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The Portuguese authorities have already confirmed publicly that no such measure is planned to be financed under the Portuguese Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP). All national RRP's include measures fostering social cohesion, as this constitutes one of the six pillars of the Recovery and Resilience Facility. In the case of the Portuguese RRP, in particular component 3 (Social responses) includes measures to address structural social challenges and shortages in social service coverage for populations and regions in need. The measures in the RRP's comply with the requirements of the RRF Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2021/241). The Commission is in close dialogue with Member States to support them in the implementation of their RRP's, in line with the relevant legislation.