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to the Commission**

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Subject: Coronavirus and EU funded projects

The coronavirus crisis has created an unprecedented situation affecting the whole of the European Union. The EU institutions have approved and put into effect a number of coordinated measures applicable to all Member States to tackle the COVID-19 outbreak. These include the temporary ban on all travel through the European Union unless strictly necessary, and other measures such as the mobilisation of funds to support national health systems and labour markets.

Member States have, for their part, put in place measures of their own, appropriate to the severity of the virus' impact in each country, to reduce the risk of infection amongst their population.

In Spain, the Spanish Government decreed a state of emergency on 13 March, which it is expected will be extended until 25 April, bringing economic activity in the country to a halt.

This exceptional shutdown will have a huge impact in 2020 on those projects and programmes already under way that benefit from EU funding, as it will not be possible to carry them out. In view of this:

1. What will happen to projects that had started but which have now been put on hold indefinitely?
2. Is the Commission planning measures to extend the deadlines for their implementation?