

**Question for written answer E-001826/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Court of Auditors – unclear green spending under RRF funds

A September 2024 special report¹ by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) has found that the contribution of ‘green’ spending under the EUR 700 billion Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is ‘unclear’ and possibly ‘overestimated’, with some projects having minimal impact on the energy transition or even causing environmental harm.

In light of this, the following questions arise:

1. Does the Commission recognise the risk of an overestimation of up to EUR 34.5 billion in reported climate contributions under the RRF, as identified by the ECA, and what specific actions will the Commission take to ensure that claims of green spending accurately reflect actual expenditures?
2. What measures will the Commission implement to improve the accuracy and transparency of climate project assessments, prevent misclassifications and address discrepancies between reported and actual impacts?
3. Does the Commission acknowledge the risk of deliberate misuse of funds under the RRF through intentional misclassification of projects as ‘green’ to meet climate spending targets, and what steps will the Commission take to detect, prevent and hold accountable those responsible for any intentional misreporting?

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¹ European Court of Auditors, ‘Special report 14/2024: Green transition – Unclear contribution from the Recovery and Resilience Facility’, 14 September 2024, <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/publications/SR-2024-14>.