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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

STATE AGENCY FOR STRATEGIC PROGRAMMING AND AID COORDINATION

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Subject: Request for the release of funds.

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I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to Albania under the Facility for the period December 2025 and measures within grace period, 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 period December 2025:

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	Adopt an integrity plan	EUR 1,504,218
1.1.3 Increase the attractiveness and transparency of investments, in line with EU	and PPP/concessions start to be fully integrated into the National Project Pipeline	EUR 6,016,874

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practices, improve State-owned Enterprises and State Aid governance		
1.1.4 Improve the investment attractiveness framework and in particular the FDI framework and business environment by deregulation and modernization of business services	Prepare the Road Map to improve and facilitate reporting praxis of business to government	EUR 1,504,218
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1.1.5 Deployment of e-freight and Intelligent Transport Systems	Ratify the added Protocol to the United Nations Convention for the carriage of goods, on the "electronic consignment-note" (eCMR) for International Carriage of Goods by Road needed to deploy eFTI	EUR 6,016,874
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	Export promotion and facilitation programme is adopted	EUR 1,504,218
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2.1.2 Update of the curricula in primary and secondary education	Professional Development Programs for 50% of SPs	EUR 9,025,310
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	Partly implementing, the ESGs [respectively ESG 3.3 and ESG 2.7] and introduce clear references in the respective bylaws and regulations of QA as criteria for accreditation	EUR 3,008,437
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
3.1.1 Comply with the Digital Identity regulation and	Join the EU Third Countries trusted list for the validation of electronic signatures as advanced electronic	

implement Digital eWallet for public services	signature to achieve legal effect of handwritten signature in the EU, first step towards pursuing mutual recognition of qualified trust services	EUR 9,025,310
3.1.2 Update the framework for cyber resilience, by introducing requirements of NIS2 Directive and strengthening relevant institutions	National and governmental CERTs are fully operational in line with NIS2 requirements	EUR 6,016,874
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3.2.1 Improve enabling environment for innovative businesses and their take up of the potential of the green and digital agenda, including enabling relevant financial support	Adopt legal act(s) on Innovation support instruments by improving current practice in line with EU practices	EUR 3,008,437
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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	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 6,016,874
4.1.2 Gradual tariff adjustments to market prices accompanied with measures to address energy poverty	Gradual phase out of public intervention in the price-setting for the supply of electricity, through deregulation for mid and high voltage, in line with the law on Power Sector	EUR 9,025,310
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	Submit an application to join the European Network of Asset Recovery Offices or in regional/international recovery platforms	EUR 1,504,218
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 6,016,874
TOTAL		EUR 82,732,013

Measures under the grace period:

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	Adopt PPP/concession law in line with EU acquis and EU best practices	EUR 9,025,310
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.	EUR 6,016,874
TOTAL		EUR 15,042,184

On the basis of the above I request the disbursement of the net amount of **EUR 90,930,003.21** which reflect the amount after the proportional deduction of the prefinancing. From this total value, the amount of EUR 42,304,333.04 disbursed directly to the treasury of the Republic of Albania, and EUR 48,625,670.17 to be channelled through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR 22,529,893.84 in the form of loans and EUR 26,095,776.32 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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