Question for written answer E-003419/2022/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: State of play as regards the implementation of Italy's NRRP

A series of contradictory remarks have been made over the past weeks in Italy about the state of play as regards the implementation of the NRRP. While former Prime Minister Mario Draghi said that the implementation of the NRRP is on track, Giorgia Meloni, the to-be head of government, said that there are obvious delays that will be difficult to make up for.

Political controversy aside, the recent note updating the Economic and Financial Document (EFD) shows that the amount actually spent on NRRP projects this year will be lower than estimated in the 2022 EFD as a number of projects began later than intended, and this despite the fact that the qualitative targets set for the first half of 2022 have been met.

Out of the 191.5 billion allocated to Italy, only 21 instead of the 29.4 foreseen in the 2022 EFD will actually be spent this year.

These spending capacity issues are having an impact on the growth, recovery and resilience objectives of the NRRP.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say:

- 1. Where the implementation of Italy's NRRP is at in terms of objectives/targets met and above all in terms of funding already used and expenditure certified to the Commission?
- 2. What actions it could take to speed up spending?
- 3. As things stand, whether it does not think that all the conditions are still in place for the new Italian Government to be able to achieve the objectives set out in the PNRR?

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