

**Question for written answer E-003906/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Problems with expenditure, delays in reaching targets and lack of precise monitoring of Italy's NRRP

For around a week now, the Italian Government has been complaining of an inability to outlay funds under the NRRP after experiencing delays in expenditure and indiscretions surrounding a potential request to the Commission to postpone the deadline for Italy's NRRP from 2026 to 2028.

More specifically, the Minister for European Affairs, Raffaele Fitto, has estimated that as of 31 December 2022 expenditure will be below the intermediate objective of EUR 21 billion. On top of this, there are serious delays in reaching 30 of the 55 targets expiring in December 2022. This is due to the huge volume of public works (120 billion out of a total 230 million) and to a 35% increase in raw materials. The Minister for Maritime Affairs, Sebastiano Musumeci, has intimated that he is awaiting 'an EU response' to the request for an extension of the deadline to 2028¹.

Article 20(5)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of 12 February 2021 sets the binding deadline of 31 August 2026 for achieving the milestones and targets both for investment projects and for reforms.

What is the Commission's view of:

1. the prospective request for an extension of the NRRP to 2028, and can it state whether discussions are ongoing with the Italian Government;
2. the problems bringing the procedures under the NRRP to completion;
3. the lack of precise and constantly-updated monitoring of the state of play concerning calls and projects²?

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¹ https://www.corriere.it/economia/aziende/22_dicembre_01/governo-vuole-rivedere-tempi-costi-piano-ripresa-resilienza-3100e0ac-7145-11ed-ac64-455b100c2edd.shtml

² <https://www.openpolis.it/il-pnrr-e-i-ritardi-dei-progetti/>