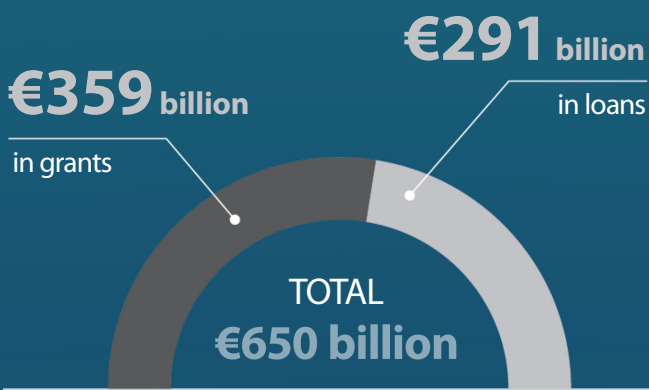


Key facts and findings

Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) financial allocation



EU public procurement and state aid rules aim to ensure

-  openness
-  transparency
-  free competition
-  equal and fair treatment of economic operators
-  efficient use of public funds

 Breaches of these rules are a **perennial problem in Cohesion and other EU budget expenditure.**

What did we find?

In the initial phase of the RRF implementation, the Commission did not ensure that member states put in place effective public procurement and state aid compliance checks.

Some member state systems were affected by significant weaknesses in coverage, quality, timing and documentation of checks.

As of mid-2023, the Commission has improved its audit work, but weaknesses and limitations remain.

Despite recent improvements, there is insufficient assurance on whether member states have effective control systems to ensure that RRF spending complies with public procurement and state aid rules.