

**Question for written answer E-003021/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Bilateral relations between the Commission and political groups in the assessment of national recovery and resilience plans

According to the Bloomberg news agency, the Green Group in the European Parliament sent a letter to the Commission in early June, published also in the international press, expressing severe criticism of many of the national recovery and resilience plans. The letter includes allegations that several governments, including Italy's, have included, in their respective plans, investments described as 'green', but which are far from the parameters required to obtain funding from Next Generation EU.

As stated in the above-mentioned press reports, it was apparently the Commission itself which had instructed the Greens to carry out an assessment of the projects and their environment-friendliness, and to report back to it.

Given that the ECON-BUDG Working Group on the Recovery and Resilience Facility, set up on 21 April, has met seven times, even though it had been charged with the important task of directly monitoring the national plans and reporting to the Commission, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Can it confirm the news published in the press?
2. If so, how does it justify the establishment of such a bilateral, exclusive relationship with a specific political group in relation to the normal democratic methods of communication between the institutions and to the normal performance of the duties assigned by the institutions to the ECON-BUDG Working Group?