

**Question for written answer E-005492/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: *Foro Santiago: Camino de Consenso* (Santiago Forum: Path to Consensus) institutional declaration and disbursement by the Spanish regions of 50% of the EU recovery funds

On 23 November 2021, the presidents of eight Spanish regions signed the *Foro Santiago: Camino de Consenso* (Santiago Forum: Path to Consensus) institutional declaration (see below).

In paragraph 35 of the declaration, the presidents highlighted 'the need for truly effective multilevel co-governance' of the Next Generation EU funds 'through increased decision-making capacity for the autonomous communities in the allocation of funds'. They stressed that 'the Government is fulfilling its commitment to devote 50% of the funds received from the European Union to the autonomous communities'.

On 26 October 2021, the Spanish Prime Minister promised that some 50% of the Recovery Plan funds would be disbursed by the autonomous communities, in line with their powers¹.

The Commission has already recognised that involving the autonomous communities in the plan is 'essential for the effectiveness of its implementation, as they play a key role in the design and implementation of many policies and investments' and that 'more active involvement of the autonomous communities could help to ensure that reforms and investments are implemented effectively'².

Is the Commission aware that the autonomous communities are disbursing 50% of the funds under the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan?

¹ <https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/presidente/actividades/Paginas/2020/261020-presidente.aspx>

² Commission Staff Working Document. Analysis of the recovery and resilience plan of Spain accompanying the proposal for a Council Implementing Decision on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain. SWD(2021) 147 final.