Question for written answer E-001390/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 Krzysztof Hetman (PPE)

Subject: National recovery plans

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused major economic and social damage in the European Union. In order to emerge from this crisis and to make sure that the European economy is as sustainable as possible but also resilient and better prepared for future crises, the European Commission, European Parliament and the Heads of State or Government of the EU have approved a recovery plan for Europe, which includes the European Recovery and Resilience Facility, with a budget allocation of EUR 672.5 billion. The Member States must draw up national recovery plans in order to access these funds.

I would therefore like to ask whether under this Facility, should the Member State in question so wish, the Commission would accept the inclusion in the national recovery plan of the option of refinancing the costs incurred by companies since the start of the pandemic as a result of the exceptional circumstances in which they found themselves.