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**Priority question for written answer P-003683/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Incompetence of Pedro Sánchez's Socialist Government over contract for anti-abuse bracelets leaves women defenceless

The Spanish Government ⁽¹⁾ awarded the Vodafone-Securitas joint venture a contract for the management of electronic monitoring bracelets designed to protect female victims of domestic abuse. This contract, valued at EUR 35 million, was financed under the NextGenerationEU instrument ⁽²⁾.

However, extremely serious technical failures during the contract have put those women's lives and safety directly at risk. Vital data in the Cometa system have been lost, which has resulted in trials lacking sufficient evidence, perpetrators being acquitted and the basic principle of victim protection being undermined. Spain's Public Prosecutor's Office, General Council for the Judiciary and high courts have for some time been raising alarm bells regarding the scale of this scandal ⁽³⁾.

The Socialist Government, accused of misusing funds from European taxpayers, has sought to exonerate itself, underplaying and concealing the magnitude of these incidents, all the while boasting that it is the 'most feminist government in history'.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission investigate and/or submit a complaint to the Sánchez Government about this misuse of European funds?
2. What measures will it take in response to this negligence by the Spanish Government?

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**Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of media reports regarding the implementation of the project related to the electronic monitoring bracelets for the protection of victims of gender-based violence in Spain.

The measure is included in the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) under milestone 472 (Investment in telephone services and online services to support victims of violence against women), which will be assessed by the Commission in the context of the eighth payment request.

The assessment of milestone 472 has not yet taken place as Spain has not submitted the related payment request. The Commission will therefore assess the implementation and fulfilment of this milestone only at the time of the eighth payment request, based on the evidence provided by the Spanish authorities.

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is a performance-based instrument. This means that payments are made only once the requirements of the milestones and targets, as reflected in the Council Implementing Decision, have been assessed as satisfactorily fulfilled.

Under the RRF Regulation, Member States are responsible for the implementation of their RRFs, including the award and management of contracts financed under the Facility. This includes ensuring that all procurement and contractual procedures fully comply with applicable EU and national law.

¹ <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2023/11/21/pdfs/BOE-B-2023-34723.pdf>.

² https://contrataciondelestado.es/wps/wcm/connect/PLACE_es/Site/area/docAccCmpnt?DocumentIdParam=5d4da624-5aa8-4885-9dc9-2491b5390557&cmpntname=GetDocumentsById&source=library&srv=cmpntm=5d4da624-5aa8-4885-9dc9-2491b5390557&cmpntname=GetDocumentsById&source=library&srv=cmpnt.

³ https://www.fiscal.es/memorias/memoria2025/FISCALIA_SITE/recursos/pdf/MEMFIS25.pdf.