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to the Commission**

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Subject: Sustainable urban development funds to achieve the objectives of the Green Deal

Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 on the ERDF states that, over the period 2014-2020, at least 5% of ERDF resources should be used to finance integrated actions for sustainable urban development. Following the negotiations on the new ERDF Regulation for the period 2021-2027, this percentage increased to 8% given the importance of urban areas in achieving the ambitious goals of the Green Deal.

In this regard, projects carried out in certain localities, such as the renovation of Río Jarama street in Toledo (Spain), seem not to meet the sustainability requirements set out in the Common Provisions Regulation or the 2014-2020 ERDF Regulation.

The renovation of Río Jarama street, which is 80% co-financed by European funds, does not include any green infrastructure (charging points, trees, etc.) contributing to a 'sustainable' objective over the two kilometres of public roads being renovated.

1. What action does the Commission intend to take to ensure that sustainable urban development funds are invested in projects that improve the liveability and sustainability of our cities?
2. What control mechanisms are in place to ensure the correct use of these funds in the Member States?