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Pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4, and Article 93, paragraph 4, of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosova, Article 8 of the Law No. 08/L-117 on the Government of the Republic of Kosova, the Regulation (GRK) No. 04/2026 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of Ministries, in accordance with Articles 62 and 78 of the Rule of Procedure No. 17/2024 of the Government of the Republic of Kosova, and based on Article 125 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kosova, Articles 6 and 52 of the IPA III Framework Agreement, as well as on Articles 5, 25-27, 32 and 36 of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kosova on Specific Arrangements for the Implementation of Union Support for Kosova under the Reform and Growth Facility, the Government of the Republic of Kosova, at its session held on 19 March 2026, adopts the following

D E C I S I O N
on Establishment and Functioning of the System for the Implementation of European Union Support for Kosova through the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans

Article 1
Purpose of the Decision

1. The purpose of the present decision is to establish the national system for the implementation of the European Union support through the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans (hereinafter, RGF), including the Reform and Growth Facility Reform Agenda (hereinafter, RGF RA), as well as determine the scope, composition and working methods of inter-institutional coordination structures of the Government of the Republic of Kosova (hereinafter, the Government) for this facility.

Article 2
Reform and Growth Facility National Coordinator

1. Mr. Jeton Zulfaj, Political Adviser to the Prime Minister, is hereby appointed as the Reform and Growth Facility National Coordinator (hereinafter, RGF NC).

2. The RGF NC shall serve as the main coordinating authority acting on behalf of the Government on all issues related to the RGF, including the RGF RA.

3. The RGF NC shall act as the single point of contact for the European Commission (hereinafter, EC) on all issues related to the implementation of the EU support for Kosova through the RGF, including the RGF RA.

4. The RGF NC shall exercise the functions provided for in Article 5 of the Facility Agreement (hereinafter, FA), as well as the following additional functions:
   4.1. Leading, on behalf of the Republic of Kosova, the high-level policy dialogue with the EC on the RGF and the RGF RA, as well as providing steering and guidance to its work as Beneficiary in contributing to the Reform and Growth Facility Monitoring Committee (hereinafter, RGF MC), in accordance with Article 25 of the FA and Article 15 of the present decision;
   4.2. Inviting, as relevant, development partners, international organisations, international financial institutions and other stakeholders such as civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as relevant, to participate in the high-level policy dialogue with the EC on the RGF, in accordance with Articles 11 and 15 of the present decision;
   4.3. Overseeing implementation of the RGF RA at the political level, including regarding mitigation measures and investment projects within the RGF and by authorising on the spot checks for this purpose, and proposing relevant recommendations to the Reform and Growth Facility Steering Board (hereinafter, RGF SB) for review, in accordance with Articles 3, 4, 8 and 17 of the present decision;
   4.4. Initiating the amendment of the RGF RA, if requested by the EC, and submitting the amended RGF RA to the EC for consideration, and the final draft to the Government for adoption;
   4.5. Regularly informing the Government and the Assembly of the Republic of Kosova on implementation of the RGF RA and the fulfilment of other obligations under the RGF;
   4.6. Initiating a comprehensive assessment of implementation of the RGF RA and achievement of RGF objectives, if requested by the EC, and submit the final report to the RGF SB for consideration and to the Government session for information;
   4.7. Overseeing implementation of investment projects under the RGF, in cooperation with relevant institutions, including regarding mitigation measures, and propose relevant recommendations to the RGF SB for consideration, in accordance with Articles 3, 4 and 18 of the present decision.

2. The RGF NC shall be supported in the exercise of his/her functions by the RGF main national coordinating institution, as provided for in Article 3 of the present decision.

Article 3
The Reform and Growth Facility main national coordinating institution

1. The function of the main national coordinating institution for the RGF, including the RGF RA, shall be performed by the Office of the Prime Minister (hereinafter, OPM). It shall perform this function through the RGF NC, supported by the departments legally mandated as the main

national coordinating institution for European integration (hereinafter, OPM/DEI), respectively the following ones:

1.1. Office of Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process (hereinafter, OCSAP);
1.2. Office of Political Criteria (hereinafter, OPC);
1.3. Office of Economic Criteria and Internal Market (hereinafter, OECIM);
1.4. Office of Sectorial Policies (hereinafter, OSP); and
1.5. Development Cooperation Office (hereinafter, DCO).

2. The RGF NC shall be supported in the performance of his/her functions by the OPM/DEI, which shall carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

2.1. The OCSAP shall carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

2.1.1. Overall coordination of horizontal aspects of the RGF system;

2.1.2. Overall coordination of monitoring and reporting and of preparation of reports on RGF and RGF RA, including preparation of guidelines and templates, in cooperation with the EC and implementing institutions;

2.1.3. Providing guidance and methodological support to implementing institutions on monitoring and reporting;

2.1.4. Providing the RGF NC with information and documentation requested by the EC in the assessments carried out by the latter in on Kosova under the RGF;

2.1.5. Supporting the RGF NC in preparing and organising the policy dialogue between the EU and Kosova under the RGF through the RGF MC, including consultations with civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as relevant;

2.1.6. Preparing and organising the work of Government inter-institutional coordination structures under the RGF;

2.1.7. Supporting the implementation of the RGF RA Communication and Visibility Plan (hereinafter, RGF RA CVP) and monitoring and reporting on this.

2.2. The OPC, OECIM and OSP shall carry out the following duties and responsibilities within the policy areas of the RGF RA they cover:

2.2.1. Working with implementing institutions to facilitate and support the implementation of reform steps and carrying out quality checks of data reported during monitoring periods, with a view to ensuring their accuracy and reliability;

2.2.2. Participating in the preparation of regular reports on implementation of the RGF RA and in relation to the RGF, in cooperation with respective implementing institutions, including by providing the information and documentation requested by the EC for its assessments;

2.2.3. Providing the RGF NC with information and documentation requested by the EC in the assessments it carries out in on Kosova under the RGF;

2.2.4. Supporting the RGF NC in preparing and organising the work related to the policy dialogue between the EU and Kosova under the RGF through the RGF MC;

2.2.5. Carrying out checks and verifications during implementation of RGF RA reform steps and reporting to the EC on their fulfilment;

2.2.6. Preparing and organising the work of Government inter-institutional coordination structures under the RGF;

2.2.7. Preparing and organising the work of the mechanism of consultations with civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as relevant;
2.2.8. Supporting the implementation of the RGF RA CVP and monitoring and reporting on its implementation;
2.2.9. Where relevant, participate and support fulfilment of the general conditions for disbursement of funds
2.3. The OPC shall cover the following areas and subareas of the RGF RA:
2.3.1. Policy Area 1: Governance, Public Administration Reform and Public Finance Management, respectively the subarea 1.1: Public Administration Reform; and
2.3.2. Policy Area 5: Fundamentals/Rule of Law, respectively all subareas within it.
2.4. The OECIM shall cover the following areas and subareas of the RGF RA:
2.4.1. Policy Area 1: Governance, Public Administration Reform and Public Finance Management, respectively subarea 1.2: Public Finance Management;
2.4.2. Policy Area 3: Private Sector Development and Business Environment, respectively all subareas within it; and
2.4.3. Policy Area 4: Human Capital Development and Retention, respectively all subareas within it.
2.5. The OSP shall cover the Policy Area 2: Green and Digital Transition, respectively all subareas within it.
2.6. The DCO shall support RGF NC on the work related to the financial component of the RGF, including the preparatory work related to payment requests, as well as the work of the inter-institutional coordination structures in this regard. In particular, DCO shall:
2.6.1. Participate in the preparation of regular reports on implementation of the RGF RA and in relation to the RGF, covering aspects related to general conditions for support under this facility, in cooperation with respective implementing institutions;
2.6.2. Prepare requests for the release of funds, declarations of assurance, as well as collect and check other related information and data needed for the disbursement of the RGF tranches, and submit the whole package of documents to the RGF NC;
2.6.3. Support assessments and evaluations carried out in and on Kosova by the EC under the RGF;
2.6.4. Serve as a contact point for the FA;
2.6.5. Coordinate planning, implementation and monitoring of investment projects within the RGF.

Article 4
Reform and Growth Facility implementing institutions

1. Implementing institutions of the RGF shall be the institutions of the Government, namely the OPM and ministries, as well as other state institutions of the Republic of Kosova, as foreseen in Annex 1 of the RGF RA and in the Annex of the present decision.

2. Each implementing institution shall be in charge of implementation of the reform steps under its remit, as well as for monitoring and reporting on them to the RGF NC and the OPM/DEI as

the main national coordinating institution in charge of the RGF, including for the purpose of reporting to the EC. Each implementing institution shall also submit to the RGF NC a declaration of assurance, signed by its highest authority, in support of his/her declaration of assurance submitted to the EC for each semi-annual reporting cycle.

3. Each implementing institution shall exercise its functions in implementing the RGF RA reform steps under its remit through departments/units responsible for coordination and those responsible for implementation of reform steps and in relation to the RGF.

4. The function of coordination within each implementing institution shall be exercised by the Department of European Integration and Policy Coordination (hereinafter, DEIPC), respectively equivalent unit, in close cooperation with the minister and General Secretary, respectively equivalent authorities, as well as with the departments / units responsible for implementation of reform steps and the Internal Audit Unit (hereinafter, IAU). Within the scope of its legal mandate and this article, it shall coordinate the following regarding the reform steps under the remit of its institution:
   4.1. Monitoring and follow-up of implementation of reform steps, including through the Work Plan for the implementation of the RGF RA;
   4.2. Reporting on implementation of reform steps, as needed, including for semi-annual and annual reports to be submitted to the EC by the RGF NC;
   4.3. Supporting the RGF NC, through the OPM/DEI, in reporting to the EC, as requested, on implementation of reform steps;
   4.4. Prevention of double funding throughout implementation of reform steps;
   4.5. Prevention of irregularities, fraud, corruption, and illegal activities affecting EU's financial interests, including conflicts of interest, throughout implementation of reform steps under its remit;
   4.6. Participating in checks and verifications throughout implementation of reform steps and monitoring and reporting on such checks and verifications;
   4.7. Participating in the policy dialogue under the RGF, through the RGF MC, and in the work of Government inter-institutional coordination structures under the RGF, and preparations for this purpose;
   4.8. Carrying out on the spot checks on the fulfilment of reforms steps and with regard to irreversibility, in order to ensure compliance with the FA, and reporting on this, as requested;
   4.9. Investment projects under the RGF, respectively programming, applications, preconditions for their implementation, and monitoring and reporting;
   4.10. Supporting the institution in exercising its functions under the RGF and the RGF RA;
   4.11. Participating in the implementation of the RGF RA CVP and in monitoring and reporting on this.

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5. The function of implementation of reform steps within each implementing institution shall be exercised by its departments/units that are legally mandated for the respective policy areas and subareas, in cooperation with the departments/units of supporting institutions in charge of their implementation, as well as with the minister, General Secretary, the DEIPC and the IAU,

respectively equivalent authorities and departments/units. Within the scope of their legal mandate and this article, they shall carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

5.1. Implementing the reform steps and regular follow-up on this through the Work Plan for the implementation of the RGF RA, including by organising the work, preparing and conducting the respective procedures, initiating and organising working groups and teams, planning and requesting external support, requesting the initiation of procurement activities and providing the support needed to this end;

5.2. Ensuring prevention of double funding throughout the implementation of reform steps and reporting on this, as needed;

5.3. Ensuring prevention of irregularities, fraud, corruption, conflict of interest and any other illegal activities throughout the implementation of reform steps, and reporting on this, as needed;

5.4. Reporting on implementation of reform steps, as needed, including for semi-annual and annual reports to be submitted to the EC;

5.5. Effectively cooperating with relevant authorities and departments/unit, including the IAU, in carrying out internal checks and verifications and audits throughout implementation of reform steps, and for the purpose of reporting on this;

5.6. Participating in the policy dialogue under the RGF, through the RGF MC, and in the work of Government inter-institutional coordination structures under the RGF, and preparations for this;

5.7. Investment projects under the RGF, respectively programming, applications, preconditions for their implementation, and monitoring and reporting on this;

5.8. Participating in the implementation of the RGF RA CVP and in monitoring and reporting on this.

6. In line with Annex 1 of the RGF RA and the annex of the present decision, the OPM and other Government institutions shall cooperate with other institutions in the exercise their functions under the RGF and the RGF RA.

Article 5
The ministry in charge of finance

1. The ministry in charge of finance carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

1.1. Concluding the Loan Agreement (hereinafter, LA) with the EC and acting as the representative of the Government in all arrangements stemming from it;

1.2. Implementing and facilitating financial transfers related to the RGF and maintains the financial records;

1.3. Ensuring compliance with the rules on financial management and accountability;

1.4. Coordinating the work of domestic institutions under the Anti-fraud Coordination Service (AFCOS) network and facilitates the administrative cooperation with the European Court of Auditors and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) on audit and verification activities.

Article 6
The internal control and audit system under the Reform and Growth Facility

1. Kosova shall ensure an effective internal control system throughout the implementation of the RGF RA, based on the applicable national legislation.

2. Each implementing institution shall carry out internal checks and verifications throughout the implementation of reform steps under its remit and for monitoring and reporting on this in line with the relevant national legislation in force, through the following structures and authorities within its hierarchy:
    1. General Secretary / equivalent authority, in the capacity of the Chief Financial Officer;
    2. Director / equivalent authority of the department / equivalent unit in charge of implementation;
    3. Head / equivalent authority of the division / equivalent unit in charge of implementation; and
    4. Internal audit/auditor of implementing institution.

3. At the end of implementation of a reform step, the responsible institution and each supporting institution shall submit to the OPM/DEI a checklist of internal checks and verifications – together with the filled-in reporting fiche – no later than two weeks prior to the submission of the regular semi-annual report to the EC. This checklist, signed by the officials outlined in paragraph 6 of this article, shall confirm that the institution has carried out internal checks and verifications throughout implementation of the reform step, as well as summarize findings of weaknesses, if any, identified in this process.

4. The institutional structures and authorities in charge of internal checks and verifications specified in paragraph 2 of this article shall carry out their tasks in close cooperation with the minister and DEIPC, respectively equivalent authorities and units of the institution, as well as with the CHU and OPM/DEI.

5. The main national coordinating institution in charge of RGF shall carry out a verification of completeness of reported information and its annexes received from implementation institutions and may conduct additional checks and verifications, as necessary.

6. In line with the national legislation on financial management and internal control, the ministry responsible for finance shall ensure that an effective and efficient internal control system is established. This ministry, through its CHU, shall be the main coordinating institution for the internal audit system throughout the implementation of the RGF RA.

7. In this capacity, the CHU shall prepare the summary of audits referred to in this article and submit it to the RGF NC no later than two weeks prior to the submission of the regular semi-annual report to the EC. It shall prepare such a summary in close cooperation with IAUs of relevant implementing institutions and the OPM/DEI. The IAU of each implementing institution shall cooperate with the CHU in the exercise of this function, and shall provide it with all the information and documentation needed.

8. In the exercise of its function under this article, the CHU shall undertake other activities targeting IAUs, including capacity-building. It shall do so in close cooperation with the OPM/DEI and respective units and authorities of implementing institutions.

9. All public institutions participating in the management, implementation and control system of the RGF RA shall:
    9.1. Apply transparent, non-discriminatory, and accountable procedures, based on national legislation and requirements of the Instrument on segregation of duties, internal controls, and procedures to prevent, detect, report, and correct irregularities and fraud;
    9.2. Ensure that all financial data are complete, accurate, and reliable;
    9.3. Keep appropriate records and documentation of all operations financed under the RGF, including the traceability of financial transactions;
    9.4. Ensure the legality and regularity of all transactions, and maintain sound financial management of EU funds and national co-financing of related investments in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

10. All funds under the RGF as a financing facility shall be subject to audits by the European Court of Auditors, the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and other parties authorised under the FA and LA. The Anti-Fraud Coordination Service established in the ministry responsible for finance, shall facilitate effective cooperation, coordination and exchange of information with OLAF, the EC and the EPPO within the limits of their respective responsibilities.

Article 7
Fulfilment of general conditions for support under the RGF

1. Kosova shall ensure consistent fulfilment of general conditions for support under the RGF throughout the implementation of its RGF RA, and the RGF NC, supported by the OPM/DEI, shall regularly monitor and report to the EC on this. Pursuant to the FA, these conditions are the following ones:
    1.1. Macro-economic developments and risks;
    1.2. Fiscal developments and risks;
    1.3. Public finance management reforms; and
    1.4. Budget transparency and oversight.

2. In line with the applicable national legislation, the ministry in charge of finance shall be the institution in charge of the fulfilment of the general conditions for support under the RGF, and it shall report to the RGF NC on this. It shall exercise this function in cooperation with the OPM/DEI, as well as with implementing institutions, as needed.

3. The ministry in charge of finance shall exercise this function through the following institutional units:
    3.1. Economic Policy Department, in charge of macro-economic developments and risks, including the implementation and monitoring and reporting on the Economic Reform Programme, as well as of fiscal developments and risks;
    3.2. Department for European Integration and Policy Coordination, covering public finance management reforms; and
    3.3. State Treasury and Budget Department, in charge of budget transparency and oversight.

4. The ministry in charge of finance shall submit the information on the fulfilment of general conditions for financing to the OPM, respectively the DCO.

Article 8
Reform and Growth Facility reporting system and timeframes

1. The RGF NC, on behalf of the Republic of Kosova as RGF Beneficiary, shall submit regular reports to the EC on implementation of the RGF RA, on semi-annual basis, as the as well as on general conditions for support, cross-cutting issues and on relevant reforms in its internal control and audit systems, on annual basis. He/she shall also report more frequently, if requested by the EC, in line with the deadlines and templates foreseen under the FA.

2. The RGF NC, supported by OPM/DEI, shall initiate the preparation of the semi-annual, annual and final reports on the RGF by issuing respective requests to the coordinating units (DEIPCs or other units assigned with this role in their institutions) of implementing institutions. For this purpose, the OPM/DEI shall issue mandatory guidelines and other procedural documents, based on relevant guidelines and procedural documents issued by the EC for this purpose. The OPM/DEI also may develop mandatory IT tools such as an online platform for this purpose.

3. Overall, reporting for semi-annual reports on implementation of the RGF RA shall be carried out according to the following division of responsibilities:
   - 3.1. The responsible institution for the implementation of the reform step as per Annex 1 of the RGF RA, respectively its responsible department/unit, shall report on its implementation;
   - 3.2. In cases when more than one institution is responsible for one reform step, the leading institution, respectively the first one on the list, or the one in charge of the biggest share of the reform step, shall coordinate reporting, while the rest of the institutions shall be supporting institutions;
   - 3.3. The responsible department/unit of the responsible institution shall prepare the draft of the reporting fiche; in cases as under the subparagraph 3.2 of this paragraph, this shall be done by the responsible department/unit of the leading institution;
   - 3.4. The responsible department/unit of the leading institution shall submit the draft-reporting fiche to the DEIPC/equivalent unit of the leading institution, also informing the responsible department(s)/unit(s) of supporting institution(s);
   - 3.5. The DEIPC/equivalent unit of the leading institution check the quality of the draft of the reporting fiche and submit it to the OPM/DEI; if the DEIPC/equivalent unit makes comments during quality checking, they shall be sent to and addressed by the responsible department/unit of the responsible institution.

4. Overall, reporting for annual reports on the RGF shall be carried out according to the following division of responsibilities:
   - 4.1. An overview of the implementation of the RGF RA during the reporting period – this section shall be prepared by the OPM/DEI as the leading responsible institution, based on contributions of relevant supporting institutions as per their legal mandates;
   - 4.2. Contribution of the progress achieved in the implementation of the RGF general and specific objectives – this section shall be prepared by the OPM/DEI as the leading

responsible institution, based on contributions of relevant supporting institutions, respectively of implementing institutions of the RGF RA covering the respective areas and subareas as per their legal mandates;

4.3. An update on the establishment and functioning of the internal control and audit system – this section shall be prepared by the MoF's CHU as the leading responsible institution for this component, based on contributions of IAUs of implementing institutions of the RGF RA;

4.4. Cross-cutting issues – this section shall be prepared by the OPM/DEI as the leading responsible institution, based on contributions of relevant supporting institutions as per their legal mandates;

4.5. Fulfilment of general conditions for support under the RGF – this section shall be prepared by the relevant departments/units of the ministry in charge of finance, also based on contributions of relevant supporting institutions as per their legal mandates;

4.6. Other information that the EC may consider relevant to carry out its assessment of the fulfilment of respective criteria and conditions under the RGF – such information shall be prepared by the OPM/DEI as the leading responsible institution, based on contributions of relevant supporting institutions as per their legal mandates.

5. The RGF NC, supported by OPM/DEI, shall regularly monitor implementation of the RGF RA, including through the RGF policy dialogue and Government coordination structures under the RGF. Implementing institutions shall also be requested to report directly on this at least on monthly and quarterly basis, including through IT tools, as needed.

6. Each implementing institution shall regularly carry out internal monitoring and reporting of implementation of the reforms steps, or parts of reforms steps, under their responsibility in line with the decision-making hierarchy, respectively by the department/unit in charge of implementation, coordinated by the DEIPC/equivalent unit, under the direct oversight of the General Secretary / equivalent authority, in close cooperation with the Minister/equivalent authority.

7. The RGF NC, supported by the OPM/DEI as the main coordinating institution for the RGF, shall inform the Government cabinet, at least on quarterly basis, on the implementation of the RGF RA and on other issues related to the RGF that are pertinent to be addressed at this level.

8. The RGF NC, supported by the OPM/DEI as the main coordinating institution for the RGF, shall regularly inform the Assembly on the implementation of the RGF RA and on other issues related to the RGF that are pertinent to be addressed at this level, in particular on draft-laws foreseen in the RGF RA. He/she shall do this through the Committee on European Integration and in other forms, as regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly regarding all policies implemented by the Government. The RGF NC shall also inform and consult the Assembly, as needed, within the high-level policy dialogue with the EC through the RGF MC.

Article 9
Requests for the release of funds

1. Based on the achievement of the steps, reported in the semi-annual reports, the RGF NC shall sign requests for the release of funds and submit them to the EC, as part of semi-annual reports on implementation of the RGF RA. Such requests shall be prepared by the DCO.

2. The DCO shall collect all documents required under the FA, and the RGF NC shall transmit the signed request with the enclosed documents to the EU representatives. Each request shall contain reports on the payment conditions related to the steps set out in the RGF RA for the respective reporting period, and shall be submitted no later than 15 days after the end of the reporting period.

3. The request shall include the template form of the FA, a sheet for each fulfilled step with supporting evidence, a signed Declaration of Assurance, summaries of relevant audits and checks, and any additional documentation required to justify fulfilment of the steps, including legal acts, adopted strategies, reports, certificates of completion, or other relevant documents.

4. Where applicable, the DCO shall indicate whether any steps have received support from other EU programmes or development partners in the implementation of any reform steps and shall explain the arrangements in place to prevent double funding.

Article 10
Data collection and transparency

1. The RGF NC, supported by the OPM/DEI and implementing institutions, commits to transparency and accountability in the implementation of the RGF.

2. The Government shall publish up-to-date data on final recipients receiving amounts of funding exceeding the equivalent of EUR 50,000 cumulatively over the period of 4 years, for the implementation of reforms and investments specified in the Facility.

3. Implementing institutions shall update the data referred to in paragraph 3 of this article at least once a year.

4. For final recipients referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, the following information shall be published in a machine-readable format on a webpage, in order of total funds received:
   4.1. In the case of a legal person, the recipient's full legal name and VAT identification number or tax identification number, where available, or another unique identifier established by the legislation applicable to the legal person;
   4.2. In the case of a natural person, the first and last name(s) of the recipient;
   4.3. The amount received by the recipient and the reforms and investments under the RGF RA that this amount contributes to implementing.

5. The information referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall not be published where disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of the final recipients concerned or seriously harming their commercial interests. However, such information shall be made available to the Commission and to the relevant Audit authority.

6. The RGF NC, supported by the OPM/DEI, shall transmit electronically to the EC at least once a year the data on the final recipients referred to in paragraph 3, by using the XML format following a template provided by the EC.

7. The RGF NC, supported by the OPM/DEI, shall ensure that the RGF RA and the requests for the release of funds are made publicly available no later than the first request for the release of funds.

8. Documents under the RGF are public documents, and public access to them shall be ensured in accordance with the applicable national legislation governing access to public documents.

9. Legislation and policies that will be adopted within the framework of the implementation of the RGF RA reform steps shall be consulted among institutions involved and with CSOs and other stakeholders in accordance with applicable legislation national legislation governing preliminary and public consultations. Pursuant to this legislation, such consultations shall be managed by the respective implementing institutions.

Article 11
Consultations with civil society, development partners and other stakeholders

1. OPM/DEI, in cooperation with the EC and implementing institutions, shall organise consultations with civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as relevant, as well as with development partners and international financial institutions, as necessary.

2. Consultations will be carried out within the RGF policy dialogue and Government inter-institutional coordination structures established under the FA and the present decision.

3. The RGF NC shall invite the stakeholders referred to in paragraph 1 of this article in the RGF MC and in meetings of Government inter-institutional coordination structures under the RGF. He/she shall engage directly in consultations with such stakeholders, in accordance with the FA.

Article 12
Reform and Growth Facility Communication and Visibility Plan

1. OPM/DEI, in cooperation with implementing institutions, shall prepare, implement and monitor a Communication and Visibility Plan for the RGF RA (RGF RA CVP), in cooperation other institutions involved in implementation of the RGF RA.

2. OPM/DEI shall also cooperate on this with other stakeholders, including the EC and the EU Office in Kosova.

3. The RGF NC shall report to the EC on implementation of the RGF RA CVP on annual basis.

Article 13

Prevention of irregularities, fraud and corruption

1. All implementing, monitoring and coordinating institutions taking part in the management and implementation of the RGF RA shall undertake the necessary measures for the prevention, detection, reporting, and correction of irregularities, fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest, and other unlawful activities, in accordance with national legislation and the FA.

2. Public institutions must report all detected cases of irregularities, fraud and corruption to the designated authority in accordance to the national established legal procedures.

Article 14
Corrective measures and recovery of funds

1. If irregularities, misuse, or non-compliance with the conditions of the FA or LA are identified, corrective measures shall be implemented without delay, including the recovery of unduly spent funds**,** suspension of payments**,** or termination of financing, in accordance with the applicable legislation and the FA.

2. In accordance with Article 14 of the FA, the Republic of Kosova shall grant the rights to the agents of the EC, OLAF, the ECA and the EPPO, within the limits of their respective mandates, to carry out any investigative or audit acts, including technical, financial and system verifications or audits, that they may consider necessary to follow the implementation of the RA. This includes visits of sites and premises where the RGF-funded activities are, will or have been implemented or managed.

3. The Republic of Kosova shall supply all requested information and documents including any electronic data and take all necessary measures to facilitate the work of the persons referred to in paragraph 2 of this article instructed to carry out audits, on-the-spot checks, inspections, or other investigative acts, without prejudice to the applicable data protection and data security provisions.

Article 15
Reform and Growth Facility Monitoring Committee

1. The Reform and Growth Facility Monitoring Committee between the EU and Kosova (RGF MC) shall serve as the joint institutional structure between the EU and Kosova for the high-level policy dialogue between the parties, in accordance with the FA.

2. The RGF MC shall assess the degree and quality of implementation of the RGF RA and investment projects under the RGF, as well as the fulfilment of RGF objectives and other obligations deriving from the FA and LA.

3. The RGF NC shall be the *ex officio* Co-chair, on behalf of the Republic of Kosova as the RGF Beneficiary, of the RGF MC.

4. The RGF NC may, in exceptional circumstances, assign a high-ranking official of the Government to co-chair specific meetings of the RGF MC on his/her behalf.

5. Members of the RGF MC representing the Republic of Kosova shall be senior officials of the OPM and ministries involved in the implementation of the RGF RA and in relation to the RGF, as well as of those involved in relation to investment projects, general conditions for support under the RGF, crosscutting issues, control and audit, and other aspects.

6. When required by the agenda, the Co-chair shall invite senior officials, of equivalent levels, of independent institutions involved in the implementation of the RGF RA and in relation to the RGF, as well as of those involved in relation to investment projects, general conditions for support under the RGF, crosscutting issues, control and audit, and other aspects, to attend meetings.

7. When required by the agenda, the either Co-chair shall invite representatives of EU institutions, development partners and international financial institutions to attend meetings.

8. The RFG NC, in the capacity of RGF MC Co-chair, shall invite representatives of civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as relevant, as well as with development partners and international financial institutions, as necessary, to attend meetings.

9. The RGF MC shall hold regular meetings once every year, at the invitation of either Co-chair. It may also be convened more often, in *ad hoc* meetings, at the invitation of either Co-chair.

Article 16
Reform and Growth Facility Government inter-institutional coordination structures

1. The Government inter-institutional coordination structures under the RGF shall be the following:
   1.1. Ministerial Council for European Integration (hereinafter, MCEI), acting in the capacity of the Reform and Growth Facility Steering Board (RGF SB);
   1.2. Working Committee for European Integration (hereinafter, WCEI), also acting in the capacity of the Reform and Growth Facility Implementation Committee (hereinafter, RGF IC); and
   1.3. Development Cooperation Monitoring Committee (hereinafter, DCMC).

Article 17
Ministerial Council for European Integration

1. The MCEI shall act in the capacity of the Reform and Growth Facility Steering Board.

2. In this capacity, the MCEI shall exercise the function of providing overall direction at the highest political level on the RGF, including the RGF RA, overseeing implementation, including regarding general conditions for support under this facility.

3. In this capacity, the MCEI shall exercise the same functions as with regard to the European Union (hereinafter, EU) integration process, as stipulated in Article 2 of the Government Decision No. 03/06, dated 13.04.2021.

4. The MCEI shall have the responsibility to review and recommend to the Government for approval the Single Project Pipeline for Infrastructure projects, applications for projects financed by funds provided by the EU in the framework of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) and the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), including the investment projects funded under the RGF.

5. In this capacity, MCEI shall have the same composition and as stipulated in Article 2 of the Government Decision No. 03/06, dated 13.04.2021. Its meetings shall also be attended by other participants, as stipulated in the same article. It shall function as stipulated in the same article.

Article 18
Working Committee for European Integration, also acting in the capacity of the Reform and Growth Facility Implementation Committee

1. The WCEI shall be an inter-institutional coordination structure at the level of the General Secretaries of the Government and other senior managers in the civil service, who, within the scope of their functions and rights, ensure cooperation among ministries and other state institutions in implementation of the RGF, including the RGF RA.

2. The WCEI shall exercise the same functions as with regard to the EU integration process, as stipulated in Article 3 of the Government Decision No. 03/06, dated 13.04.2021.

3. The WCEI shall have the same composition as stipulated in Article 3 of the Government Decision No. 03/06, dated 13.04.2021. Its meetings shall also be attended by other participants, as stipulated in the same article. It shall function as stipulated in the same article.

4. The WCEI shall also act in the capacity of the Reform and Growth Facility Implementation Committee. In this capacity, it shall act as the RGF coordinating structure at the sectoral level. It shall operate at the level of directors of departments, who, within the scope of their functions and mandate, coordinate regular activities in the respective policy areas for the implementation of the EU support for Kosova through the RGF, including on implementation of the RGF RA.

5. In the capacity of the RGF IC, the WCEI shall exercise the following functions:
   5.1. Discussing implementation of the RGF RA and the achievement of RGF objectives, including by identifying challenges and addressing them, as well as issuing recommendations for implementing institutions, the RGF NC and the RGF SB;
   5.2. Monitoring the implementation of the RGF RA and the achievement of RGF objectives of the Reform and Growth Facility through the RGF RA implementation Work Plan, including by regularly updating it and following up on its implementation and discussing, as relevant, monitoring and reporting guidelines;
   5.3. Discussing the implementation of the RGF RA in line with applicable rules and reporting on this, namely checks and verifications and audits, prevention of double funding, and

detection and prevention of irregularities, fraud, corruption and conflict of interest affecting EU's financial interests, as well as issuing recommendations for implementing institutions, the RGF NC and the RGF SB;

5.4. Coordinating and facilitating regular reporting to the EC on all aspects of the RGF, including the RGF RA, as well as discussing the respective reports, with a view to ensuring proper implementation of reform steps and achievement of such objectives;

5.5. Supporting the high-level policy dialogue under the RGF by discussing preparations for meetings of the RGF MC – including on the involvement of civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as relevant, and of development partners and international financial institutions, as necessary, in it – as well as by discussing and addressing its decisions and recommendations and monitoring their implementation;

5.6. Discussing the implementation of the RGF RA CVP, including mitigation measures, as well as issuing recommendations for implementing institutions, the RGF NC and the RGF SB.

6. The WCEI shall have the following composition:
   6.1. General Secretary of the OPM, Chair;
   6.2. General Secretaries of the ministries involved in the RGF, members;
   6.3. Representatives of OPM/DEI as the main national coordinating institution for the RGF, and of DEIPCs of the ministries involved in the RGF, members;
   6.4. Directors of departments of institutions responsible for implementation of the RGF RA who are responsible for implementation of reform steps, members;
   6.5. Director of the CHU of the ministry in charge of finance, member;
   6.6. Director of the Treasury and Director of the Budget Department of the ministry in charge of finance, members.

7. Depending on the agenda, the Chair may invite representatives of other institutions to attend its meetings.

8. Depending on the agenda, the Chair may invite representatives of the EU, as well as of civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, as well as of development partners and international financial institutions, as necessary, to attend its meetings.

9. The WCEI, including in the capacity of the RGF IC, shall hold meetings at least once every month, at the invitation of the Chair.

Article 19
Development Cooperation Monitoring Committee

1. The Development Cooperation Monitoring Committee is an inter-institutional coordination structure at the level of directors of departments and other professional-level civil service officials, responsible for coordinating EU and other development partner funds. Its purpose is to support the implementation of the obligations of the Republic of Kosova as foreseen in

Article 125 of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and Articles 6 and 52 of the IPA III Framework Agreement.

2. The DCMC shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:
   2.1. Discussing the linkage of EU and development partner funds with the European integration process and issuing recommendations;
   2.2. Discussing and reviewing the programming calendar for IPA, WBIF, and other instruments offered by the EU and development partners;
   2.3. Discussing challenges identified during the implementation of EU and development partner funds and offers recommendations for solutions;
   2.4. Discussing the annual IPA implementation report before submission to the EU, as well as the annual implementation report of development partner funds in the Republic of Kosova;
   2.5. Discussing preparations before meetings with the EU under the Joint Monitoring Committee for IPA and other planned meetings with development partners under international agreements;
   2.6. Issuing recommendations to the RGF IC and the MCEI on implementation of EU and development partner-funded projects.

3. The DCMC shall have the following composition:
   3.1. Director of the DCO, Chair;
   3.2. Director of the OCSAP, member;
   3.3. Director of the OPC, member;
   3.4. Director of the OECIM, member;
   3.5. Director of the OSP, member;
   3.6. Directors of DEIPCs in line ministries and officials responsible for coordinating EU and development partner funds in other institutions.

4. Depending on the agenda, the Chair may invite representatives of line ministries to attend its meetings.

5. Depending on the agenda, the Chair may invite representatives of other institutions to attend its meetings.

6. Depending on the agenda, the Chair may invite representatives of the EU, as well as civil society organisations, organisations representing the private sector, social partners and local authorities, development partners, international financial institutions, and experts, as necessary, to attend its meetings.

7. The DCMC shall hold meetings at least once in three months, at the invitation of the Chair.

Article 20
Secretariats

1. The inter-institutional coordination structures regulated by the present decision shall be supported in their functioning by their Secretariats.

2. Each Secretariat shall be responsible for organising the work of respective structure, and shall perform the following tasks:
    2.1. Preparing and distributing meeting agendas and other materials;
    2.2. Organising meetings and providing technical support during meetings;
    2.3. Preparing meeting minutes, conclusions and other materials and distributing them to members and meeting participants, as well as to other relevant parties;
    2.4. Providing support to the respective inter-institutional coordination structure in carrying out its functions;
    2.5. Monitoring implementation of the respective inter-institutional coordination structure's conclusions and Government's decisions implementing them, and upon its request submitting the monitoring results for further discussions and for undertaking necessary actions.

3. The Secretariat of the MCEI, also acting in the capacity of the RGF SB, shall be the OPM, respectively the OCSAP, for issues related to policy reforms, and the DCO, for issues related to EU funds and investment projects.

4. Members of the RGF MC Secretariat from Government's side will be from the OPM, respectively the OCSAP, for issues related to policy reforms, and the DCO, for issues related to EU funds and investment projects. The RGF MC Secretariat shall organise regular meetings at the technical level to prepare RGF MC meetings and to discuss all relevant issues related to the RGF.

5. The Secretariat of the WCEI, also acting in the capacity of the RGF IC, shall be OPM, namely offices covering respective policy areas: OPC, OECIM and OSP. It shall carry out its tasks, as needed, in cooperation with the OCSAP and DCO.

6. The Secretariat of the DCMC shall be the OPM, respectively the DCO.

Article 21
Other provisions

1. In the event of any change in the structures of any institution involved in the entire subject matter regulated by the present decision shall not affect the mandatory nature of the present decision. All responsibilities provided for hereby shall be performed by respective institutions in line with relevant Government decisions on the legal mandate and scope of responsibilities of such institutions.

2. The Government, in consultation with the EC and other entities affected, may decide to amend the present decision, if necessary, to adjust potential future changes in such structures. Such an amendment shall follow the same procedure followed for its initial adoption.

Article 22
Repeal

Upon the entry into force of this decision, the following provisions shall be repealed: points 2.5.5, 2.5.6, 3.4.6, 3.4.7, 3.4.8, and 3.4.9 of the Government Decision No. 04/12 dated 09.07.2020.

Article 23
Entry into force

The present decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Albin KURTI

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[signed]
Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosova

The decision is sent to:

- Deputy Prime Ministers;
- All Ministries (Ministers);
- Secretary General of the Office of the Prime Minister;
- Government Archive.

Annex: Institutional Responsibilities for the Implementation and Reporting on the RGF RA

RGF RA		Responsible institutions
Coordination		
Coordination of monitoring and reporting		Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
National Coordinator		Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
Submission of requests for the release of funds		Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
Investment projects		Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
Policy areas and subareas/components		*Responsible institutions*
1. Governance, Public Administration Reform and Public Finance Management	1.1. Public Administration Reform	Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Administration (MDPA) Ministry of Finance (MoF)
	1.2. Public Finance Management	Ministry of Finance (MoF) Public Procurement Regulatory Commission (PPRC) Procurement Review Body (PRB) Assembly National Audit Office (NAO)
2. Green and Digital Transition	2.1. Digitalisation of Public Services and Infrastructures	Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Administration (MDPA) Ministry of Economy (MoE) Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) Ministry of Finance (MoF) Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Innovation (MIETI) Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) Regulatory Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications (RAEPC) Assembly
	2.2. Cybersecurity	Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Administration (MDPA) Assembly
	2.3. Market Reforms	Ministry of Economy (MoE) Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Ministry of Finance (MoF) Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Innovation (MIETI) Energy Regulator Office (ERO) Kosova Transmission and System Operator (KOSTT) Kosova Energy Supply Company (KESCO) Kosova Energy Distribution System (KEDS) Kosova Energy Corporation (KEK)
	2.4. Decarbonisation Policy	Ministry of Economy (MoE) Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) Ministry for Labour, Family and Values of the Liberation War (MLFVLW)
	2.5. Renewables Deployment	Ministry of Economy (MoE) Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) Kosova Transmission and System Operator (KOSTT) Kosova Energy Distribution System (KEDS) Municipalities
	2.6. Energy Efficiency	Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) Ministry of Economy (MoE) Kosova Energy Efficiency Fund (KEEF)

		Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) Termokos Municipalities
3. Private Sector Development and Business Environment	3.1. Business Environment	Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Innovation (MIETI) Ministry of Finance (MoF) Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora (MFAD) Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Assembly State Aid Commission (SAC) Kosova Judicial Council (KJC) Public-Owned Enterprises (POEs)
	3.2. Access to Finance	Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Innovation (MIETI) Ministry of Finance (MoF) Central Bank of Kosova (CBK) Assembly Kosova Credit Guarantee Fund (KCGF)
4. Human Capital Development and Retention	4.1. Education	Ministry of Education and Science MES) Municipalities
	4.2. Labour Market	Ministry of Education and Science MES) Ministry for Labour, Family and Values of the Liberation War (MLFVLW) Assembly
5. Fundamentals / Rule of Law	5.1. Judiciary	Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Kosova Prosecutorial Council (KPC) Kosova Judicial Council (KJC) Agency for the Prevention of Corruption (APC)
	5.2. Fight against Corruption	Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Agency for the Prevention of Corruption (APC) Kosova Prosecutorial Council (KPC) Kosova Judicial Council (KJC)
	5.3. Fight against Organised Crime	Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Ministry of Finance (MoF) Kosova Prosecutorial Council (KPC) Kosova Judicial Council (KJC) National Coordinator for Economic Crime (NCEC) Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosova (SPRK)
	5.4. Fundamental Rights	Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Kosova Judicial Council (KJC) Kosova Prosecutorial Council (KPC)
	5.5. Democracy	Assembly
	5.6. Visa Policy	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora (MFAD) Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)