

EN

E-004932/2025

Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
(18.2.2026)

Compliance with the ‘do no significant harm’ (DNSH) principle is a prerequisite for a measure to be included in a recovery and resilience plan (RRP) (Article 5(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241¹).

The Spanish Territorial Plans for Tourism Sustainability at Destinations (‘Territorial Plans’) are included in the Spanish RRP² under measure C14.I1, ‘Transformation of the tourism model towards sustainability’, which requires the selection criteria for specific projects to comply with the DNSH principle and with relevant EU and national environmental legislation. The Commission assessed this measure positively under the second, fourth and fifth payment requests (as targets 217, 218 and 219) as the eligibility criteria of the calls for projects under the Territorial Plans complied with these requirements. Pursuant to Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, it is the responsibility of the Spanish authorities to ensure that these requirements are complied with during the implementation phase.

Regarding the national court ruling declaring the Benasque cable car illegal, the Spanish authorities can replace that project with another as long as it meets the selection criteria assessed under targets 217, 218 and 219. The Commission will only be made aware of the concrete activities pursued under milestone 221, when assessing the seventh payment request which is expected to be submitted by Spain in the third quarter of 2026. Payments are disbursed once the relevant milestones and targets are assessed as satisfactorily fulfilled.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0241>.

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/47a4cc03-061b-4158-a221-f4ba10113a4c_en?filename=COM_2025_794_1_EN_annexe_proposition_cp_part1_v4%20%283%29_0.pdf.