

**Priority question for written answer P-002698/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Postponement by one year of a development phase by the Project 3 Mobility company

Two years ago, an agreement was reached with the Commission to complete production of 60 verification prototypes of self-driving taxis by the first quarter of 2024, including the development of an autonomous vehicle platform, a battery system and prototype testing. It should be noted that the project is part of the modified National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) and is co-financed by EU funds. However, given that on 31 August 2023, the Government of the Republic of Croatia officially requested an extension of the deadline from the Commission for one of the phases in the development of self-driving taxis by entrepreneur and innovator Mate Rimac. This forms part of the project 'Research, development and production of new mobility vehicles and supporting infrastructure'¹.

In this connection:

1. Is it true that the Government of the Republic of Croatia has requested an extension of the deadline for one of the phases in the development of self-driving taxis by entrepreneur and innovator Mate Rimac?
2. Why did the Government of the Republic of Croatia request an extension of the deadline, and on what grounds?
3. Are there other similar cases in which a deadline extension is requested, and how many times can an extension be granted?

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¹ <https://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/sto-je-rimac-dosad-obecao-s-robotaksijima-a-nije-napravio/2494367.aspx>