

**Question for written answer E-000681/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Management of EU funds in Spain

Spanish media outlets have published information about the 'Mediador affair' suggesting that the European Commission has been aware, since 2018, of possible irregularities in the management of the EU project GAR-SI SAHEL. In addition, one of the key players involved in the scheme has claimed that fraud was involved in the way some NextGenerationEU funds have been awarded.

In light of this:

1. Can the Commission say when it became aware of possible irregularities in the management of the EU project GAR-SI SAHEL and what steps it has taken as a result?
2. What information does the Commission have about possible irregularities in the way NextGenerationEU funds have been awarded in Spain?
3. Does the Commission believe that the management of NextGenerationEU funds in Spain is being properly supervised and how will it respond if fraudulent management of those funds is confirmed?

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