In its reply of 11 March 2022, the Commission explained that the employment and social policies in Spain are subject to a regular annual analysis within the European Semester. As regards employment targets, within the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) Action plan, an EU level target was defined and welcomed by EU leaders at the June 2021 European Council, aiming that at least 78% of the population aged 20 to 64 is in employment by 2030. Spain has submitted its national targets in line with the EPSR Action Plan1.

22 out of 23 Operational Programmes2 of the European Social Fund (ESF) in Spain support a wide range of measures to reduce the unemployment rate including assistance by the employment services, vocational training, employment promotion and self-employment in line with the investment priorities of the ESF regulation3. In all programmes a list of output and results indicators are defined in line with the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)4. Spain provides reports on the operational implementation yearly. The reports and the ‘Citizens’ summaries’ are on the webpage of the Management Authority. Spain implements a dedicated Evaluation plan for each programme and the Evaluation reports published so far can be consulted online5.

The Commission carries out a review of the performance of each programme each year on the basis of the annual implementation reports. In a more aggregated manner, the Commission has prepared a Summary report of the programmes implementation covering the period 2014-2018, in 20196. A specific page dedicated to the achievements in Spain supported by EU funds can be found on the Open Data platform7. Finally, a comprehensive ex-post evaluation is being prepared in parallel with the finalization of the programming period.

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5 https://www.mites.gob.es/uafse/es/evaluaciones/informes/index.htm
7 https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/countries/ES#