

**Priority question for written answer P-002602/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Subject: failure of the Spanish Government to consult the autonomous communities when drawing up the national recovery and resilience plan

Recital 34 of Regulation (EU)2021/241 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility¹ states that 'regional and local authorities can be important partners in the implementation of reforms and investments. In that regard, they should be appropriately consulted and involved, in accordance with the national legal framework.'

Moreover, in detailing the content of national recovery and resilience plans, Article 18(4)(q) of that regulation requires, 'for the preparation and, where available, for the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan, a summary of the consultation process, conducted in accordance with the national legal framework, of local and regional authorities [...] and how the input of the stakeholders is reflected in the recovery and resilience plan'.

Regional finance ministers in Spain have criticised the central government's lack of dialogue and failure to consult the autonomous communities when preparing the national recovery and resilience plan², which the Commission received on 30 April³.

1. How does the Commission view those criticisms?
2. Does it feel that the input of the regional authorities should be reflected in the plan?

¹ OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, pp. 17-75 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L:2021:057:TOC>)

² <https://www.elmundo.es/economia/macroeconomia/2021/04/19/607d9d83fc6c8340158b45df.html>

³ https://www.ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_2097