

**Question for written answer E-005533/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Disbursement of EU funds in Spain in 2021

In the General State Budget for 2021, the Spanish Government included estimated expenditure of EUR 27 billion in EU recovery funds (EUR 2 billion from REACT-EU, 9 billion from Recovery and Resilience Facility pre-financing and EUR 16 billion from the first tranche of aid).

However, according to estimates by the Fundación de las Cajas de Ahorros (Funcas)<sup>1</sup>, and less than one month before the end of the 2021 financial year, the Spanish Government has disbursed only 5.7% of the EU recovery funds budgeted for this year.

1. As far as the Commission is aware, how much of its EU funds has Spain disbursed in 2021?
2. The Spanish Government has estimated that there will be a cumulative increase in the country's GDP levels of 2.8%, 4.15% and 4.16% and a cumulative increase in its employment levels of 1.2%, 2.9% and 3.1% in the first three years of the implementation of its National Recovery and Resilience Plan<sup>2</sup>. Given the very low implementation rate expected in 2021, does the Commission consider those forecasts realistic?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.funcas.es/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CIE-285-digital.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> 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), page 71.