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to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of Next Generation EU funds in highly sensitive mountain areas in the Aragonese Pyrenees

The Spanish Government has awarded Next Generation EU funds to mass ski tourism projects in highly sensitive mountain areas in the Aragonese Pyrenees, i.e.:

– A cable-car linking Candanchú and Astún. This is the first phase of a larger project that will destroy the Roya-Ibones Canal area of Anayet, covering the Pico and Turberas del Anayet SCI, which is in the process of being declared a nature park.

– A road between Castanesa and the Cerler ski resort. This project lacks an environmental impact statement and will lead to traffic involving thousands of vehicles around the Esera river SAC and the Posets-Maladeta nature park. It also affects areas of interest for the conservation of endangered species.

With that in mind:

1. What measures and safeguards is the Commission taking to prevent these high-impact projects from breaching EU legislation on biodiversity and water, and to ensure compliance with the 'do no significant harm' principle?
2. Does the Commission agree with such projects being labelled as 'sustainable tourism'?
3. Does the Commission consider that the Next Generation EU funds linked to this infrastructure will achieve the objectives of the green and digital transition of European economies?