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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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1. There are no specific EU requirements on the maintenance and safety of water dams as such. These matters fall under the competence of Member States and their national legal frameworks. Compliance with maintenance and safety obligations is primarily a matter of national law and the responsibility of Spanish authorities.

Notwithstanding, the Spanish recovery and resilience plan<sup>1</sup> includes Milestone 428, under investment 1 of Component 5 (C5.I1), aiming to preserve the safety of dams and reservoirs. At this stage, the Commission has not assessed the fulfilment of this milestone, expected to be included in the 7<sup>th</sup>, and final, Payment Request package from Spain.

2. For projects financed under cohesion policy funds, both *ex ante* and *ex post* controls ensure compliance with EU rules. These include monitoring, reporting and audit systems to verify that EU funds are used in line with EU law and financing conditions.

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<sup>1</sup> [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](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).