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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has proposed to use the existing allocation key under the Regulation establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF Regulation)¹, which relies on economic indicators aiming at providing funding commensurate to the actual needs of Member States to undertake and complete the reforms and investments included in their recovery and resilience plans. While the allocation key was initially conceived to adequately address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, it remains appropriate to also contribute to the objectives of REPowerEU, providing financial support where it is needed the most. As the REPowerEU chapters are part of the recovery and resilience plans, using the same allocation key is a valid option.

Any alternative allocation key would need to be in line with the cohesion legal basis of the Facility. It is also important that any allocation key is based on simple, transparent calculations, using robust, relevant and official data, such as the ones produced by Eurostat.

The Commission is aware of the European Court of Auditors' opinion and notes that some Member States have presented alternative allocation keys. The Commission stands ready to support the assessment, and facilitate the discussions among Member States, and with the European Parliament, on any alternative allocation key.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17.