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STATE AGENCY FOR STRATEGIC PROGRAMMING AND AID COORDINATION

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I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to Albania under the Facility for the *grace period* June 2026, June 2026, *grace period* December 2026 and 4 anticipated measures for December 2026, based on my own judgment and on the information at my disposal, as well as on the evidence enclosed, the payment conditions set out in the Albania Reform Agenda for the following steps have been fulfilled:

Measures under the Facility for the grace period June 2026:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
1.1.3 Increase the attractiveness and transparency of investments, in line with EU practices, improve State-owned Enterprises and State Aid governance	and amend relevant regulations to introduce rules on the appointment of board members of SOEs, subject to open and merit-based recruitment processes	EUR 9,025,310.49
1.1.5 Deployment of e-freight and Intelligent Transport Systems	Adopt relevant legislation to align with the Regulation of EU 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information (eFTI)	EUR 6,016,873.66
4.1.1. Align with electricity integration package to enable electricity market coupling of the EU and Albania, establish the intraday electricity market, operationalize the package in line with the market coupling operator integration plan by 2025	Adopt legal amendments to align with the electricity integration package in line with the Energy Community requirements and start implementation	EUR 6,016,873.66
4.2.2. Implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive: adopt RES legislation, streamline permitting, establish the renewable energy communities, operationalise guarantees of origin.	Adopt law to align with 2018 Renewable Energy Directive on biomass/biofuels, including sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions saving criteria for biofuels	EUR 6,016,873.66
4.2.2. Implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive: adopt RES legislation, streamline permitting, establish the renewable energy communities, operationalise guarantees of origin.	Adopt amendments to the in-force regulations for the permit issuance to simplify permit issuance procedures for renewables (households and large installation),	EUR 6,016,873.66
5.1.1. Establish an Asset Recovery Office, as a National Coordination Unit and regional/international contact point, contributing to improvement of seizures and confiscation	An Asset Recovery Office is established and operational	EUR 9,025,310.49
5.4.1. Consolidate judicial independence and accountability by transparency	The High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils ensure high transparency, share publicly all the information related to appointments, (career periodic (evaluations), promotions and transfers, as well as the level of implementation of recommendations of thematic inspections by HJI	EUR 12,033,747.31
5.4.2. Enhance judicial efficiency at all levels	HJC effectively adopts and implements a comprehensive road map to increase	

	efficiency and reduce backlog based on the latest methodology as adopted by the CEPEJ backlog reduction tool-book, with measurable targets, statistics, and a robust monitoring structure	EUR 6,016,873.66
5.4.2. Enhance judicial efficiency at all levels	Improve the national judicial statistics by adopting and implementing a new instruction of Minister of Justice on national justice statistics, based on CEPEJ methodology and in consultation with the self-government justice institutions,	EUR 1,504,218.41
5.6.1. Enhance freedom of expression, in line with European standards	Increased capacities of law enforcement bodies to handle cases of violence, including on the margins of protests, and other criminal cases involving journalists, notably by ensuring high human rights compliance in handling incidents involving journalists, through binding instructions, data collection and capacity building measures	EUR 6,016,873.66
TOTAL		EUR 67,689,828.66

Measures under June 2026 period:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
1.1.2 Ensure transparency and efficiency of state cadaster services, for investors and citizens and provide clear policy for land usage.	First registrations have been completed in 95% of all the cadastral zones	EUR 12,033,747.31
1.1.2 Ensure transparency and efficiency of state cadaster services, for investors and citizens and provide clear policy for land usage.	Digitalisation of all paper based immovable property cartellas is completed and digitalisation progresses consistent with the comprehensive Road Map to achieve tangible results to finalise the digitisation processes adopted in June 2025.	EUR 6,016,873.66
1.1.6 Promotion of export and internationalization of enterprises, including the facilitation of exports and trade, and value chain support to selected industries with growth potential.	The laws on Official Controls is fully aligned with the EU acquis	EUR 3,008,436.83
2.1.1. Revise the VET system to better match the labour skills demand	Two additional Sectoral Skills Committees (Agriculture; (Energy) Green Skills) are established and operational by contributing to the adaptation of the VET content and	EUR 1,504,218.41

	training programs, including the development of VET curricula	
2.1.1. Revise the VET system to better match the labour skills demand	5 VET Curricula (including standards of respective professions) in areas as defined in S3 revised by National Agency of VET and Qualifications and approved by the ministry responsible for VET	EUR 6,016,873.66
2.1.3. Update the national Qualifications Framework by establishing a clear and transparent relationship between national qualification levels and the relevant European QF levels.	Regulate framework for the recognition/validation of previous non-formal and informal learning experience and include lifelong qualifications, including micro-credentials, in the AQF and adopt it	EUR 3,008,436.83
2.2.1. Strengthen the efficiency of the Unemployment Policy Scheme	Increase the number of registered unemployed jobseekers in active labour market programmes to 8%	EUR 9,025,310.49
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3.1.1. Comply with the Digital Identity regulation and implement Digital eWallet for public services	Adopt relevant legislation to align with new EU Digital Identity regulation (eIDAS 2, (Regulation (EU) 2024/1183)	EUR 3,008,436.83
3.1.1. Comply with the Digital Identity regulation and implement Digital eWallet for public services	Full roll-out of electronic IDs [NFC User Identity Verification]	EUR 9,025,310.49
4.1.2. Gradual tariff adjustments to market prices accompanied with measures to address energy poverty.	Develop methodology to define energy poor groups and monitoring tools, as well as energy efficiency measures targeting energy vulnerable households, by approving the action plan for addressing energy poverty	EUR 1,504,218.41 EUR
4.2.2. Implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive: adopt RES legislation, streamline permitting, establish the renewable energy communities, operationalise guarantees of origin.	Adopt the legal framework for energy communities' establishment	EUR 6,016,873.66
5.1.2. Strengthen repression of corruption and organised crime, including in high-level cases	Produce the threat assessment of organized and serious crimes and review the National Strategy and its Action Plan, on Organized and Serious Crimes, accordingly	EUR 6,016,873.66
5.1.2. Strengthen repression of corruption and organised crime, including in high-level cases	Continuous progress with the quality of proceedings in full compliance with due process rights, and improving the track record of effective and efficient investigations, prosecutions, final judgements, seizure, and final confiscations in corruption, including	EUR 12,033,747.31

	high-level corruption cases [by June 2026] repeated in [by June 2027].	
TOTAL		EUR 90,253,104.86

Measures under December 2026 *grace period*:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
1.1.6 Promotion of export and internationalisation of enterprises, including the facilitation of exports and trade, and value chain support to selected industries with growth potential.	Progress in regulatory initiatives [December 2025]	EUR 3,008,436.83
2.1.4. Advance digital skills and literacy for youth and ensure the provision of sufficient ICT equipment to public schools and universities.	Connect 95% of public schools with high-speed (at least 30Mbps) broadband connection	EUR 9,025,310.49
2.3.1. Strengthen the R+I national environment by adopting enabling strategic framework	Adopt law and implementing legislation on science and research aligned with European Research Area policy	EUR 3,008,436.83
2.3.1. Strengthen the R+I national environment by adopting enabling strategic framework	Adopt an Action Plan with measures to ensure progress, for Albania to be classified as a moderate innovator in the European Innovation Scoreboard, resulting to the improvement of Albania's reporting of the EIS indicators	EUR 1,504,218.41
4.1.1. Align with electricity integration package to enable electricity market coupling of the EU and Albania, establish the intraday electricity market, operationalise the package in line with the market coupling operator integration plan by 2025	Continue implementation of the electricity integration package by the Transmission System Operator (TSO) and the Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) by taking the necessary national actions to join day ahead market coupling with the EU in line with Energy Community requirements	EUR 6,016,873.66
4.2.2. Implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive: adopt RES legislation, streamline permitting, establish the renewable energy communities, operationalise guarantees of origin.	System to issue serviceable guarantees of origin for renewable energy operational	EUR 6,016,873.66 €
4.4.1. Adoption and implementation of long-term	Eco-design regulations for solid fuel local space heaters and establish	EUR 6,016,873.66

building renovation strategy, and energy efficiency scheme	effective infrastructure and capacity for market surveillance accordingly	
4.4.1. Adoption and implementation of long-term building renovation strategy, and energy efficiency scheme	Adopt the national legislation to align with Labelling	EUR 6,016,873.66
5.4.2. Enhance judicial efficiency at all levels	Ensure a solution for the facilities for the Appeal Court to be accommodated as per the judicial map 2022	EUR 6,016,873.66
5.6.1. Enhance freedom of expression, in line with European standards	Adopt amendments of legal framework on transparency of media ownership	EUR 6,016,873.66
TOTAL		EUR 52,647,644.52

Anticipated Measures under December 2026:

Reform	Step	Financial Value
1.1.1 Increase domestic revenue mobilization and the comprehensiveness of the tax system, notably via adopting and implementing the Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS).	Completing register of taxpayers' assets for 10% of taxpayers.	EUR 6,016,873.66
1.1.1 Increase domestic revenue mobilization and the comprehensiveness of the tax system, notably via adopting and implementing the Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS).	Increasing prefilling of VAT and personal income tax returns (using information from Fiscalization).	EUR 6,016,873.66
4.2.2. Implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive: adopt RES legislation, streamline permitting, establish the renewable energy communities, operationalise guarantees of origin.	At least 600 MW of new renewable energy capacities installed.	EUR 12,033,747.31
5.7.1 Aligning visa requirements with European standards	Terminating visa-free agreements with at least two countries in 2025, and at least one each in both 2026 and 2027, which are visa required for the EU [measured at the end of each year, i.e. December 2025, December 2026, and December 2027].	EUR 6,016,873.66
TOTAL		EUR 30,084,368.29

On the basis of the above I request the disbursement of the net amount of EUR 215,404,076.97 which reflect the amount after the proportional deduction of the prefinancing. From this total value, the amount of EUR 100,214,731 disbursed directly to the treasury of the Republic of Albania, and EUR 115,189,345.97 to be channelled through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR 53,371,063.63 in the form of loans and EUR 61,818,282.34 in the form of non-repayable support.

I hereby attach an assessment of each step, the required evidence showing the satisfactory fulfilment of the steps set out in the relevant Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision 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 Albania.

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