Question for written answer E-003820/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Susana Solís Pérez (Renew)

Subject: Beneficiaries of the Just Transition Fund: the case of Alcudia

In June 2021, Parliament adopted a regulation establishing the Just Transition Fund, which provides Spain with EUR 790 million to mitigate the negative effects of the energy transition.

The Commission clearly identifies the eight provinces considered to be particularly affected by the energy transition in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex I to the Regulation. However, the closure of highly polluting industries affects other territories, such as Puertollano, where two thermal power stations have been closed, or Torrelavega, where the closure of the chemical industry has led to job and population losses.

According to the latest information from the Spanish Just Transition Institute, the municipality of Alcudia has been included among the eligible areas and will receive EUR 16 million. This would result in a loss of 4% of the funds foreseen for each Autonomous Community pre-selected by the Commission.

In this connection:

- 1. What criteria have the Just Transition Institute and the Commission used to include Alcudia, and not another area, among the beneficiary territories? Are there other territories that could benefit but are not benefiting?
- 2. Does the Commission consider that the principle of competition has been complied with in the selection of the Alcudia Tech Mar project?

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