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Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission assesses the compliance of Italy's Recovery and Resilience plan (RRP) measures against the 'Do No Significant Harm' (DNSH) principle based on analysis of documentation provided by the Italian authorities. The assessment is done at the measure level. As a rule and without prejudice to its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission does not assess the environmental impact of specific projects within overall investment measures. This is a primary responsibility of the Member States, which are requested to ensure compliance of specific projects with EU and national law, including the environmental acquis. Given that the specific project mentioned above has been implemented exclusively through the National Complementary Fund (and not with Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) budget), no DNSH assessment has been undertaken by the Commission.

According to Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU¹, Member States are responsible for the management of health services. Principle 16 of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan² underscores the right to affordable, good-quality healthcare. The Commission supports Member States in upholding this principle through funding projects.

The works for this hospital, in the amount of EUR 23.5 million, are financed with national funds under the Piano Nazionale Complementare. Based on the information at the disposal of the Commission, for the investment at stake, the RRF (EU) funds are being used for an amount of EUR 4 million exclusively for the purchase of equipment and digitalisation of hospitals for the Eboli-Battipaglia-Roccadaspida hospitals (as part of the investments M6C2 1.1.1. and M6C2 1.1.2 of the RRP of Italy). For that reason, the Commission is not launching RRP-related checks on the construction project for a new hospital in Battipaglia.

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=en>

² <https://op.europa.eu/webpub/empl/european-pillar-of-social-rights/en>