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**Question for written answer E-004425/25
to the Commission
Susanna Ceccardi (P/E)
(7 November 2025)**

Subject: Use of NRRP funds to finance the construction of a new telecom tower under the ‘Italy 5G’ plan

Inwit S.p.A. has submitted plans to erect a new mobile communication base station in Treggiaia, a hamlet of Pontedera (Province of Pisa). This 40-metre-high structure will be built near the Oratory of Our Lady of Ripaia on behalf of Vodafone S.p.A, the telecom company that was awarded the public contract to provide network coverage to ‘market failure areas’ as part of the NRRP-funded ‘Italy 5G’ plan. This project was granted an exemption from council regulations concerning the siting of aerials by means of the simplified procedure provided for by Decree-Law No 60/2024.

Inwit S.p.A’s plans have met with strong opposition and have prompted local residents to set up a protest group.

The construction site will be a few hundred metres away from a 30-metre tower belonging to Toscana Radio Comunicazioni S.r.l that is already on the National Federated Information System for Infrastructures’ database, is configured for 5G and possesses the requisite underground fibre optic cables.

The NRRP’s own rules — which are aligned with the EU’s guidelines on state aid for broadband networks — state that existing infrastructure must be used in order to avoid wasting public funds.

In the light of the above, could the Commission clarify whether Inwit S.p.A’s plan is, in fact, a waste of NRRP funding and in breach of the rules governing the ‘Italy 5G’ plan?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
(23 January 2026)**

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is a performance-based instrument, providing financial support to Member States for implementing a combination of reforms and investments, outlined in the recovery and resilience plans (RRPs) approved by the Council.

The Commission will assess the completion of the projects financed by the RRF in line with the requirements embedded in the relevant milestones and targets as outlined in the annex to the Council Implementing Decision on the approval of Italy’s RRP ⁽¹⁾.

Member States’ authorities are responsible for the selection of the projects financed under the RRF and are primarily responsible to ensure the compliance of the projects undertaken in the context of their national RRP with national and EU law.

Regarding the planned construction of the new telecom tower in Treggiaia, *Investment 3: Fast Internet connections (Ultra-Broadband and 5G)* — in particular, the target M1C2-21 — of Italy’s RRP includes targets in terms of 5G coverage of market failure areas.

As indicated by Italy in the notification of the ‘Italia 5G’ measure and in Commission decision SA.100557, information on existing physical infrastructure has been made available to the concessionaire, in order to allow it to consider the reuse of such infrastructure in light of its network requirements.

⁽¹⁾ Council Implementing Decision of 25 November 2025 amending the Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy, ST 15106/25.