

**Question for written answer E-001965/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Spain and the RRF

The Spanish Government has allegedly misappropriated over EUR 13 billion from the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) to pay pensions, minimum income benefits and even contributions to the postal service.

Spain has decided to legalise the status of 500 000 people who entered the country illegally. A Spanish residence permit gives those concerned the right to visit other Schengen countries as tourists. Border controls will need to be introduced to monitor this. Furthermore, such mass regularisations are an incentive for more people to enter Europe illegally.

Spain wants access to cheap EU SAFE funding, but it does not want to meet NATO's 5 % defence spending target.

Spain uses EU funds – to which Hungary also contributes – to finance a basic income that is twice as high as Hungarian social assistance, while Hungarian citizens lose their unemployment benefits after three months and are required to take part in public work schemes in exchange for significantly lower social benefits.

1. Since when has the Commission been aware of these misappropriations, and what specific measures has it taken since they came to light? Please list all the measures.
2. What punitive measures are available to the Commission, and which of those does it intend to impose on Spain to prevent that country or other Member States from effectively stealing money that should be helping European taxpayers?
3. What specific conclusions is the Commission drawing from Spain's actions in recent months regarding future European solidarity mechanisms, and what reforms of existing solidarity instruments are planned?

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