

**Question for written answer E-005189/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unjustified failure to approve the Polish National Recovery and Resilience Plan

Contrary to the rules governing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the Commission is withholding approval of the Polish National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP). This instrument aims to mitigate the economic and social consequences of the pandemic and to accelerate the green and digital transitions. The Commission is not questioning the provisions of the Polish NRRP; however, it is actively seeking to interfere in this Member State's reform of its justice system through its attempts to impose legal provisions on national legislation – an action which falls outside the EU's competences. Indeed, the Union has no legislative competence to organise the justice systems of the Member States, to determine the competences of their respective authorities, to influence the internal organisation of those authorities or to suspend their activities.

1. On what legal grounds is the Commission refusing to accept the Polish NRRP, which was drafted by the Polish Government in line with Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council?
2. Given that the EU is not a sovereign state and has no competence to define its own competences, why is the Commission attempting to force a reform of the justice system on Poland, whose organisation is similar to existing justice systems in other Member States?