

**Priority question for written answer P-001147/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financing of the project to redevelop the Artemio Franchi stadium in Florence

Recent statements by Céline Gauer, director-general of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force, together with some press reports, indicate that the Commission intends not to consider the Artemio Franchi stadium redevelopment project in Florence eligible for funding as part of the integrated urban projects under the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP).

The project was included in the NRRP approved by the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) in an implementing decision of 13 July 2021, providing for financing of EUR 55 million. On the basis of that approval, the Municipality of Florence has already spent EUR 8.5 million on design and preliminary investigation activities.

The redevelopment project is in the area of Campo di Marte, which the Italian State considers a 'degraded area', as certified by the ISTAT social and material vulnerability index.

In view of the above:

1. Why were such sensitive remarks made about the project more than a year and a half after its approval?
2. On the basis of what procedure does the Commission intend to withdraw the funding granted to a project which has already been approved and is now being carried out?
3. On the basis of what indicators and/or impact assessments does the Commission consider Campo di Marte a 'non-depressed area' and therefore not eligible for funding, thus refuting the Italian State's assessments?

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