Question for written answer E-000211/2025 to the Commission Rule 144 Pina Picierno (S&D)

Subject: NRRP funds and university housing

The Italian NRRP funds earmarked for the creation of university housing – amounting to EUR 1.2 billion – are at risk of being withdrawn due to a lack of adequate applications and the fact that it would be impossible to complete the works by June 2026.

Furthermore, the decision of the Minister for Universities and Research to eliminate single rooms in university halls of residence financed as mentioned above by the NRRP, not only raises concerns about the possible withdrawal of funds, but could also affect the psychological well-being of students.

Considering that the change in the characteristics of the projects funded (such as the elimination of single rooms) could be interpreted as a deviation from the commitments made by Italy and that the EU has placed mental health as a priority in its policies, and has called on the Member States to take measures to promote it (such as providing a suitable proportion of single and shared rooms), can the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1. Does the Commission consider the proposal approved by the Italian Government to completely eliminate single rooms to be appropriate, especially in light of the principles of inclusion and psychological well-being of students?
- 2. Does the approved change comply with the established guidelines for the use of funds?
- 3. What measures are foreseen to monitor these changes to projects that are already funded?

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