Question for written answer E-003392/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 Idoia Villanueva Ruiz (The Left)

Subject: Green Deal and recovery funds for the energy transition

Countless platforms in Navarre are warning the Commission of the risk that the Green Deal and recovery funds for the energy transition turn into another new get-rich-quick construction scheme, without strategically addressing this transition, and have an impact on the problem of depopulation and on opportunities for sustainable and fair development.

European funds are being used to develop large-scale renewable energy plants in Navarre and throughout Spain en masse, with no environmental impact reports or clear plans on how energy will be stored and distributed. Only in the Autonomous Community of Navarre are new wind projects currently being developed – in Lesaka, Tierra Estella (Urbasa-Andia), Lizoain-Arriasgoiti, Esteribar, Olaibar, Ezkabarte, Valle de Egües, Anotzibar and Zona Media – and solar parks are being installed in the area of the Sierra de El Perdón, Olite and La Ribera.

Is the Commission considering attaching additional requirements to the funds in order to ensure that the energy transition does not become another get-rich-quick construction scheme and that there is a just transition in line with the environmental objectives and life development plans in depopulated areas?