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**Question for written answer E-001275/25
to the Commission
Susana Solís Pérez (PPE)
(26 March 2025)**

Subject: Lack of transparency in implementing the Just Transition Fund in Asturias

Asturias has received more funds from the Just Transition Fund than any other Spanish Autonomous Community: EUR 263 million for the period 2021-2027. The funds allocated are a means of addressing the strong economic impact of the closure of mines and thermal power plants in the region.

However, almost five years since the start of the period, there is a total lack of transparency about where the funds have gone. We only know about the first EUR 40 million allocated by the Regional Ministry of Ecological Transition, Industry and Economic Development, and no information on the planned subsidy lines has been made public. Furthermore, the Government of the Principality of Asturias has not shared this information with the municipalities that could benefit directly from this aid.

Both the Just Transition Fund Regulation (Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1056) and the Common Provisions Regulation (Articles 8 and 49 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060) require Member States to ensure transparency and the involvement of all levels of government.

1. Does the Commission consider this situation to be in breach of these requirements?
2. What steps does it intend to take to ensure that these funds are managed transparently and that the municipalities most affected by the energy transition receive the support they need?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Article 49(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 ⁽¹⁾, laying down common provisions for the EU shared management funds, requires managing authorities to publish at least three times a year a timetable of the planned calls for proposals, in either the national website portals or in their respective programme-specific websites. The Spanish authorities have informed the Commission that the setting-up of these websites is delayed, but information of the calls referred to by the Honourable Member can be found in the websites of the bodies of the regional governments that are responsible thereof. The Commission is closely monitoring the situation to ensure the websites referred to in the above-mentioned Article 49(2) are swiftly completed and available to the public.
2. The Spanish Just Transition Fund programme for 2021-2027 was adopted in December 2022 and is still at its first stages of implementation. Accordingly, calls are still under preparation in different regions. The Commission is closely working with the Spanish authorities to provide assistance in accelerating implementation, especially in the context of the monitoring committee of this funding programme, where municipalities are represented.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1060/oj/eng>.