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Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is fully committed to fighting fraud, including that involving Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds.

Under Article 22 of the RRF Regulation¹, Member States bear primary responsibility for the protection of the EU's financial interests (PFIU) and ensuring compliance with EU and national law. The Commission verifies this through a robust control framework, including assessments of national internal control systems and system audits. Several audits, including on PFIU, have been conducted on the implementation of the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan (ES RRP) and the Commission monitors the implementation of related recommendations.

The Commission may act on alleged serious irregularities (fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and double funding) reported via audits, the European Anti-Fraud Office or European Public Prosecutor's Office investigations, or other sources. When detected, the Commission may request the Member State to take corrective measures and apply financial corrections in accordance with the RRF Regulation and the Financing Agreement. If not corrected, the Commission may implement reductions and recoveries.

Following a Commission request for information, Spanish authorities confirmed that they are investigating the matter and that no contracts related to the individual in question have been included in payment requests to date, nor are they expected to be used for upcoming milestones under the ES RRP. The Commission will follow up with the Spanish authorities to further establish the facts and assess the need for any corrective measures.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj/eng>.