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Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis
on behalf of the European Commission
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The independence of national fiscal authorities is safeguarded by the Directive on requirements for budgetary frameworks of the Member States, as amended in April 2024¹, which complements the independence safeguards provided in Regulation (EU) No 473/2013². Member States had to transpose the new or amended provisions of the Directive by the end of 2025. The Commission will undertake a transposition check in 2026.

In compliance with existing EU legislation, and as further underlined in the amended Directive 2011/85/EU, the Spanish authorities must ensure that the Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility is autonomous and has the necessary resources to fulfil its tasks.

The Commission will monitor the continuous compliance with the pension commitments of the recovery and resilience plan as reflected in the Council Implementing Decision³ in the context of the subsequent payment request.

¹ Council Directive (EU) 2024/1265 of 29 April 2024 amending Directive 2011/85/EU on requirements for budgetary frameworks of the Member States.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/473/oj/eng>.

³ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-13695-2023-ADD-1-REV-1/en/pdf>.