

**Question for written answer E-001270/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up to Question E-005491/21 on economic growth forecasts for Spain and Italy in 2021

In its answer of 18 March 2022 to Question E-005491/21, the Commission attached a graph showing how gross value added (GVA) had evolved in several economic sectors in Spain and Italy.

The Commission's figures show that industry in Italy had already at that point returned to pre-pandemic levels, whereas industry in Spain was still five percentage points below those levels. The Italian construction sector, moreover, had by then risen 10 percentage points above its 2019 Quarter 4 figure, while in Spain it was around 15 percentage points below the 2019 figure. 'Contract intensive services' had also recovered better in Italy than in Spain.

To what factors does the Commission attribute the fact that since the start of the pandemic, the recovery in like-for-like sectors has been better in Italy than in Spain, irrespective of the weight of these sectors in each of these economies?