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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Mismanagement of Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds by the Spanish Government

The Spanish Government is one of the largest beneficiaries of the RRF (it has been allocated EUR 69.5 billion). However, it missed a second deadline last month to implement a reform required in order for the next tranche of money from the RRF to be released<sup>12</sup>.

To date, the Spanish Government has received EUR 31 billion of its total allocation, but only 52 milestones and targets have been assessed<sup>3</sup>, which account for 22 % of those planned<sup>4</sup>. In many Member States, and especially in Spain, regions have the key competences and legislative power to implement significant transformational reforms that impact the entire socioeconomic spectrum, including small and medium-sized enterprises<sup>56</sup>.

The Spanish Government has not been involving local or regional governments in the design and implementation of what will surely be the biggest investment effort in Spain since the beginning of the century. This is already affecting how RRF funds are being managed.

1. How is the Commission encouraging Spain to apply the subsidiarity principle so that regions and local authorities with legislative powers are involved in managing the RRF?
2. What additional risk assessment mechanisms will the Commission put in place to ensure that the funds are properly managed?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-10-14/spain-risks-missing-recovery-fund-cash-after-skipping-deadlines>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.abc.es/economia/gobierno-sustituye-responsable-controlar-fondos-europeos-plena-20221018180927-nt.html?ref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.abc.es%2Feconomia%2Fgobierno-sustituye-responsable-controlar-fondos-europeos-plena-20221018180927-nt.html%3Fref%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.abc.es%2F>

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/live\\_work\\_travel\\_in\\_the\\_eu/find\\_a\\_job\\_in\\_another\\_eu\\_country/documents/rrf-preliminary-assessment-1st-payment-request-spain.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/live_work_travel_in_the_eu/find_a_job_in_another_eu_country/documents/rrf-preliminary-assessment-1st-payment-request-spain.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/recovery-and-resilience-scoreboard/country\\_overview.html?country=Spain](https://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/recovery-and-resilience-scoreboard/country_overview.html?country=Spain)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.bruegel.org/blog-post/will-european-union-countries-be-able-absorb-and-spend-well-blocs-recovery-funding>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.ceps.eu/ceps-publications/the-recovery-and-resilience-facility/?mc\\_cid=16389b706b&mc\\_eid=152c004230](https://www.ceps.eu/ceps-publications/the-recovery-and-resilience-facility/?mc_cid=16389b706b&mc_eid=152c004230)