

**Priority question for written answer P-001193/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Non-publication of RRF loan agreements

Regulation (EU) 2021/241 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) has the specific objective of providing Member States with financial support so as to achieve the milestones and targets for the reforms and investments set out in their NRRPs.

Such support is provided upon assessment and approval by the Council of the recovery and resilience plan, in accordance with Article 20(1) of the RRF Regulation, on the basis, inter alia, of a loan agreement concluded between the Commission and the Member State.

As things stand, six Member States have opted for loans after signing a loan agreement with the Commission. However, not all the Member States have decided to publish their respective loan agreements.

Transparency is a guiding principle of EU action, and a principle of administrative action in the individual countries concerned. What is more, these financial resources will have to be reimbursed by European taxpayers in the years to come.

In view of the above:

1. What reasons does the Commission imagine might underlie the decision by certain Member States, and particularly Italy – which is the largest beneficiary and user of the loans component – not to publish these agreements?
2. Does it not agree that this decision constitutes a breach of the principle of transparency?