reform step included in the Second Payment Request was implemented. This meeting marked the final phase of a multi-layered verification process, which included prior technical checks and cross-referencing of evidence by both implementing and coordinating institutions. The structured, step-by-step review ensured that all submitted documentation was accurate, complete, and aligned with the requirements defined under the Reform Agenda. By confirming the validity of each step at multiple institutional levels, the process further reinforces the credibility and reliability of the documentation submitted for the fulfilment of the reform steps.

With the above mentioned in mind, these combined efforts demonstrate a consistent approach to verifying step-level implementation, grounded in transparency, interinstitutional coordination, and responsiveness to both national commitments and European Commission's recommendations.

Fiche to be used for each step:

December 2024

Fiche No. 1

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 28, 2025)
Actual results	– The Working Group was established on April 29, 2024. Eight meetings of the WG have been held so far (seven in 2024 and one in 2025). Since the end of January 2025, representatives of the opposition and of civil society have not participated in the work of the Working Group. Nevertheless, all members of the WG are regularly informed about activities, that is, documents are submitted to them (improved versions of the draft law which are prepared by the member of the Working Group, MP Uglješa Mrdić, and ODIHR comments on those drafts), and they are invited to public hearings on Uglješa Mrdić's draft laws. In the latest attempt to organise a meeting of the Working Group, representatives of the opposition and of civil society did not accept the invitation to participate. Currently, additional efforts are being made to restore the functioning of the Working Group in its full composition.

- Work on the Draft Law Amending the Law on the Unified Voter Register is still ongoing. Namely, on March 28, 2025, ODIHR submitted comments on MP Uglješa Mrdić's improved draft law of January 23, 2025. Upon examining the comments received, on April 29, 2025 Uglješa Mrdić submitted to the Chair of the Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Issues of the National Assembly a new version of his draft law, which was forwarded the same day to ODIHR for consideration and submission of new comments. Upon obtaining the new comments from ODIHR on June 2, 2025, Uglješa Mrdić submitted a new version of the draft law to all members of the Working Group for the Improvement of the Electoral Process on June 11, 2025. The Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Issues organised four public hearings on this version of the draft law, on June 19 in Niš, June 20 in Kragujevac, June 23, in Novi Sad, and on June 24, in Belgrade. On June 24, the Chair of the Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Issues, Milica Nikolić, sent Uglješa Mrdić's latest draft law to ODIHR, which confirmed that it would submit its opinion on the latest draft in the second week of July. One can expect that, upon obtaining the latest opinion from ODIHR, another meeting of the Working Group will be organised in order to consider the latest version of the draft law in light of ODIHR's comments, after which a final version of the draft law will be prepared and submitted to parliamentary procedure.
- At its fourth sitting on November 25, 2024, the Culture and Information Committee adopted a Decision on initiating the procedure for nominating candidates for the nine members of the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media (REM). At a public hearing held on January 23, 2025, the Committee conducted a public interview with candidates nominated for members of the REM Council, after which it held a Committee sitting and sent the List of Candidates to the National Assembly under urgent procedure. On January 28, 2025, seven candidates out of a total of 18 submitted to the Culture and Information Committee a request to withdraw their statement accepting the candidacy for member of the REM Council.
- On April 28, 2025, the Culture and Information Committee terminated the procedure for nominating candidates for members of the REM Council and adopted a Decision on initiating a new procedure for nominating candidates for the members of the REM Council. On May 8, 2025, the public call for the nomination of candidates for the members of the REM Council was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 40/25, in the 'Politika' daily newspaper, as well as on the National Assembly's web site. The submission period for nominations began the following day after this public call was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia and lasted until May 23 (until midnight).
- At the sitting of the Culture and Information Committee held on May 30, 2025 and on June 6, 2025, the Nomination of candidates for the members of the REM Council was approved, based on which a List of Candidates and List of Authorised Nominators were determined. After that, certain organisations filed complaints against these lists.

	– After all complaints were filed, the Committee requested four opinions from competent ministries, in order to reconsider, upon obtaining them, the List of Candidates and List of Authorised Nominators in line with these opinions and complaints filed. – At the sitting of the Culture and Information Committee scheduled for July 1, 2025, the plan was to consider complaints filed against the List of Candidates and List of Authorised Nominators for electing members of the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media, and to once again consider received nominations for members of the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media, in relation to the opinions of the Ministry of Information and Telecommunications of June 18, 2025 and of June 27, 2025, the Opinion of the Ministry of Family Welfare and Demography of June 18, 2025 and the Opinion of the Ministry of Tourism and Youth of June 18, 2025. At the Committee sitting held on July 1 and 2, 2025, complaints filed against the List of Candidates and the List of Authorised Nominators for electing the members of the REM Council were discussed. The sitting was adjourned on July 2 and it will be resumed.
Evidence provided	– Decision to suspend the procedure for the selection of members of the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media – April 28, 2025. – Decision to initiate the procedure for proposing candidates for the selection of members of the Council of the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media – April 28, 2025. http://www.parlament.gov.rs/Девета_седница_Одбора_за_културу.50976.43.html
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	In the second composite sub-step: Consultations were held with ODIHR, which on several occasions provided informal opinions on the Draft Amendments to the Unified Voter Register Law.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.

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Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.
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Fiche No. 2

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, 2025)
Actual results	Following several months of coordination and consultations with the European Commission, the National Assembly adopted all three laws envisaged under this step on June 16, 2025. The laws have been formally published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia: the Law on Electronic Media, the Law on Public Information and Media, and the Law on Public Service Media. The Republic of Serbia fulfilled this step by implementing the following activities: The Ministry of Information and Telecommunications has been engaged for more than six months in intensive communication with the European Commission with the aim of aligning the draft media laws with the suggestions of the European Commission. Throughout this harmonisation process, all suggestions and comments from the European Commission were duly considered, and new proposals of the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Information and Media, the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Media, and the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Broadcasting Services were prepared. On May 16 and May 19, the Ministry of Information and Telecommunications held meetings with representatives of media and journalists' associations, as well as with representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia and the OSCE, during which the proposed amendments to the three relevant media laws were presented. In order to further improve the

	documents, participants were additionally invited to submit their written comments and suggestions within two days. Certain comments and suggestions made by media associations during the meeting held on May 19 were immediately accepted, as well as some received electronically within the set deadline, and were incorporated into the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Information and Media, as well as the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Broadcasting Services.
Evidence provided	Official Gazette RS, June 17, 2025, issue no. 51, containing: – Law on Electronic Media (“Official Gazette RS”, no. 92/2023 and 51/2025); on the page 5 – Law on Public Information and Media (“Official Gazette RS”, no. 92/2023 and 51/2025); on the page 10 – Law on Public Service Media (“Official Gazette RS”, no. 83/2014, 103/2015, 108/2016, 161/2020, 129/2021, 142/2022, 92/2023, and 51/2025); on the page 5
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Prior to their adoption, the draft laws were submitted to the European Commission for review. The Ministry of Information and Telecommunication engaged in several months of structured and intensive communication with the European Commission, ensuring that the content of the laws would be fully aligned with the EU acquis, the Council of Europe standards, and the strategic directions defined in the Media Strategy. The adoption of the laws, the consultation process with the European Commission, and the publication in the Official Gazette provide clear evidence of the full implementation of this step.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the	Fully achieved.

* This section has been marked as “N/A” due to the fact that the European Commission communicated the introduction of this new requirement on 8 July 2025, which coincided with the deadline for national institutions to submit their inputs and completed fiches to the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator. Given the limited timeframe before the submission of the second request for the release of funds on July 15, 2025, it was not feasible to circulate the amended Annex A to all relevant institutions and obtain coordinated responses on this newly introduced section within the required deadline. This issue will be addressed in the next reporting cycle, once inputs are duly collected and assessed.

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Fiche No. 3

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, 2025)
Actual results	The National Anti - Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 was adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on July 25, 2024 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia number: 63/24). The new Strategy for the fight against corruption aims for 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 26, 2024. During preparation of both documents, the European Commission was consulted and draft versions were provided for feedback. At the moment (July 2025) the establishment of a Working Group for the development of the Action Plan for the period 2026-2028 is underway. The Ministry of Justice is to ensure that the development of this document is based on the principles of transparency, inclusiveness and broad public consultation, and in that course an invitation is made to all interested parties - representatives of institutions, the professional and scientific, public, civil society organizations and citizens - to submit their suggestions, proposals and initiatives regarding the Draft Action Plan in question for the period from 2026 to 2028, taking into account the text of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy for the period from 2024 to 2028.
Evidence provided	The National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028 was adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on July 25, 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 Ministry of Justice made public call for the drafting the Action plan for the period 2026-2028: https://www.mpravde.gov.rs/sr/obavestenje/11245/poziv-za-dostavljanje-priloga-u-vezi-sa-buducim-radom-na-akcionom-planu-za-period-2026-2028-godine-za-sprovedjenje-nacionalne-strategije-za-borbu-protiv-korupcije-za-period-2024-2028-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 February 28, 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 August 24, 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.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.

Fiche No. 4

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 28, 2025)
Actual results	The Republic of Serbia fulfilled this step by implementing the following activities: – On November 29, 2024 the Republic of Serbia sent to the EC 2nd draft State Aid Schemes Inventory (further: SA Inventory) updated with EC comments and requests on 1st draft SA Inventory; – On December 17, 2024 the EC sent preliminary comments on the 2nd draft of the SA Inventory to the Republic of Serbia. The new EC requirements were to ensure that: (1) all schemes, as per the EU definition of a State-Aid scheme, are included in inventory (including individual aid measures, especially those that are more significant in terms of volume); (2) important economic sectors have been included in the SA Inventory; (3) description for most of the schemes in SA Inventory should be detailed with

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	information if the Commission for State Aid Control (CSAC) assessed their compliance or not. – Following the EC's initial comments, representatives of the EC and the Republic of Serbia, on January 10, 2025 held an online meeting to discuss the feedback and agree on next steps; – Based on online meeting discussions, on January 15, 2025 the EC sent to the Republic of Serbia the two agreed operational conclusions: 1) the EC to share with Serbia its final technical comments (in addition to the preliminary comments) on the draft inventory and 2) in the meantime, Serbia to work towards finalizing the inventory by including missing or insufficient information on beneficiaries, objective of the aid, sectors, amounts etc. and by including all state-aid that could qualify as SA schemes under the EU definition; – On January 23, 2025 the Republic of Serbia sent to the EC an updated 3rd draft SA Inventory in accordance with EC comments, in which were added the scheme “Law on public media services” (scheme for granting aid to the public service broadcasters), the Republic of Serbia specified sectors for which state aid is granted for all schemes, listed an inventory of 59 individual aids which are ongoing and provides answers to all other EC technical comments; – On February 13, 2025 the EC provided the Republic of Serbia with additional comments and questions regarding the 3rd draft SA Inventory: The EC noted that the total amount of aid covered in the inventory is relatively small compared to the public data for state aid provided in Serbia in recent years. The Republic of Serbia should add more information to the SA Inventory about aid for transport, SGEIs/public services, mining and traditional energy production, R&D, and direct grants (tax measures, tax credits for R&D, start-ups, young workers). The EC requested more detailed information on certain state aid schemes (in the food sector) and specific individual state aid measures (in the mining industry). Finally, the EC pointed out the need to limit the duration of state aid schemes; – Following the EC's comments, representatives of the EC and the Republic of Serbia held a meeting in Belgrade on February 25, 2025 to discuss and agree on next steps; – On March 10, 2025 the Republic of Serbia sent to the EC an updated 4th draft SA Inventory in accordance with EC comments from February 13, 2025, which now covers a wider period, more schemes and individual measures. – On March 19, 2025 the EC sent to the Republic of Serbia additional comments on 4th draft SA Inventory. The EC noted that SA Inventory has been extended and provides more details and more schemes and measures, but certain sectors still lack included aid measures (schemes or individual
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	aid). Examples include banking, energy storage, health, postal services, agriculture and fisheries sectors. The EC provided some answers about legal status of the JP PEU Resavica and about missed EIB measures in SA Inventory; – On April 15, 2025 the Republic of Serbia sent to the EC improved 5th draft SA Inventory with accompanying answers to EC questions from March 19, 2025; – On May 27, 2025 the EC completed analysis of the 5th draft SA Inventory and confirmed that this version provides more details than the earlier versions and addresses most of the ECs technical comments. – On the June 30, 2025 the Republic of Serbia sent to the EC the final version of the SA Inventory (2017-2025), which has been updated in close coordination with all relevant institutions. This version served as the basis for the preparation of the Action plan. The SA Inventory (2017–2025) was adopted by a Government Conclusion at the session held on July 10, 2025.
Evidence provided	– State Aid Inventory (Serbian and English) – Conclusion of the Government No. 05 Ref: 337-7665/2025-1, adopted on July 10, 2025
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	The checks and verification of this step were carried out in close cooperation with the European Commission, throughout the process of SA Inventory's preparation. Working drafts of the SA Inventory the Republic of Serbia were submitted to the EC for their assessment and feedback. Subsequent to receiving comments from the EC, the Republic of Serbia undertook further alignment in accordance with the feedback received. Prior to the submission, the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator conducted the final verification of the step's completion by issuing a formal request on June 6, 2025 for the final amendments and additions to the inventory to all competent authorities responsible for reviewing and contributing to the Inventory. This exchange confirmed that all required inputs had been received, consolidated, and validated, ensuring the document's completeness and coherence. The adoption of the Inventory was formally confirmed by the Government through a Conclusion, which serves as the official and verifiable source demonstrating the step's fulfilment.
Compliance with general	N/A*

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principles and DNSH principle	
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved.

June 2025

Fiche No. 5

The step under review	The level of transparency regarding all projects contracted under intergovernmental agreements is increased by introducing project-specific information on the website of the ministry in charge of implementing the project on any completed, ongoing and new procurement contracts under intergovernmental agreements. All contracts under intergovernmental agreements will be published starting from December 2024 and this practice will be maintained in the following years for all new contracts: including: name of the project; basic procurement contract information; contracting authority; main contractor and procurement procedure followed.
Baseline	There is no obligation to publish project-specific information on contracts under intergovernmental agreements, however some project-specific information on contracts under intergovernmental agreements are published.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	In order to fulfil this step Republic of Serbia implemented following activities: December 2024 – Web sites of different ministries have been screened for purpose of identification of requested project information. It was concluded that the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure has been publishing regularly information on different projects at its web-site, but further activities are needed to complete the list. January 2025 – The letter and accompanying form containing necessary information for publishing relevant data on websites of competent ministries were prepared, and sent to all ministries.

newly introduced section within the required deadline. This issue will be addressed in the next reporting cycle, once inputs are duly collected and assessed.

	End of February 2025 – Ministries and special organisations submitted completed forms to the Ministry of Finance, and nominated contact points for follow up purposes. During March 2025 – The Ministry of Finance reviewed submitted inputs, organised a number of meetings and consultations with relevant ministries, and concluded that only G2G agreements from the following institutions correspond to the RA request: Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Ministry of Mining and Energy and Ministry of Finance. April and May 2025 – Requested additional data have been prepared and published on the websites of 3 ministries that reported projects contracted under international agreements. During June 2025 – Revision of published data, after consultations with the Ministry of Finance and comments of European Commission. End of June 2025 – Revised data were published on the websites of relevant ministries. Final list of projects with relevant web links was checked against requirements of RA and completed. The final list contains 41 projects, out of which 32 projects of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, 5 projects of the Ministry of Mining and Energy and 4 projects of the Ministry of Finance.
Evidence provided	All data available on websites of the ministries in charge of implementing the projects. List of all the identified projects with corresponding links to the websites of the ministries containing required data as defined in the step.
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Ministries in charge of implementing the projects have published relevant data on their websites and submitted them to the Ministry of Finance, as sub coordinator for the policy area Business environment and private sector development of the Reform agenda. Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure already had majority of the projects published on their website before the required initial date (December 2024), so only some projects have been added during the period December 2024 - June 2025, as well as projects of the Ministry of Energy and Mining and the Ministry of Finance. Ministry of Finance, as sub-coordinator, has verified that all the information requested in the RA can be found on web-links provided by the ministries. The Ministry of Finance performed numerous checks of availability and validity of requested information in the course of implementation of the RA until prescribed deadline for implementation of this step – as described in Actual results.

	Representatives of the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator conducted a desk-based review of the relevant websites where the information was published, in line with the defined requirements. The verification process included reviewing the functionality of each hyperlink to confirm that the webpages were publicly accessible, fully operational, and up to date. Additionally, the content was examined to ensure that all required data had been made available, including the name of the project, key procurement information, the contracting authority, the main contractor, and the procurement procedure used. A special revision meeting was held on July 2, 2025, attended by representatives of the NC TS, and the Ministry of Finance, as the sub-coordinator for the policy area Business Environment and Private Sector Development. During the meeting, it was confirmed that the required project-specific information for all identified projects contracted under intergovernmental agreements had been published on the websites of the competent ministries.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved.

Fiche No. 6

The step under review	A time-bound action plan for alignment of state aid schemes with the EU acquis, based on a final inventory, is adopted and approved by the European Commission.
Baseline	No time-bound AP.

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Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	The main prerequisite for completion of the step <i>A time-bound Action Plan for alignment of state aid schemes with the EU acquis, based on a final inventory, is adopted and approved by the European Commission</i> is completion of the previous step - <i>Submitted final State Aid Schemes Inventory in accordance with the comments of the European Commission from March 2024</i>, planned for December 2024 (the inventory was agreed with the European Commission in late June 2025). This specially because agreed Inventory is the basis for the completion of the Action Plan. The Republic of Serbia fulfilled this step by implementing following activities: – Numerous meetings and consultations with all the relevant partners were held to ensure alignment of the Action Plan with the State Aid Inventory during March and April 2025. – The first draft of the Action Plan, agreed with the all the relevant stakeholders, was prepared and sent to the European Commission on April 28, 2025. – European Commission sent comments to the first draft of the Action Plan in May. – The Draft Action Plan for alignment of state aid schemes has been supplemented by requested information during May and June. – The Action Plan has been completed until June 30, and it has been translated and professional editing of the translation has been finalised in the coming days. – On July 3, 2025, the translation of the Action Plan was submitted to the European Commission.
Evidence provided	A time-bound Action Plan for alignment of state aid schemes with the EU acquis, based on a final inventory
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	In the period from May to July 2025, a series of consultations were held by the Ministry of European Integration as the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator, the Commission for State Aid Control, and the Ministry of Finance, with the aim of finalising the Action Plan for the alignment of state aid schemes with the EU acquis. The Action Plan builds directly upon the final Inventory of State Aid Schemes and outlines a detailed, time-bound framework for harmonising non-aligned state aid schemes. As part of the preparation process, the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator issued a request to all relevant institutions responsible for state aid schemes to supplement the working version of the Action Plan with their inputs. Institutions were instructed to provide detailed information for each scheme

	under their competence. Additionally, a special verification meeting was held on July 2, 2025, between representatives of the Ministry of Finance, as the coordinator for Policy Area 1, the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator, and all implementing institutions involved. During the meeting, each verification source was presented and examined, and institutions provided detailed clarification on how each reform step within their respective authorities had been implemented.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved.

Fiche No. 7

The step under review	The number of funded researchers/innovative companies in the National Innovation System (Supported by Science Fund and Innovation Fund programs) is increased to 3400/600.
Baseline	3288/505 (March 2024)
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	The Republic of Serbia fulfilled this step by implementing following activities: June - September 2024 – Public Calls for Innovation Fund financing for innovative companies were conducted January 2025 – Open calls by the Science Fund published May – November 2025 - Public Calls for Innovation Fund financing for innovative companies

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	June 2025 – Report on the implementation of public calls by the Science Fund and by the Innovation Fund
Evidence provided	– Report on the implementation of public calls by the Science Fund – Report on the implementation of public calls by the Innovation Fund Reports are published on the respective web sites of the Science Fund and Innovation Fund. <u>Science Fund:</u> Direct link to the document: http://fondzanauku.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Izvestaj-o-implementaciji-javnih-poziva-Fonda-za-nauku-RS.pdf Link to the page where the document is published: http://fondzanauku.gov.rs/akta-fonda/ <u>Innovation Fund:</u> Direct link to the document: https://www.inovacionifond.rs/cms/files/iv-akti/20250610_Report%20on the Implementation of IF Public Calls.pdf Link to the page where the document is published: https://www.inovacionifond.rs/cir/o-fondu/dokumenti-i-akti/izvestaj-o-radu
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation confirmed to the representatives of the Technical Secretariat that both the Science Fund and the Innovation Fund have significantly exceeded the target values set under this step, namely, supporting more than 3,400 researchers and 600 innovative companies within the National Innovation System. To ensure a comprehensive and multi-layered verification process, representatives of the Technical Secretariat conducted a separate assessment by reviewing the official websites of the Science Fund and the Innovation Fund. In communication with the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation, it was noted that the annual reports of the Funds would not be published in time to meet the reporting deadline. In order to verify the information and explore the possibility of publishing an ad hoc report, a joint meeting was held on May 22, 2025, involving the Ministry of European Integration, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation. At this meeting, all available data and sources were reviewed collaboratively to confirm the implementation scope and achieved results. It was agreed that, for the purposes of the reporting deadline, the Funds would prepare and submit an ad hoc report.

	A second review was conducted during the final week of June 2025. This assessment focused on verifying the availability and accuracy of information published in accordance with the internal procedures of the Funds. This included documentation such as public calls, lists of selected beneficiaries, and detailed implementation reports. The review confirmed that all necessary program-related information is publicly available on the respective websites. Moreover, during the special verification meeting held on July 2, 2025, the Ministry of Finance, as the designated coordinator of Policy Area 1, together with the representatives of the Technical Secretariat and other relevant implementing institutions, reviewed this step in detail, confirming the validity of the submitted data and the completeness of the published materials.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved.

Fiche No. 8

The step under review	One certified Serbian TSO operates the whole gas transmission system in Serbia.
Baseline	Energy Law in force last updated in July 2023 providing legal basis.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	Significant progress was achieved in certifying and operationalizing "Transportgas Srbija" as a transport system operator. The Energy Agency adopted the initial certification decision on July 25, 2024, which was submitted the same day to the Energy Community Secretariat. The Secretariat issued a

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	positive opinion on November 21, 2024, and the final certification decision was adopted on March 21, 2025. A usage permit for the Serbia-Bulgaria Interconnector was issued on 14 January 2025, marking a key infrastructure milestone. Ongoing activities include awaiting a response on the draft agreement for system management with the third party, which is crucial for completing the sub-steps related to the licensing process and the harmonization of the infrastructure contract.
Evidence provided	AERS Decision number 311.01-1/2024-C-I dated July 25, 2024; reports submitted by the implementation partner institutions (Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia and Transportgas Srbija d.o.o. Novi Sad); Opinion of the EC Secretariat; AERS Decision number 311.01-1/2024-C-I dated March 21, 2025; Decision number: ROP-MGSI-40633-IUPH-2/24, Number 003451581 2024 14810 005 001 000 001 dated January 14, 2024.
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	To ensure that the step is fulfilled in accordance with the applicable rules, a thorough desk-based review was carried out to examine all relevant documents and regulations. In addition, a series of meetings with key stakeholders was organized, providing a platform for discussing findings, clarifying ambiguities, and ensuring alignment with the requirements.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.

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Fiche No. 9

The step under review	Third-party access to gas infrastructure is in place.
Baseline	Energy Law provides legal basis and Rules on the Operation of the Transport System submitted to the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia by “Transportgas Srbija” for approval.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	Progress continues in the operationalization of the transport system by “Transportgas Srbija.”. In February 2025, “Transportgas Srbija” adopted the Rules on the Operation of the Transport System, which received formal consent from the Energy Agency, marking a key regulatory milestone. On June 6 and 13, 2025, “Transportgas Srbija” issued a public call for contracting annual continuous capacity for gas years Y+1 to Y+5, covering interconnection and other system points. This step is crucial for advancing open market principles and ensuring third-party access to the transport network. As of June 2025, the installation of metering devices is in the implementation phase. Funding has been secured, contracts signed, and advance payments made. Equipment delivery is underway, with an expected delivery period of 12 to 18 months, depending on the components.
Evidence provided	“Official Gazette of the RS” number 12/2025 dated February 7, 2025; Decision on the Report of Transportgas Srbija d.o.o. Novi Sad by Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia: Report of Transportgas Srbija d.o.o. Novi Sad
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	To ensure that the step is fulfilled in accordance with the applicable rules, a thorough desk-based review was carried out to examine all relevant documents and regulations. In addition, a series of meetings with key stakeholders was organized, providing a platform for discussing findings, clarifying ambiguities, and ensuring alignment with the requirements.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*

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Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.

Fiche No. 10

The step under review	Allocation of capacities at Horgos and IBS border points is opened.
Baseline	Rules on the Operation of the Transport System submitted to the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia by “Transportgas Srbija” for approval.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	The activities on announcing available capacities for contracting at Horgos and IBS are ongoing and align with the newly adopted Rules on the Operation of the Natural Gas Transmission System. According to Chapter 25, item 25.4, the TSO is required to publish and allocate capacities via the Regional Booking Platform (RBP) no later than the gas year starting October 1, 2026. Until then, capacity allocation will be conducted through the Transportgas Srbija operational platform, which is expected to be finalized by the end of June 2025. For the gas year starting October 1, 2025, annual, monthly, and daily capacities will be allocated through this platform. In line with the Operational Rules of the RBP, quarterly and intraday capacities will be allocated via the RBP platform starting no later than October 1, 2027, following the completion of necessary technical and administrative preparations.
Evidence provided	Report submitted by the implementation partner institution Transportgas Srbija d.o.o. Novi Sad
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	To ensure that the step is fulfilled in accordance with the applicable rules, a thorough desk-based review was carried out to examine all relevant documents and regulations. In addition, a series of meetings with key stakeholders was organized, providing a platform for discussing findings, clarifying ambiguities, and ensuring alignment with the requirements

Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved.

Fiche No. 11

The step under review	New legislative framework is adopted, notably: a new Law on suppression and prevention of THB by Parliament; criminal code is amended in order to criminalise effectively the trafficking of weapons, in line with the provisions of the Convention on transnational organised crime and firearms protocol; adoption of a new Law on weapons and ammunition, in line with EU acquis.
Baseline	In order to address challenges in the field of fight against organized and serious crime Serbia needs to improve its normative framework. By amendments of the Law of the THB, following the adoption and implementation of the previously adopted Programme and AP for the fight against THB, Serbia will establish a comprehensive system in this field, involved with all relevant competent authority. In order to align its national legislation with acquis, Serbia will adopt the new Law on Weapons and Ammunition, following the implementation of the existing Law. In order to effective criminalise trafficking of weapons, Serbia will amend the existing article, within the Criminal Code.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	A draft Law on suppression and prevention of THB has been created and submitted to the European Commission for review.

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	The adoption of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Code is expected in the fourth quarter of 2025. In early 2025, an internal working group at the Ministry of the Interior drafted the initial text of the Draft Law on Weapons and Ammunition. In collaboration with an international expert in the field, they also prepared a compliance table with the acquis regarding EU Directive 2021/555. An interdepartmental working group is being established to develop a draft law on weapons and ammunition, as well as amendments to the Law on Testing, Marking, and Identification of Weapons, Devices, and Ammunition. It is essential to ensure horizontal harmonization between the provisions of these two laws and align them with the Criminal Code, considering the interconnectivity of the regulations. This is particularly important since the Republic of Serbia has recently become the thirteenth member of the International Firearms Testing Commission (C.I.P.), necessitating revisions to the relevant texts accordingly. The drafting of the Draft Law is also influenced by government measures implemented in response to the tragic events of May 2023. These measures include tightening the conditions for possessing and carrying weapons and instituting a two-year moratorium on issuing permits for short firearms and hunting weapons. This moratorium has been extended until December 31, 2025, by Government Decision 05 No. 210-5660/2025, dated May 29, 2025.
Evidence provided	Currently, unavailable.
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Currently, not applicable.
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.

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Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.
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Fiche No. 12

The step under review	Following consultations with the Commission, new strategic document and accompanying Action Plan*(2025-2030) for the control of Small arms and light weapons (SALW) in line with the provisions of the revised Regional SALW Roadmap for Western Balkans are adopted.
Baseline	Republic of Serbia strategic framework in the area of SALW is in place. However, it is necessary to develop new strategic document in the area of SALW, bearing in mind that the current one is ending by the end of the 2024, and also taking into consideration that the revised SALW Regional Roadmap will be adopted by June 2025.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	The preparation of documents is in its final phase. The adoption by the Government is planned for the fourth quarter of 2025.
Evidence provided	Currently, unavailable
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Currently, not applicable
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*

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Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.

Fiche No. 13

The step under review	The Law on internal affairs addressing the issue of police autonomy from the Ministry of Interior during pre-investigation and investigation phases and recommendations from the Committee for Prevention of Torture is adopted.
Baseline	Adoption the new Law on Internal Affairs states that one of the tasks of the Ministry of the Interior is to provide conditions for the prevention of torture and degrading procedures and the control of police actions towards persons deprived of their liberty, with the implementation of the CPT recommendations. Also, the Law will ensure that the police have operational autonomy from the Ministry.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	The adoption of the Law on Internal Affairs is currently under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. A working group was established on May 22, 2025, to further refine the provisions of the law, building on the initial draft created by a previous working group formed in October 2024. The current draft, which is still being coordinated with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, representatives of trade unions, and the Criminal Police University, includes several important provisions for the European Commission. These provisions focus on ensuring the operational independence of the police and implementing the standards set by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT). Additionally, it incorporates recommendations from the fifth evaluation cycle of the Group of States Against Corruption of the Council of Europe (GRECO). The working group meets once a week to finalize the draft law as quickly as possible. The aim is to submit this working version to the European Commission for review, along with an explanatory memorandum, while also initiating the consultation process and subsequent public hearings. The working group is expected to complete its tasks by September 15, 2025 and adoption by the Government and National Assembly in IV quarter of 2025.

Evidence provided	Currently, unavailable
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Currently, not applicable
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Not achieved.

Fiche No. 14

The step under review	A new strategic document and accompanying action plan that covers counter terrorism and all forms of radicalization and violent extremism (irrespective of political, religious or ethno-nationalist so-called justification) are adopted in line with EU policies, including envisaging concrete steps to prevent recruitment and participation of Serbian citizens as foreign fighters and to prosecute returning foreign fighters returned to Serbia.
Baseline	Republic of Serbia more than two years do not have a Strategic document for counter terrorism and violent extremism. Meanwhile, Serbia adopted the report on the implementation of previous strategic document in this area for 2017-2021 and developed study on all forms of radicalisation and violent extremism. Republic of Serbia signed the Joint Action plan on Counter Terrorism for the Western Balkans in 2018 and bilateral arrangement for the implementation of

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	Joint Action plan in order to align its policies with the best practice within the EU. These two national documents together with the findings from the implementation of the Joint Action plan will be the baseline for the preparation of the new strategic document in the area of CT/PVE. The new strategic document in the area of CT/PVE will provide robust framework for countering terrorism and preventing/countering violent extremism; to contribute to the improvement of institutional set up and legal alignment; to create framework for the improvement of the implementation and enforcement capacity; to create framework for the protection of critical infrastructure and citizens and to create and improve the capacities for information exchange and operational cooperation.
Deadline of the step	June 30, 2025
Actual results	The working group has successfully finalized the document, carefully incorporating feedback and ensuring all details are accurate. This comprehensive document has now been officially submitted to the European Commission, where it will undergo thorough review and consideration.
Evidence provided	Currently, unavailable
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	Currently, not applicable
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	N/A*
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the	Not achieved.

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Fiche No. 15

The step under review	At least 10 projects financed from the national budget, not exceeding EUR 299,999 per project, contracted under public calls aimed to improve rural public infrastructure in the areas of water supply and road infrastructure facilities.
Baseline	Law on Incentives in Agriculture and Rural Development and Rulebook on Incentives for Investments for the Improvement and Development of Rural Public Infrastructure in force.
Deadline of the step	December 31, 2025
Actual results	The Republic of Serbia fulfilled this step by implementing following activities: – Rulebook on Subsidies for Investments in the Improvement and Development of Rural Public Infrastructure was amended and published on May 9, 2025 (“Official Gazette of the RS”, Nos. 97/23, 99/23, 57/24 and 41/25). – Public call for subsidies for investments in the construction and equipment of facilities: for water supply and road infrastructure was published on the official website of the Directorate for Agrarian Payments on May 12, 2025 – The total available funds under this Public Call are set at 400,000,000 dinars (€3.413.630,46)¹. – The highest total amount of subsidies that a user can receive under the Public Call is 35,000,000 dinars (€298.692,66)². – The Commission for the implementation of the evaluation and scoring procedure for submitted applications for the exercise of the right to subsidies for investments for the improvement and development of rural infrastructure for 2025 conducted the evaluation and scoring procedure for submitted applications. Ranking list with a proposal for approval of subsidies for 16 projects that do not exceed the amount of 299,999 euros

¹ NBS average exchange rate RSD/EUR: on 4 July 2025 - 1 EUR = 117,1773RSD;

² NBS average exchange rate RSD/EUR: on 4 July 2025 - 1 EUR = 117,1773RSD;

	per project and whose goal is to improve rural public infrastructure in the areas of water supply and road infrastructure was published on July 12, 2025 on the official website of the Directorate for Agrarian Payments. By July 1, 2025, approximately 350,000,000 dinars (€2.986.926,64)³ were disbursed (14 beneficiaries/projects).
Evidence provided	– Rulebook on Subsidies for Investments in the Improvement and Development of Rural Public Infrastructure published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, May 9, issue no. 41. – Public call (https://uap.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Javni-poziv-.pdf). – Ranking list (English and Serbian) (https://uap.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Bodovna-lista.pdf)
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	During the implementation of this step, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management maintained continuous communication with the Ministry of Finance, as the coordinator of the policy area ‘Business Environment and Development of the Private Sector’, and with the Ministry of European Integration, as the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator of the Reform Agenda of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2024 – 2027, in line with the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans. Regular meetings were held to discuss and monitor the implementation of this step. In addition to the information provided by the competent authority, representatives of the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator carried out continuous checks of the publicly available information on the website of the Directorate. These checks confirmed that all required documentation was published in a timely and transparent manner, in accordance with applicable procedures. This comprehensive and transparent publication of documentation is fully in line with the defined sub-steps, thereby demonstrating complete compliance with the procedural requirements of the step.
Compliance with general	N/A*

³ NBS average exchange rate RSD/EUR: on 4 July 2025 - 1 EUR = 117,1773RSD;

* This section has been marked as “N/A” due to the fact that the European Commission communicated the introduction of this new requirement on 8 July 2025, which coincided with the deadline for national institutions to submit their inputs and completed fiches to the Technical Secretariat of the National Coordinator. Given the limited timeframe before the submission of the second request for the release of funds on July 15, 2025, it was not feasible to circulate the amended Annex A to all relevant institutions and obtain coordinated responses on this

principles and DNSH principle	
Double funding	Contributions from third parties were not reported in support of the achievement of this step.
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	Fully achieved.

Prospects of achieving the steps required for the next release of funds

- 1. Changes in the Rules of Procedure of the Government so that the decision to conduct a public hearing, the program of the public hearing and the deadline for its implementation are determined by the Government, instead of a competent committee, upon the proposal of the proponent**

Given that the General Secretariat of the Government is responsible for the indicator within the policy area 1 - Private sector development and business environment, in the action plan under the Instrument for Reforms and Growth with the deadline of December 2025: The Rules of Procedure of the Government have been amended so that the decision to conduct a public debate, the public debate program and the deadline for its implementation are made by the Government, instead of the competent committee, at the proposal of the proposer, we estimate that the specified deadline for the implementation of the indicator will be met.

- 2. Full alignment with the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) Regulation is reached**

For the step *Full alignment with the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) Regulation*, under the Reform: 1.2.2 Further Development of the science and innovation ecosystem for a knowledge-based economy, which is planned for completion by December 2025, a Draft Law on Science and Research has been prepared. The next step involves informing the public about the draft text and reviewing the received comments, suggestions, and objections. In parallel, the draft will also be shared with the European Commission for their comments. Based on the feedback received, the final version of the Law Proposal will be submitted to the Government for adoption, after which it will be forwarded to the National Assembly for further consideration and final approval.

newly introduced section within the required deadline. This issue will be addressed in the next reporting cycle, once inputs are duly collected and assessed.

3. **Competent authority [for the implementation of the rules of the ETS Directive] approves monitoring plans [in line with national legislation that transposes the Commission Implementing Regulation [EU] 2018/2066 [MMRR]]**

Progress has been made in establishing the system for managing greenhouse gas emissions permits for facility operators. A digital platform was successfully launched, enabling streamlined issuance of permits. Prior to this, plant operators underwent training to ensure they were equipped to submit applications through the new system. Currently, the process of approving monitoring plans and issuing greenhouse gas emissions permits is underway.

4. **Designation of a single contact point in line with the RED II Directive**

Based on the progress and activities carried out by the Ministry of Mining and Energy to date, it is expected that within the given timeframe (deadline of the step), a single administrative point will be established, by forming a functional single contact point, for large RES strategic projects. The contact point will be formed as a pilot project and within the Ministry of Mining and Energy.

Given the current status, fulfilment of this step within the deadline of is achievable.

5. **The EPBD is implemented: recast of minimum energy performance standards for non-residential buildings and setting nearly zero energy building standards for new buildings, issuing of EPC in line with EPBD; independent control systems for EPC and inspection reports for heating and cooling systems**

Regarding the activities related to the sub-step under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Construction, Transport, and Infrastructure, the majority of actions required to achieve this step are directly dependent on the improvement of the National Methodology for the Calculation of Energy Performance of Buildings. Due to the complexity and multidisciplinary nature of this process, the primary bearers of this activity must be the appropriate faculties and scientific institutes in the Republic of Serbia.

For the sub-step under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Mining and Energy, the activities are progressing according to the set timeframe.

6. **The establishment of the Just Transition governance process in accordance with the adopted Just Transition Action Plan and Just Transition Fund for Serbia is established with the financial support of the European Union [via the Reform and Growth Facility] and potentially other donors**

Baseline for the establishment of the Just Transition governance framework is the adopted Just Transition Action Plan. The Just Transition Action Plan is currently in the procedure

for the Government adoption. After the adoption, the next step is to define and establish mechanisms for financing just transition.

Based on the current progress, fulfilment within the set deadline is achievable.

7. Serbia is aligned with the Gigabit Infrastructure Act through the adoption of the Law on Broadband infrastructure by the National Parliament

Following the formation of the new Government, the Working Group for drafting the Law on Broadband Infrastructure has been re-established. Based on the current pace of work, we believe that all key elements of the abovementioned step will be fully completed, as planned, by December 2025.

8. Serbia has joined the EU Third Countries trusted list for the validation of electronic signatures as advanced electronic in the EU as a first step towards pursuing mutual recognition of qualified trust services

In April 2025 Serbia has sent request for joining the EU Third Countries trusted list for the validation of electronic signatures as advanced electronic in the EU.

9. Compliance with the EU digital identity Regulation and eIDAS Regulation is achieved through the adoption of the amendments of the Law on Electronic Document, Electronic Identification and Trust Services in Electronic Business [or a new law depending on % of amendments] by the National Parliament

Serbia is in a process of intensive drafting of law amendments.

10. The Law on Information Security is adopted by the Parliament in full alignment with the NIS2 directive

Government has adopted the proposal of the Law on Information Security in June 2025 and has sent the law to the Parliament procedure. After the law adoption, the process of identifying the entities in the scope of the law will start immediately.

11. List of entities in scope of the national law corresponding to the NIS2 Directive is finalized and Frameworks introduced by NIS2 alignment (CVD framework, crisis management framework), are in place and in use

Government has adopted the proposal of the Law on Information Security in June 2025 and has sent the law to the Parliament procedure. After the law adoption, the process of identifying the entities in the scope of the law will start immediately.

12. The Law on Artificial Intelligence is adopted, based on a high-risk approach, and with the necessary enforcement structures in place

For the step Adopt the Law on Artificial Intelligence, based on a high-risk approach and with the necessary implementation structures in place, a Draft Law on Artificial Intelligence has been prepared. The next step involves informing the public about the draft text and reviewing the received comments, suggestions, and objections. In parallel, the draft will also be shared with the European Commission for their comments. Based on the feedback received, the final version of the Law Proposal will be submitted to the Government for adoption, after which it will be forwarded to the National Assembly for further consideration and final approval.

13. The Office for Information Security [within the Office for IT and e-Government] is operational [sufficiently staffed with at least 20 employees, equipped with supervisory powers, performing supervisory checks]

The establishment of the Office for Information Security within the Office for IT and Government is defined as an intermediate step towards the establishment of the Office for Information Security as a separate organization for the prevention and protection from security risks and incidents in ICT systems in the Republic of Serbia. The Law on Information Security, which was adopted by the Government of Serbia and is currently in the procedure for adoption by the National Assembly, foresees the establishment of the Office for Information Security by January 1, 2027, as well as that within 12 months from the date of its entry into force until January 1, 2027, the tasks prescribed by the Law, with the exception of the tasks of the National CERT, shall be performed by the Office for IT and eGovernment. Upon the adoption of the Law on Information Security, the Office for IT and eGovernment will acquire a legal basis for the necessary organizational and changes in competencies.

14. a. Relevant legislation to address ODIHR and Council of Europe key recommendations, revised and adopted

At the very beginning of its work, the Working Group set as its priority the adoption of amendments to the Law on the Unified Voter Register, and, therefore, continued work on other recommendations or regulations can only be expected once this law has been adopted.

b. Improved capacities of Republic Electoral Commission and granting it its own secretariat.

Article 8, paragraph 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Republic Electoral Commission (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 19/22) lays down that the National Assembly Service shall ensure and provide the necessary professional, administrative and technical assistance in carrying out the tasks within the REC's and its Working Groups' purview, in compliance with the law and the National Assembly's Decision on organisation and operation of the Service.

The Rulebook on Internal Organisation and Job Classification (Systematisation) in the National Assembly Service of December 20, 2024 lays down the establishment of the REC Support Sector within the NARS Service. The job classification comprises a total of 21 job positions with 39 employees. The Head of the Sector was appointed in March 2025.

15. The legislation foreseen following the adoption of action plans on gender-based violence, de-institutionalisation and national minorities is prepared and adopted (following transparent and inclusive consultations in Serbia and with the Commission, and in line with the EU acquis and European and UN standards)

Criminal Procedure Code

By the Decision of the Minister of Justice No. 119-01-126/2021-05 of May 12, 2021, the Working Group for the Analysis of Criminal Procedure was established in order to identify and eliminate its weaknesses and shortcomings and to prepare a draft Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Procedure Code based on the results of the analysis.

The draft Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Procedure Code was sent to the European Commission for an expert opinion on August 26, 2024, together with the accompanying Table of Concordance with relevant EU regulations. A public hearing was held from October 1 to November 1, 2024. We would like to note that the expert opinion of the European Commission on the text of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Procedure Code was submitted to the Ministry of Justice in mid-November 2024 and is currently being coordinated with the submitted comments, as well as the observations received by the Ministry of Justice during the public hearing. Given the great public interest in the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Procedure Code, another round of public hearing is planned to be organized during September 2025 and the consolidated version of the Draft text of the law will be sent to the European Commission. The adoption of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Procedure Code is expected in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Criminal Code

By the Decision of the Minister of Justice No. 119-01-125/2021-05 of May 12, 2021, the Working Group for the Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System was established, based on completed cases, with the aim of identifying and eliminating its weaknesses and shortcomings and to prepare a draft Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Code based on the results of the analysis. The Working Group meets regularly.

The draft Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Code was submitted to the European Commission for expert opinion on August 26, 2024, together with the accompanying table of compliance with relevant EU legislation. A public hearing was held from October 1 to November 1, 2024. We would like to note that the expert opinion of the European Commission on the text of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Code was submitted to the Ministry of Justice in mid-November 2024. Afterwards Draft text was consolidated with the submitted comments from the EC as well as the comments from the public hearing that Ministry of Justice received. Given the great

public interest in the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Code, another round of public hearing will be held in September 2025 and the consolidated version will be sent to the European Commission. The adoption of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Criminal Code is expected in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence

The Ministry of Justice is currently preparing the work on the amendments of the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence. It is expected that the Working Group is to be established shortly and the adoption of the amendments of the law is planned for the end of 2025.

Law on Juvenile Criminal Offenders and Criminal Protection of Juveniles

The Working group for drafting the text of the Law on Juvenile Criminal Offenders and Criminal Protection of Juveniles was established by the Decision of the Minister of Justice No. 011-00-81/2024-05 of June 27, 2025. First meeting of the Working group was organized on the July 3, 2025. The adoption of the law is planned for the end of 2025.

Family Law

Preparation process is ongoing.

16. Full implementation of media legislation is ensured, [December 2025] in particular:

All external complaints received by REM in 2025 are decided upon and published, including explanations on REM reasoning.

Public co-funding of media content complies with Article 24 of the Law on public information and media.

REM has fulfilled its obligations in full. All complaints and decisions (adopted by the Council) from 2023 and 2024, as well as all complaints submitted after the expiration of the previous Council's mandate, together with reports (analyses) prepared by REM's professional departments – which will be decided upon by the new Council – in November and December 2024 and in 2025, have been published on REM's website. Formal decisions regarding external complaints submitted in late 2024 and 2025 have not yet been adopted, as the Council – the body authorised to consider and adopt such decisions – has not yet been appointed.

Complaints and **decisions** from **2023**:

<https://www.rem.rs/sr/izvestaji-i-analize/izvestaji-i-analize-o-nadzoru-pruzalaca-medijskih-usluga/izbori/izbori-2023/prijave-izbori-2023>

Complaints and **decisions** from **2024**:

<https://www.rem.rs/sr/izvestaji-i-analize/izvestaji-i-analize-o-nadzoru-pruzalaca-medijskih-usluga/izbori/izbori-2024/prijave-izbori-2024>

Complaints and **reports (analyses)** from **2025 (and 2024, november and december)**:

<https://www.rem.rs/sr/prijave/odluke-po-prijavama>

17. Adoption of operational plan on financial investigations

The revised Action Plan for Chapter 23: *Judiciary and Fundamental Rights* and the revised Action Plan for Chapter 24: *Justice, Freedom, and Security*, in the subchapters related to the fight against corruption and organized crime, envisage the development and adoption of a strategic framework in the field of combating financial crime. Moreover, the Reform Agenda of the Republic of Serbia, through the European Union Growth Plan for the Western Balkans, includes the adoption of an Operational Plan for Financial Investigations as one of the measures in the fight against organized crime. Pursuant to the abovementioned, the Ministry of Justice, on May 13, 2025, established the Working Group for drafting the Operational Plan for Financial Investigations. The Working Group consists of relevant stakeholders (representatives of the Ministry of Interior, Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office, Public Prosecutor's Office for Organized Crime, representatives of the Ministry of Finance, National Bank, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Republic Directorate for Property of the Republic of Serbia, Serbian Business Registers Agency, Republic Geodetic Authority). The inaugural meeting of the Working Group was organized on May 26, 2025. According to the Reform Agenda, Operational Plan for Financial Investigations will be adopted by December 2025. The second meeting of the Working Group for drafting the Operational Plan for Financial Investigations was held in the form of a three-day retreat in Sokobanja, in the period of June 9-11, 2025.

18. All vacant positions for prosecutors and judges in anti-corruption departments and in special prosecutor's office for organised crime, and special department of the higher court and of the appellate court in Belgrade for organised crime are filled in accordance with the Annual Schedule of Judges (adopted by the HJC) and the Decision of the High Prosecution Council on the number of public prosecutors and trained.

Number of judges in special departments for suppression of corruption in high courts:

Baseline:

Beograd - 4

Novi Sad - 6

Nis- 5

Kraljevo - 6

Special Department in Appellate Court in Belgrade 11

Current state of play:

Beograd - 5

Novi Sad - 7

Nis- 5

Kraljevo - 5

Special Department in Appellate Court in Belgrade 11

Number of public prosecutors in special departments for combating corruption in higher prosecutors' offices:

Baseline:

Belgrade - 9

Novi Sad - 12

Niš - 9

Kraljevo - 6

Actual results:

The Public Prosecutor's Office for Organized Crime has **25** systematized positions, **9** filled and **16** vacant positions. There are **10** seconded public prosecutors in the Public Prosecutor's Office for Organized Crime.

The procedure for the election of **9** public prosecutors of the Public Prosecutor's Office for Organized Crime is ongoing.

Number of public prosecutors in special departments for combating corruption in higher prosecutors' offices:

Belgrade - 19

Novi Sad - 13

Niš - 11

Kraljevo - 12

Link to the Council session regarding elections of public prosecutors for the PPOOC:

<https://vst.jt.rs/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Dnevni-red.pdf>

Link to Council election decisions of public prosecutors in Higher public prosecutor's offices in Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis and Kraljevo:

<https://vst.jt.rs/odluke-o-izboru-na-funkciju-javnog-tuz/>

Review of the Council sessions regarding the election process for the PPOOC and the election decisions of public prosecutors in higher public prosecutor's offices.

The goal is no vacant positions in the Higher public prosecutor's offices in Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis and Kraljevo, as well as the Public prosecutor's office for organized crime. By the deadline, the Council will achieve this goal, as there are 3 elections still ongoing for the Higher public prosecutor's offices and 1 election for the PPOOC.

19. Number of elected judges and number of public prosecutors increased by 10%

In the period from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the High Judicial Council made 102 decisions on the election of judges.

In the period from January 1, 2025 to June 25, 2025, the High Judicial Council made 90 decisions on the election of judges.

Therefore, in the period from October 1, 2024 to June 25, 2025, the High Judicial Council made 192 decisions on the election of judges.

All decisions are published on the website of the High Judicial Council www.vss.sud.rs and in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia" and thus available to the public.

There are 10 public competitions for the election of judges in progress.

Baseline:

689 public prosecutors in office

Actual results:

There is a total of 739 public prosecutors in office as of June 2025, which is an increase of around 7.25%.

Links to session minutes:

<https://vst.jt.rs/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Zapisnik-sa-Devete-redovne-sednice-VST-od-3.2.2025.-godine-usvojen.pdf>

<https://vst.jt.rs/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Zapisnik-sa-Osme-redovne-sednice-VST-od-23.12.2024.-godine-usvojen.pdf>

<https://vst.jt.rs/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Zapisnik-sa-Sedme-redovne-sednice-VST-od-13.11.-i-20.12.2024.-godine-usvojen.pdf>

<https://vst.jt.rs/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Zapisnik-sa-Seste-redovne-sednice-VST-od-16.7.2024.-godine-usvojen.pdf>

Review of the results of successful elections of public prosecutors finalised by the Council on its sessions.

The goal is an increase of 10%. By the deadline, the Council will achieve this goal, as there are multiple elections still ongoing, as well as the fact that for 36 public prosecutors the election process is finished and the only thing remaining is taking their oath in the National Assembly. This is anticipated to happen in July.