

**Question for written answer E-002827/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Irregularities in the use of national RRP funds in Campania: new hospital in Battipaglia

With ruling 2149/2024, Campania's Regional Administrative Court annulled the regional decisions on the construction of a new hospital in Battipaglia, pointing to major issues in the management of funds under the 'M6C2' (innovation, research and digitalisation of the national health service) section of the national Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), as well as in regional health planning.

According to the court, the funds from the national RRP, which were meant to be used to ensure the seismic safety and energy efficiency of two existing hospitals, have been redirected towards the construction of a new facility without proper health planning and in breach of EU law (specifically, the Floods Directive 60/2007).

Among the issues highlighted, the decision seems to undermine joint decisions taken previously on the basis of a pre-feasibility study that identified Eboli as the optimal area.

The site chosen for construction is located in an area of high hydrogeological risk, which is contrary to the principle of 'do no significant harm' laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/241.

In view of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that the national RRP funds are used in compliance with the 'do no significant harm' principle and the EU sustainability and equity objectives?
2. What tools does it use to ensure that Member States' health planning meets EU standards on fair access to care and environmental protection?
3. Will it launch checks on the management of the project to build a new hospital in Battipaglia in view of the irregularities highlighted in the regional court's ruling?

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