

**Question for written answer E-004730/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Complementarity between the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and other EU funds

In accordance with the RRF Regulation¹, actions should avoid double funding from the Facility and from other Union programmes for the same expenditure, and the Commission and Member States should safeguard complementarity among sources of funding.

As part of the Spanish recovery, transformation and resilience plan, Investment 9 of Component 3 aims to 'promote sustainability, research, innovation and digitalisation in the fisheries sector' and prioritises the 'digitalisation of fishing-fleet surveillance²', although the Fisheries Control Regulation reform has not yet been finalised.

At the same time, under the Regulation establishing the new European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)³, at least 15% of the EU financial support to each Member State is to be allocated for the specific objective of fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement.

1. Without addressing the merits of focusing RRF expenditure on fisheries control, how will the Commission ensure complementarity between the RRF and EMFAF funding for the digitalisation of fleet control systems and avoid double funding?
2. Given that control is so important under the EMFAF, does the Commission not believe that RRF funds could be allocated to other productive investments in the fishery sector?

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17).

² Recovery, transformation and resilience plan, Component 3: <https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/temas/fondos-recuperacion/Documents/16062021-Componente3.pdf>

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, and amending Regulation (EU) No 2017/1004 (OJ L 247, 13.7.2021, p. 1).