

**Question for written answer E-001604/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: National recovery and resilience plans

NextGenerationEU is the EU's EUR 800 billion temporary recovery instrument for supporting economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and building a greener, more digital and more resilient future. Most of the budget made available under NextGenerationEU is managed directly by the Commission, meaning that the Commission has primary responsibility for ensuring that the funds are spent properly and used effectively. Given this:

1. For which Member States were corrections made or payments suspended as a result of unsatisfactory progress on milestones or targets?
2. Did the Commission engage external experts pursuant to Article 19(6) (assessing national recovery and resilience plans) or Article 24(3) (assessing the achievement of milestones and targets) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241? If so, what are the experts' affiliations?
3. The European Court of Auditors recommended thoroughly documenting the project appraisal process in order to clearly identify the role of different entities in technical consultations with other directorates-general and determine the scope of these consultations. What solutions does the Commission plan to implement to ensure that this process is transparent and properly documented?

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