

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003777/25
to the Commission
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea (PPE)
(29 September 2025)**

Subject: Recovery and Resilience Facility in Spain — question three

Following several deferral requests on its part, the Spanish Government was six months late in requesting payment of the fourth instalment from the NextGenerationEU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), and that payment request was approved one year late.

The same thing happened with the payment request for the fifth instalment of RRF funds, which was also approved one year late.

The Spanish Government has not yet requested payment of the sixth instalment, which means it is now 10 months late. Nor has payment been requested for the seventh instalment, which is three months late so far.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Given the Spanish Government's history of non-fulfilment and delays with regard to RRF payment requests, and given that it still has four requests to submit, would it realistically be able to submit these four payment requests within 11 months?
2. Has the Spanish Government requested further deferrals or amendments from the European Commission with regard to those outstanding payment requests?

Submitted: 29.9.2025

**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
(19 November 2025)**

The Council Implementing Decision on the Spanish recovery and resilience plan (RRP) was adopted in July 2021. Pursuant to Article 18(4)(i) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) ⁽¹⁾, all milestones and targets (M/Ts) included in the Spanish RRP must be fully implemented by 31 August 2026 at the latest. The more detailed timing provided in the RRP reflects the foreseen sequencing of every measure but remains indicative.

In accordance with Article 24(2) of the RRF Regulation, Member States may submit no more than two payment requests per calendar year. This requires a distribution of milestones and targets over time to ensure their timely verification and inclusion in the relevant payment requests. The payment request of a Member State may cover several instalments.

Member States may ask to revise their RRP, if needed, due to objective circumstances, as envisaged by Article 21(1) of the RRF Regulation. The plan was revised in October 2023 to add a loan envelope and a chapter on REPowerEU ⁽²⁾. Subsequent targeted amendments to the RRP have taken place in 2024 and 2025 and are published on a dedicated website ⁽³⁾.

In view of the strict implementation deadlines for the RRF, the Commission has asked Member States to engage in a comprehensive revision of their plans and published a communication to this effect in June 2025 ⁽⁴⁾. Commission services are in constant contact with the Spanish authorities to assist them to that end.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj/eng>.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/435/oj/eng>.

⁽³⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/spains-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en#documents_

⁽⁴⁾ NextGenerationEU — The road to 2026, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0310>.