

**Question for written answer E-003550/2026/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Justification for and oversight of support for the ‘Thermal Hotel Wrello’ under the EU recovery and resilience plan

On 28 August 2026, the Croatian business news site ‘Poslovni.hr’ reported the opening of ‘Thermal Hotel Wrello’ in Stubičke Toplice (Croatia), which was almost entirely funded by EU funds. The four-star wellness hotel, with its covered pool and wellness complex and restaurant with capacity for 100 diners, has cost around EUR 17.4 million in total, with 94.4 % of this covered by EU funds under Croatia’s recovery and resilience plan<sup>12</sup>. The exceptionally high financing rate and the blatant touristic/commercial nature of the project give rise to serious questions as to whether this was a justifiable, efficient and proportionate use of European taxpayers’ money.

1. On what specific basis under EU law and on what grounds was a four-star hotel with a restaurant and a pool and wellness complex deemed eligible for EU support at a financing rate of 94.4 %, despite being a tourist facility that is at least partly intended for commercial use?
2. With a project of this magnitude, precisely what control mechanisms are in place to ensure that the private operator reaps no undue financial benefit, and which body bears ultimate responsibility for this?
3. If the funding is found to be insufficiently justified or incompatible with the relevant EU rules, will the Commission ask that a correction be made or funds recovered, and what specific criteria will it apply in making this decision?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.poslovni.hr/hrvatska/u-zagorju-otvoren-novi-hotel-s-bazenima-vrijedan-174-milijuna-eura-gotovo-sve-financirala-eu-4552444>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.focus.de/finanzen/zu-94-4-prozent-von-eu-finanziert-hotel-mit-schwimmbaedern-im-wert-von-17-4-millionen-euro-in-kroatien-eroeffnet\\_9cc64366-b79c-40cb-b953-6b1232755b74.html](https://www.focus.de/finanzen/zu-94-4-prozent-von-eu-finanziert-hotel-mit-schwimmbaedern-im-wert-von-17-4-millionen-euro-in-kroatien-eroeffnet_9cc64366-b79c-40cb-b953-6b1232755b74.html).