

**Question for written answer E-002935/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Paying to use major roads in Spain

In its recovery plan, the Spanish Government included 'the development of a payment mechanism for the use of major roads' as one of its aims. This inclusion was approved by the Commission as part of one of Spain's commitments that had to be met to receive the sixth tranche of funds from the EU Recovery Fund. Despite this, the government denied having made the commitment during the past election campaign and the Commission had to rebut it, maintaining that the commitment had been made.

According to media reports, the Spanish Government has reached an agreement with the Commission – with Commissioner Vălean, we understand – to put an end to this commitment, which is affecting mobility and transportation.

1. Could the Commission confirm whether the payment mechanism for the use of major roads was a commitment it required? Or was it the Spanish Government that took the decision to include it in the addendum to the recovery plan?
2. What measures have the Commission and the Spanish Government negotiated to compensate for the revenue that was originally expected to be generated by this payment mechanism?

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