



## MANAGEMENT DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, Adrian CÂCIU, in my capacity as Minister of the Ministry for Investments and European Projects

Declare that, in relation to the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) approved by the Council Implementing Decision of December, 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Romania (ST 15833/23; ST 15833/23 ADD1), based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, in particular the results from the national control and audit systems described in the RRP:

1. The funds were used for their intended purpose as defined in Article 1(1) of the Financing Agreement Recovery and Resilience Plan between the Commission and Romania (the 'Agreement').
2. The information submitted with the request for payment is complete, accurate and reliable; duly justifying that the milestones and/or targets concerned have been satisfactorily fulfilled and that the audit trail demonstrating the achievement of these milestones and targets is in place.
3. The control systems in place give the necessary assurances that the funds were managed in accordance with all applicable rules, in particular rules on avoidance of conflicts of interests, fraud prevention and corruption in accordance with the principle of sound financial management;
4. The activities implemented to achieve the milestones and targets under the RRP as declared in the request for payment are not financed by any other Union programme or instrument or, where applicable, the other Union programmes and instruments do not cover the same cost.

A summary of the national audits carried out in relation to § 1 to 4 above, with an analysis of the related weaknesses found and the corrective actions taken or planned, is complementing this management declaration. In the accompanying summary of the audits, no breaches in terms of fraud, corruption or conflict of interests have been detected.

*The accompanying audit summary mentions the following:*

*The audit evidence gathered during audit missions is sufficient and appropriate to form the basis for the overall conclusion.*

*As a result of the verifications carried out in the system audit and the audit on the fulfilment of milestones and targets in payment claim 3, it was concluded that the management and control system put in place for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan "is working, but some improvements are needed".*



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I confirm that the irregularities identified during final audit or control reports in relation to the implementation of the RRP have been appropriately corrected and recovered from final recipients or are in the course of being corrected and recovered. Where necessary, adequate follow-up was given to deficiencies in the control system reported in those reports or is on-going as regards the following required remedial actions: not applicable.

I confirm that I am not aware of any undisclosed matter, which could harm the interests of the European Union.

Place Bucharest, date 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

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**Adrian CÂCIU**

**Minister of Investments and European Projects**