Question for written answer E-003417/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Brando Benifei (S&D)

Subject: Doubts about the environmental sustainability of the construction of a cable car in Genoa with NRRP funds

In Genoa, there is a project financed by the NRRP for Culture, amounting to EUR 69 970 000, covering work on the construction of a cable car (EUR 29 850 000 + EUR 5 million for the arrival hub) and the upgrading of the Forte Begato (EUR 10 809 500), Forte Belvedere (EUR 5.5 million), Forte Tenaglie (EUR 3.4 million), Forte Crocetta (EUR 1.5 million) and the road linking the forts (EUR 8.6 million); EUR 3.4 million for the Historical Aqueduct; EUR 1 million for Porta Soprana and the walls between Begato and the Castellaccio; and EUR 500 000 for Forte Santa Tecla, Forte Puin, Torre Granara.

In September 2022, a variation to the project apparently redirected basic resources for the renovation of the forts to the work on the cable car, thus amounting to EUR 37 million out of the total of EUR 70 million: work with a serious environmental and landscape impact, with the building of pylons over 80 metres high, and social impact, because of the inconvenience it would cause for people living in the districts, particularly Lagaccio.

In the light of the above:

- 1. Is the Commission aware of the developments in the project?
- 2. Is the construction of a cable car of this kind in line with the environmental sustainability objectives of NextGenerationEU, such as the DNSH (Do No Significant Harm) principle, according to which Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) measures should not cause significant harm to the environment?