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Subject: The impact of tax hikes in Spain – A threat to competitiveness and social cohesion

We view with great concern the fiscal policy of the current Spanish Government, led by Pedro Sánchez. The government has announced an unprecedented tax increase, estimated at EUR 60 billion. This increase represents a revenue equivalent to Spain's annual spending on education, or double the amount obtained through corporate taxation, and is a disproportionate blow to citizens, who are already affected by inflation and economic stagnation.

Spain does not need more taxes; it needs structural reforms. The excuse of harmonising the tax burden with other EU countries is unfounded, as it fails to consider that richer countries have robust economies that can support higher tax burdens without harming their citizens. In Spain, by contrast, a poorly designed tax model continues to punish labour recruitment and entrepreneurship. We are concerned that these fiscal plans ignore viable alternatives, such as optimising public spending.

In view of this:

1. How does the Commission assess the impact of a tax hike of this magnitude on Spain's economic competitiveness and social cohesion?

2. What measures does the Commission propose to prevent NextGenerationEU funds from being wasted on ineffective projects?

3. Is the Commission considering revising its approach to Spain to prioritise structural reforms rather than tax increases?

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