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The Commission is fully committed to fighting fraud, including that involving Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds.

The Commission assesses the allegations and, if credible, reports them to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) or, where applicable, to the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) for further investigation. OLAF and the EPPO have the authority to investigate fraud and corruption affecting EU funds.

Member States must ensure the functioning of an effective and efficient internal control system to prevent, detect, and address fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interest as well as to recover amounts unduly paid or misused. The Commission monitors compliance with these obligations and can take corrective measures if necessary.

In this respect, the Commission has implemented robust oversight mechanisms for the RRF, including ex ante checks and ex post audits as well as cooperation with national authorities.

Moreover, the Commission can also reduce or recover funds if serious irregularities are confirmed and Member States fail to address them¹.

Since the Commission has learnt about this alleged corruption case in Spain, it is working to ensure the protection of the EU budget as set out above.

¹ Annex IV of updated Guidance on Recovery and Resilience Plans of 23 July 2024.