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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. It is the ultimate responsibility of Romania to ensure compliance of the measures referred to by the Honourable Member with State aid rules. The Commission services received some information from the Member State regarding acquisition of assets of CFR Marfă by Carpatica Feroviar and, without prejudice to any future assessment by the Commission, have not currently expressed any concerns.
2. The Commission has closely monitored Romania's approach to the operationalisation of Carpatica and the phasing-out of CFR Marfă in the context of the Commission decision declaring the aid to CFR Marfă incompatible with the internal market and ordering its recovery. The Commission will continue to monitor developments, to ensure compliance with State aid rules.
3. The Commission will continue to monitor Romania's implementation of the recovery decision, particularly the liquidation of CFR Marfă and the auction of its remaining assets under national insolvency law. The registration and recovery of the remaining State-aid claims through the insolvency process remains a key element in ensuring a level playing field.