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Delegation of the European Parliament at the Hellenic Court of Audit

On Monday, 15 April 2025, a delegation of the European Parliament visited the Hellenic Court of Audit in the context of a fact-finding visit, with the aim of exchanging views on the implementation progress of the projects supported by the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

The Hellenic Court of Audit was represented by the Court's President, Mrs. **S. Ntouni**, Vice-President Ms. **E.-E. Kouloumpini**, Judge Counsellors Mr. **D. Peppas**, Spokesperson of the Court, Mr. **K. Efentakis**, Mr. **D. Tsakanikas**, Ms. **A. Papapanagiotou**, Ms. **I. Papatheodorou**, and Judge Rapporteur - Assistant Spokesperson Mr. **E. Kalaintzis**.

The European Parliament's delegation included the following Members of the European Parliament (MEPs): Mr. **S. Mureşan**, Vice-President of the Group of the European People's Party (EPP), Head of Delegation and member of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Mr. **K. Ressler**, member of the EPP Group and member of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets, Mr. **G. Aftias**, member of the EPP Group, and member of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Ms. **E. Győri**, member of the Patriots for Europe Group and member of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Ms. **A. Van Brug**, member of the Renew Europe Group and member of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

At the meeting, Audit Report 2/2024 of the Hellenic Court of Audit was presented by the Judges of the Court. The audit focused on the monitoring mechanisms of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and the risk of delays in the implementation of the funded projects. Furthermore, the Judges presented an upcoming audit planned for the current year, which will examine the funds allocated to training programmes for the unemployed, as well as upskilling and reskilling initiatives. In addition, the specialized procedural framework governing the pre-contractual audit of public contracts of high economic value funded by the RRF was also outlined. Finally, the percentage and rate of absorption of the Facility's funds were analysed, as highlighted in the Court's 2023 Financial Sustainability Report.

The Judges of the Hellenic Court of Audit responded to questions from Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) concerning the absorption rate and final use of the RRF funds, the impact of these funds on the real economy, as well as the procedures followed in cases where irregularities are identified during the Court's audits.

The MEPs expressed their appreciation for the Judges' insights and acknowledged the importance of the Court's audit work.