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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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Several measures under the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)¹ partly concern actions on the Mediterranean Trans-European Transport Network Corridor, including the section Algeciras-Madrid-Zaragoza². At this stage, the Commission does not have any information on the funds allocated to the specific rail motorway referred to by the Honourable Member, as the assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment of these railway measures is to be made under the last payment request, expected in the second half of 2026. Furthermore, under the Connecting Europe Facility, Spain has received EUR 2 426 090 of funding for one project concerning directly the development of the Algeciras–Zaragoza rail motorway³. The Commission has not yet assessed the satisfactory fulfilment of this project as its end date is set for 30 September 2026.

The Spanish authorities have not informed the Commission of any delays to the implementation of these measures. The Commission is therefore not in a position to comment upon the current disbursement pace of the Spanish Government.

The Commission assesses the fulfilment of milestones and targets under the Spanish RRP in line with the requirements in the respective Council Implementing Decision⁴. Should the Commission deem that milestones and targets associated with the railway investments are not satisfactorily fulfilled, it can suspend the payment of EU funds pursuant to Article 24 of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation⁵.

¹ https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/spains-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en.

² Measures C6.I1 – National transmission network European Corridors, C6.I3 – Intermodality, and C6.I4 – Support Programme for Sustainable and Digital Transport; Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain, 17031/25 + ADD1 + COR1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 2298 final, on the selection of Military Mobility projects following the 2022 call for proposals for grants under the Connecting Europe Facility - Transport sector pursuant to Implementing Decision C(2021) 5763.

⁴ Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain, 17031/25 + ADD1 + COR1.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, pp. 17–75.