

**Question for written answer E-002870/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of NRRP funds for integrated home care services and healthcare professional shortages in Italy

Italy will, under mission 6 of its national recovery and resilience plan (NRRP), invest EUR 2 billion of Next Generation EU funds to increase the share of the population over 65 in integrated home care to 10 %.

Italy is now claiming that it has achieved this objective, even though the country continues to be beset by systemic shortages of nursing staff and physiotherapists. In addition, there is no evidence that Italy's policies have increased the number of available healthcare professionals in the country between 2023 and 2025.

Given its role in monitoring the implementation of NRRPs, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware of any discrepancies between the actual number of new patients admitted to integrated home care services and Italy's reporting criteria?
2. Has Italy documented whether the aforementioned increase is the result of new staff being recruited or of the reorganisation of existing resources and non-accredited entities?
3. Does the Commission believe that the measures taken by Italy to overcome its shortage of healthcare professionals are sufficient to ensure the medium-to-long-term sustainability of the EU's investment

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