

Meeting Our Commitments

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Appendix III.

Updated commitments



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1. New commitments

The table below shows the commitments undertaken by the Government in the second half of 2021.

| Source | Commitment | Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan |
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| Address by the Minister of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda at the closing of the 2021 General Assembly of the Spanish Shipowners Association, 20/07/21 | Maintain and improve maritime transport safety, the protection of human life at sea, and the sustainability of such an important aspect of our economy as maritime transport, and continue being an active agent in the policies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) | Ecological transition |
| Address by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, at the signature of an agreement with the Spanish Federation of Associations of Producers and Exporters of Fruits and Vegetables (FEPEX), 01/07/21 | Raise the international profile of the Spanish fruits and vegetables sector, with the goal of publicizing the quality and diversity of its products | Ecological transition |
| Address by the President of the Government at COP26, held in Glasgow, on 01/11/21 | Increase by 50% Spain's contribution to the Green Climate Fund, to €1.35 billion euros annually from 2025 | Ecological transition |



| Source | Commitment | Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan |
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| Meeting of the Minister of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda with the President of the Autonomous Community of Navarre, 10/09/21 | Promote the National Industrialization and Robotics Centre of Navarre | Ecological transition |
| Speech by the Minister of Science and Innovation, 06/10/2021 | Support the professional development of young researchers | Equality |
| Speech by the Minister of Science and Innovation, 23/09/2021 | Promote innovation in urban settings, offering consulting and knowledge networks to municipalities | Social cohesion |
| Parliamentary appearance by the Minister, 12/04/21. Oversight and Evaluation Committee for the Toledo Pact Agreements | Adapt the retirement pension calculation period to emerging careers | Social cohesion |
| Interview with the Minister of Health, COPE Canary Islands radio, 30/08/21 | Increase Covid-19 vaccination coverage | Social cohesion |



| Source | Commitment | Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan |
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| Interview with the President of the Government, <i>El País</i> , 05/09/21 | Achieve for Spanish consumers at the end of 2021 an average electricity bill similar to that of 2018, discounting inflation. | Social cohesion |
| Address by the President of the Government at COP26, held in Glasgow 01/11/21 | Devote 20% of special drawing rights to vulnerable countries, with a minimum of €350 million | Social cohesion |
| 2021-2024 National Statistics Plan | Relaunch the design of the healthcare barometer in collaboration with the Centre for Sociological Research, with three waves during 2022 | Social cohesion |
| Meeting of the President of the Government with the Gasol Foundation, 29/10/21 | Approve a Comprehensive Plan to Combat Child Obesity | Social cohesion |
| Visit by the Minister of Science and Innovation to the island of La Palma, 21/10/2021 | Support research on the La Palma volcanic eruption | Social cohesion |
| Visit by the President of the Government to the HIPRA pharmaceutical company, 16/04/2021 | Continue offering support for an eventual Spanish Covid-19 vaccine | Social cohesion |



| Source | Commitment | Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan |
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| Institutional declaration marking Spanish Cinema Day, by the Ministry of Culture and Sport, 05/10/2021 | Strengthen the Spanish film industry within the European film industry, bearing in mind that we live in an increasingly globalized, fundamentally audiovisual and digital culture | Territorial cohesion |
| Address by the Minister of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, inauguration of the Sanabria high-speed train station, 22/07/21 | Improve connectivity, mobility, and territorial cohesion in the province of Zamora | Territorial cohesion |
| Meeting with agricultural professional organizations, 30/09/2021 | Support the agriculture, livestock, and fishing sectors of La Palma after the damage caused by the Cumbre Vieja volcano eruption | Territorial cohesion |
| Press conference by the Minister of Territorial Policy and Government Spokesperson during visit to the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP), 09/09/21 | Integrate local authorities into the front lines of recovery and modernization in Spain | Territorial cohesion |



| Source | Commitment | Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan |
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| 130 Measures to Address the Demographic Challenge | Promote measures in regional areas contributing to meeting demographic challenges in the areas of safety, emergencies and traffic | Other |
| Address by the President of the Government, 20/09/2021 | Implement protection and assistance measures related to the volcanic eruption on La Palma island | Other |



2. Relinquished commitments

The tables below list those commitments that are not going to be met in the manner in which they were formulated and which, therefore, should be relinquished.

Commitments relinquished during the second half of 2021

| Source | Commitment | Reason |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Progressive coalition agreement 1.11 | Integration of domestic workers into the General Social Security Scheme. Contributions based on actual earnings | <p>This integration occurred on 1 January 2012, through a special system.</p> <p>Additional Provision Thirty-Nine of Act 27/2011 of 1 August, on the updating, adaptation and modernization of the Social Security system, integrated the Special Social Security Scheme for Domestic Workers into the General Social Security Scheme, enabling the Government to amend, in accordance with this integration, the regulation of the special labour relationship that characterizes service within households. This integration was carried out through an adaptation process that began on 1 January 2012.</p> <p>Contributions are already being made by tranches established in accordance with remuneration.</p> <p>The system has become more transparent with the “Importass” app.</p> |



In the second six-month period of 2021, measures were carried out that represent progress on meeting the following commitment, which had been considered relinquished in 2020 (Draft a Basic Agriculture Act), but which was reformulated as: Draft a CAP Application in Spain Act

| Source | Commitment | New initiatives |
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| Address by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 24/02/2020 | Draft a Basic Act on Agriculture | The plan is to pass an Act with the essential elements for applying the CAP Strategic Plan |

Commitments relinquished during the first half of 2021

| Source | Commitment | Reason |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Progressive coalition agreement 4.1 | Approve the Digital Citizenry Strategy, which will include a subsidized rate (<i>bono social</i>) for internet access | Achievement of this commitment will be coordinated through the approval of the subsidized rate for internet access, which has been included in the RTRP, and the approval of the Digital Rights Charter |



| Source | Commitment | Reason |
|--|---|---|
| Agreement with the Galician Nationalist Bloc 7 | Recover the activity of Barreras and Vulcano (shipbuilding firms) | <p>This commitment could have been met, but it has been relinquished for the following reasons:</p> <p>Due to a court decision, Vulcano went into liquidation, and the Port Authority ultimately decided to declare the concession annulled. The new buyer, which bid successfully for the facilities from the insolvency administration, has applied for a new concession from the Port Authority. The Port Authority must publish a tender for the facilities, and it is possible that they may be allocated for a different activity.</p> <p>As regards Barreras, an agreement was finally reached with its creditors whereby the shipowner took control of the shipyard to complete the vessel on the order book. The vessel was delivered ahead of schedule and removed from the shipyard by the shipowner. The terms of this part of the agreement were met. However, following delivery of the vessel, the shipyard has been left without any further work, and this is a matter to be addressed by the company.</p> |



| Source | Commitment | Reason |
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| Address by the Minister of Finance, 20/02/2020 | Present a new methodology for the calculation of the expenditure rule, as requested by the Autonomous Communities and City Councils. 2020 objective | The suspension of the fiscal rules during 2020 and 2021 has rendered this commitment unnecessary |

Commitments relinquished in 2020

| Source | Commitment | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| Progressive coalition agreement 1.13 | Improve the position of rural women in the Social Security system, enabling their effective incorporation | This would be inconsistent with the general trend of including all workers in the General Social Security Scheme so that they may contribute in accordance with their earnings |
| Agreement with the Galician Nationalist Bloc 12 (5) | Study possible tariff compensation for Autonomous Communities with electricity surpluses | This is not in line with the Electricity Sector Act, which sets forth as one of its fundamental principles that there shall be a single electricity tariff for the entire Spanish territory, including non-mainland territories where energy production costs far exceed the prices paid by consumers |



| Source | Commitment | Reason |
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| Agreement with Compromís 5.1 | Create a working group independent from the Delegated Committee on Economic Affairs, for joint monitoring | The aforementioned working group is not going to be created because the interministerial coordination mechanisms needed to undertake this task already exist, e.g. the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism's International Trade Negotiations Committee, in which the different sectors, as well as other relevant ministries, are represented |
| Agreement with Nueva Canarias 2 | Study an amendment to the expenditure rule in the Canary Islands | Unnecessary, because the expenditure rule has been suspended for 2020 and 2021 |
| Agreement with Teruel Existe 5 | Require that companies only implement extensions using 4G, and not 3G | This cannot be required because provision of telecommunications services in Spain has been liberalized, pursuant to the EU-wide harmonized regulatory framework. Thus, they may be provided by any operator under market conditions. Operators implement networks and other technical means for providing their services in accordance with their own technical and commercial strategies |



| Source | Commitment | Reason |
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| Agreement with Teruel Existe 5 | Require that broadband coverage plans specify and assess which technology they are going to use | This cannot be required because Member States must support broadband roll-outs by applying the EU State aid framework. And, pursuant to the Guidelines for the application of State aid rules in relation to roll-outs of broadband networks, aid may only be granted under the principle of technological neutrality in those geographical areas where there are currently no roll-outs, and there are no roll-out plans for a period of three years |



3. Duplicated commitments

The table below shows a commitment included in the July report but which, after being reviewed, was eliminated because it was considered to form part of other commitments.

| Source | Commitment |
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| Address by the Minister of Culture and Sport, 26/02/2020 | Promote physical activity and combat sedentary lifestyles |

In the first formulation of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan (RTRP), the expression of one of 212 measures entailed the inclusion of a new commitment in the overall map; however, the readjustment in the definition of the measure in the Plan transforms its content into one of the already existing commitments and therefore, the newly generated commitment must be excluded from the accountability exercise.

| Source | Commitment |
|---|---|
| Recovery, Transformation and Resilience plan (RTRP) | Implement Organic Law 3/2020 of 29 December, which amended Organic Law 2/2006 of 3 May on Education |



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