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Despite recent newspaper reports with misleading headlines such as ‘Spain: Europe’s economic engine’, the reality is quite different. Spain continues to face significant challenges, such as one of the highest unemployment rates of the OECD member countries, an economy dependent on low value-added sectors and a growing public debt.

Moreover, the lack of political and social will to harness strategic natural and energy resources such as lithium are limiting its ability to lead Europe’s industrial transition. Continued tax hikes, interventionism and bureaucracy are stifling business competitiveness, driving away key investments. Efficient use of EU funds must be ensured, and urgent action must be taken to correct these structural problems.

In this regard:

1. What measures is the Commission taking to ensure that EU funds earmarked for Spain are used efficiently in strategic sectors such as the technology industry?

2. How could the Commission encourage greater regulatory flexibility in Spain to attract key industrial and energy investment?

3. What action does it consider necessary to encourage the exploration and exploitation of strategic resources such as lithium in Spain?

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