

**Question for written answer E-004932/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Use of NextGenerationEU funds in the ‘Pyrenees Plan’ and conformance with climate targets

The NextGenerationEU funds were approved to kickstart the post-pandemic recovery and were made conditional on environmental sustainability targets, tackling climate change and efficient use of public resources.

The Government of Aragon has received NextGenerationEU funding for the ‘Pyrenees Plan’, presented as a tourism strategy. However, the plan gives priority to snow tourism and infrastructure, despite scientific warnings about the model’s failure owing to climate change and its environmental impacts.

One of the projects, the Benasque cable car, was declared illegal in a court ruling and a request has been made for the withdrawal of EU funds. What is more, a number of beneficiary municipalities are amending their urban plans to allow for an increase in ski resort housing, raising doubts about the use of these funds to aid urban expansion in a manner that appears inconsistent with the EU’s climate and environmental objectives.

In view of this state of affairs:

1. Does the Commission plan to assess whether the projects in the Pyrenees Plan conform with the sustainability requirements and the ‘do no significant harm’ (DNSH) principle of the Recovery and Resilience Facility?
2. With a view to preventing irreparable environmental damage and misuse of EU funds, does the Commission intend to review or pre-emptively suspend funding for other projects under the Pyrenees Plan?

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