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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. According to the Spanish authorities, over EUR 112 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) have been allocated to investments in state-owned dams since 2014, of which EUR 35 million have already been disbursed for projects completed. Moreover, the Spanish recovery and resilience plan¹ contains Milestone 428, under investment 1 of Component 5 (C5.I1), which aims to ensure dam and reservoir safety. The Commission has not yet assessed this milestone or disbursed related funds. Milestone 428 is expected to be included in the seventh, and final payment request from Spain, for which all activities must be completed by 31 August 2026.

2. The above-mentioned ERDF investments support flood prevention, including the improvement of dam components, gates, spillways, valves, and monitoring systems. However, the ERDF does not support routine maintenance of infrastructure and therefore it has not supported day-to-day maintenance of dams. Milestone 428, under investment 1 of the Component 5 of the RRF, focuses exclusively on contracts related to the safety of eight dams and reservoirs across Spain and does not include funding for new dams or extensions.

¹ 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.