

Meeting Our Commitments

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Appendix II.

Updated commitments



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1. New commitments

The table below shows the commitments undertaken by the Government in the second half of 2022.

New commitments in the second half of 2022

Source	Commitment	Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Provide rebates on travel cards for suburban and medium-distance public rail services operated by Renfe	Ecological transition
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Foster the development of digital skills in Early Years, Primary Education, and Compulsory Secondary Education students, in general and specifically in computational thinking, programming and robotics	Digital transformation
Address by the Minister of the Interior at the 24 th CERES Seminar on 27/10/2022	Implement the new virtual Spanish National ID card and promote digital identification	Digital transformation
13 th meeting of the Scientific, Technological and Innovation Policy Council on 18/10/2022	Assume the cost of compensation for pre- and post-doctoral contracts in force upon the entry into force of the reform of the Science Act	Social cohesion
Meeting of the Minister of Consumer Affairs with the <i>Marea de Residencias</i> advocacy group for nursing homes on 27/09/2022	Draw up nutritional guidelines for healthier menus in nursing homes for older people	Social cohesion
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Unblock the “Operation Campamento” initiative in the city of Madrid, promoting protected housing on land ceded from the military	Social cohesion



Source	Commitment	Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Approve a new monthly supplementary grant of 100 euros to students over 16 years of age who already have a grant	Social cohesion
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Approve a temporary windfall tax on major energy corporations	Social cohesion
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Approve a temporary windfall tax on major financial institutions	Social cohesion
Interview with the President of the Government on Cadena Ser radio station on 01/09/2022	Lowering the value-added tax (VAT) on gas from the then current 21% to a super-reduced rate of 5%	Social cohesion
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Promote economic and social development in Melilla	Social cohesion
Event on “Mental Health in Young Adults and Adolescents: A Shared Priority” on 10/10/2022	Carry out a diagnosis on the mental health and emotional well-being of students in the Spanish university system	Social cohesion
Address by the Minister of Universities before the Science, Innovation and Universities Commission of the Congress of Deputies on 23/02/2022	Support the development of citizen science	Social cohesion



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Press conference by the President of the Government on the Island of La Palma on 16/08/2022, and meeting with the President of the regional Government of the Canary Islands on 08/08/2022	Launch the creation of a National Volcanology Centre in the Canary Islands	Territorial cohesion
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Promote economic and social development in Ceuta	Territorial cohesion
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Approve an Official Secrets Act	Other
Statement by the Minister of the Presidency after the National Heritage Institution Administrative Council meeting on 17/06/2022	Open the Royal Collections Gallery in Madrid in the summer of 2023	Other
Address by the President of the Government during the State of the Nation debate on 12/07/2022	Cover, on an exceptional basis, with the Iberian Mechanism, the gas price cap for cogeneration plants of industries with heavy gas consumption	Other



Source	Commitment	Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
Statement by the Minister of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge after the Agreement of the Council of Energy Ministers of the European Union 26/07/2022	Reduce gas consumption in Spain by 7% to 8%	Other

New commitments in the first half of 2022

Source	Commitment	Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
Agreement reached between the Government and the Autonomous Communities at the Sectoral Equality Conference of 31/03/2022	Carry out the necessary actions to effectively meet the commitment to renew the State Pact against Gender-based Violence, as regards healthcare	Equality
Address by the Minister of Health at the Annual Congress of the Addiction Assistance Network (UNAD) on 18/05/2022	Combat addiction	Social cohesion
Address by the Minister of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda at the Technical Committee for the Recovery and Reconstruction of La Palma on 15/02/2022	Create two specific working groups, one on infrastructure and one on housing, to advance immediate solutions for the recovery of La Palma after the volcanic eruption in each sphere of action	Social cohesion



Source	Commitment	Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
Institutional declaration of solidarity with the citizens of Ukraine on 01/03/2022	Support the Ukrainian people, seek their welfare and address their needs, both in the case of Ukrainian citizens who are in our country and of those who may arrive here in the days to come	Social cohesion
Protocol and Agreement between the Ministry of Defence and the regional administration of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia (<i>Junta de Andalucía</i>) and the City Council of Cordoba of 17/09/2021	Establish the surface right to begin the construction of a new Army Logistics Base in the city of Cordoba	Territorial cohesion
Address by the Minister of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda during a discussion on Cadena Ser Andalucía radio station on 25/02/2022	Contribute to the funding of the new line 3 of the Seville Underground in the same amount as the Junta de Andalucía	Territorial cohesion
Institutional declaration of solidarity with the citizens of Ukraine on 01/03/2022	Implement measures in line with the decision to be adopted by the Council of the European Union granting temporary protection due to the mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine, and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof	Territorial cohesion
Address by the President of the Government to the Congress of Deputies on 02/03/2022	Provide every form of assistance, solidarity and support for Ukraine in accordance with Spain's capacities	Other



Source	Commitment	Guiding Principle of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan
Address by the President of the Government after the bilateral meeting with the President of the USA on 28/06/2022	Intensify security and defence cooperation between Spain and the United States	Other
Address by the President of the Government at the Madrid NATO Summit on 29/06/2022	Contribute to strengthening NATO's Deterrence and Defence Posture in the Eastern Flank	Other
Press conference by the President of the Government at the end of the Madrid NATO Summit on 30/06/2022	Increase the defence budget to 2% of GDP and meet our commitment with NATO and the European Union	Other
Presentation of the Third Special Security Plan for Campo de Gibraltar in Cadiz by the Minister of the Interior on 07/03/2022	Make the area in which the State Security Forces operate a hostile territory for criminal groups engaging in drug trafficking and smuggling, so that people may live in peace and freedom in the Campo de Gibraltar area and the provinces of Cadiz, Malaga, Huelva, Granada, Almeria and Seville	Other
Statements by the Minister of Territorial Policy on 28/04/2022	Study the regulation of professional secrecy provided for in article 20 of the Constitution	Other



2. Relinquished commitments

The tables below list those commitments that, as reported by the ministries, are not going to be met in the manner in which they were formulated and which, therefore, should be relinquished. Not a single commitment was relinquished during the second half of 2022.

Commitments relinquished during the first half of 2022

Source	Commitment	Reason
Address by the President of the Government on 25/08/2020	Take the necessary steps to make the Health Alert and Emergency Coordination Centre (CCAES) an autonomous body, which requires that the law be amended and that the Government address this in the near future	This commitment will be achieved through the State Public Health Centre that is soon to be created, whose structure will encompass the Health Alert and Emergency Coordination Centre (CCAES), currently in operation.
Address by the Minister of Finance on 20/02/2020	Promote the creation of a working group with Autonomous Communities and Local Entities to address how to make the expenditure rule more flexible	In 2020 and 2022, the European Commission and the Council activated the general escape clause, suspending requirements regarding budget stability and public debt. On 23 May 2022, the Commission and the Council decided to maintain the application of said clause for 2023.



Commitments relinquished in 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 the family household. This integration was carried out through an adaptation process that began on 1 January 2012.</p> <p>Contributions are already being made in tranches, established in accordance with remuneration. The system has become more transparent with the “Importass” app.</p>
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 BNG (Galician Nationalist Bloc) 7	Recover the activity of Barreras and Vulcano (shipbuilding industry)	This commitment could have been met, but it has been relinquished for the following reasons: Vulcano, by decision of the courts, 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 the new concession from the Port Authority. The Port Authority must publish a tender for the facilities and it is possible that they will be allocated for a different activity. As regards Barreras, an agreement was finally reached with its creditors whereby the ship-owner 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 ship-owner. 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.
Address by the Minister of Finance on 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 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 income.
Agreement with BNG (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.
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.



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Agreement with Nueva Canarias 2	Study an amendment to the expenditure rule in the Canary Islands	Unnecessary, because the expenditure rule was 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.
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.



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