The Spanish Ministry of Transport is increasing the public stock of social rental homes on public land. The programme is making use of EUR 1 billion of Next Generation funds and is being distributed to beneficiaries via the autonomous regional governments. The Castilla-La Mancha regional government is distributing these funds in a non-transparent way that is at odds with the objectives of the European Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan. It was recently announced that 475 homes would be built, financed with EUR 17 million of EU funds. According to the president, these homes 'will not be social rental housing'. This contradicts the plan’s objective through a questionable public procurement process and will result in rent prices of EUR 646, which is higher than the market rate. Against a backdrop of high rental prices and increasing mortgages, the creation of rental homes above the market rate despite the availability of land and EU funding signifies the delivery of public resources to private hands.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission take the view that the strategies deployed to construct homes financed partly by Next Generation funds can be priced higher than the market rate?

2. Due to the lack of transparency from the Castilla-La Mancha regional government, could the Commission request information from this government on the funding of our homes?

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