EN E-000578/2021 Answer given by Ms Ferreira on behalf of the European Commission (7.4.2021)

Based on the information provided by the Managing Authority¹ of the Calabria Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 supported from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund, the Commission confirms that the project mentioned by the Honourable Member is, at this stage, not functional. The housing units cannot be officially inspected, as the contractor did not properly complete the infrastructure and it entered into an official dispute with the contracting authority.

The regional authorities have decided to exclude this project from support under the above-mentioned programme. Therefore, expenditure related to this project does not constitute any risks for the EU budget. It is for the regional authorities to follow up on this case if national law was breached.

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