

**Question for written answer E-004857/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Support for the creation of women's enterprises in the Italian recovery and resilience plan

As part of mission five of the Italian recovery and resilience plan, the Italian authorities have introduced mechanisms such as equality quotas in calls for tenders, making the funding of projects conditional on the recruitment of women, as well as providing funding from a newly created fund to support for the creation of women's enterprises¹.

How will the Italian Government make sure that money is not granted to Italian companies that use a 'straw woman' during the start-up phase in order to pocket the subsidy, and then change the management structure of the company as soon as the subsidy is received, and how will the Commission scrutinise this process?

¹ Country Specific Recommendations and Recovery and Resilience Plans – Thematic overview on gender-related issues, EPRS, PE 689.470, 25.10.2021, p. 21.