

Question for written answer E-004085/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Stabilising and securing of the Garisenda Tower in Bologna

Some two years ago, the monitoring committee for the Garisenda Tower, a historical monument that symbolises Bologna, warned that the tower was at risk of collapse. Despite this, the works to stabilise the tower have not yet started and there would seem to be no transparent plan for putting them into operation.

The city is said to have spent millions on installing metal containers around the tower, but these are doing nothing to help steady it and exactly how and when this will be done remains uncertain. Meanwhile, Bologna City Council has failed to provide any clear information to the public, with a total lack of transparency.

Following the emergency, resources were allocated for restoring and securing the Garisenda Tower under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) – Mission 1, Component 3, ‘Tourism and Culture’ – which forms part of the NextGenerationEU programme.

Any delay or non-compliance by Bologna City Council in the implementation or reporting of projects financed by the NRRP-NextGenerationEU risks incurring the loss of the corresponding European funding, thus entailing economic damage not only to the city, but also to Italy, which is managing the implementation of the NRRP rigorously and responsibly.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission know what stage has been reached in the works on the Garisenda Tower?
2. Will it verify, in cooperation with the Italian authorities, that the EU funding for this is being used correctly by the Bologna City Council administration?

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