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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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Compliance with the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ (DNSH) principle is a prerequisite for a measure to be included in a recovery and resilience plan (Article 5(2) of Regulation 2021/241 of 12 February 2021). The Commission has assessed the Spanish Recovery and Resilience plan in line with the criteria laid down in Article 19 of Regulation 2021/241, including its compliance with the DNSH principle.

For this specific measure under component 14, the plan includes in the eligibility criteria of the calls for projects under the Spanish Territorial Plans for Tourism Sustainability at Destinations an obligation to comply with a list of excluded activities and the relevant EU and national environmental legislation. This requirement to include the DNSH obligation in the terms of reference of the calls was assessed positively under targets 217, 218 and 219. The fulfillment of milestones 220 and 221 will be assessed upon the submission of their relevant payment requests.

Moreover, it is the responsibility of the Member State and the regional authorities to ensure that the requirements established in the selection criteria regarding DNSH are complied with during the implementation phase.