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**LV-C[C5]-I[5-2-1-1-i-] Research, development and consolidation grants**

**LV-C[C5]-I[5-2-1-1-i-]-T[163] Consolidation grants**

**Date of completion:** **Q3 2026**

**1) Context: description of the measure and relevant context from the CID annex** [text in full from the English version]

The objectives of the investment are to reduce the number of higher education institutions and scientific institutes through consolidation. The plan shall finance grants that shall incentivise higher education mergers, which shall help concentrate the scarce resources both in higher education and academic research. The approved consolidation plans of the higher education institutions shall include an investment plan. This may cover grants for structural change; exit grants for termination of employment with academic staff over 65 years of age; digitalisation, technological development, improvement of research and education infrastructure (excluding construction) and creation of new programmes of excellence. The investment may cover grant agreements concluded by the universities or research institutes for doctoral grants, post-doctoral grants or scientific (professor) grants as well as in-house research grants. The investment shall be implemented by 31 August 2026

**2) Copy of the milestone/target wording** [text in full from the English version]

| Seq.num | Measure (reform or investment) | Milestone/Target | Name | Qualitative indicators (for milestones) | Quantitative indicators (for targets) | | | Indicative timetable for completion | | Reporting and implementation responsibility | Description of each milestone and target |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Unit of measure | Baseline | Goal | Quarter | Year |
| 163 | C5.5-2-1-1-i- Research, development and consolidation grants | Target | Consolidation grants |  | Number of consolidation grant agreements concluded | 0 | 4 | Q3 | 2026 | Ministry of Education and Science | Four consolidation plans have been put in place, ensuring that the consolidation targets are met in line with the conditions for implementing the grants for consolidation and management changes. |

Verification mechanism:

Summary document duly justifying how the target (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled, with appropriate links to the underlying evidence. This shall include as an annex: copies of 4 consolidation grant agreements with the beneficiaries.

Further specification: (if relevant)

**3) List of key evidence provided in FENIX**

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|  | Identifier [same as in FENIX] | Name of the evidence.  For legal acts please provide the full legal reference and date of entry into force | Short description | Link to the requirements below |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |

**4) Detailed justification**

*[Explain clearly how the achievement of the milestone/target is demonstrated by the evidence provided,* ***covering ALL elements of the milestone/target and the elements of the measure description that are directly or indirectly linked to the milestone/target’s requirements.***  *(e.g. the fact that (i) a certain institution had (ii) to accomplish something (iii) in a certain way in order (iv) to achieve a certain goal (v) by a certain date). Please provide* ***a clear link between all the below elements and the one or more evidence items listed above.***

Requirement 1: ‘[excerpt from the milestones/target or the measure description]’

*[Explanation of fulfilment]*

Requirement 2: ‘[excerpt from the milestones/target or the measure description]’

*[Explanation of fulfilment]*

Requirement 3: ‘[excerpt from the milestones/target or the measure description]’

*[Explanation of fulfilment]*

[…]

Contribution to the achievement of other elements from the measure description: [evidence related to the elements that are not directly addressing the M/T but in the measure, where relevant]