

## State aid continued to increase in Spain during 2021

- Each year, the CNMC publishes an annual State Aid Report, based on the latest data from the European Union (EU) [State aid Scoreboard](#).
- In 2021, the granting of aid reached 1.69% of GDP compared to 1.28% in 2020.
- Spain ranked 19th in the European Union in terms of aid as a percentage of GDP.
- 61% of the aid granted was aimed at mitigating the effects of the Covid-19 crisis.

**Madrid, 20 December 2023-** The National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) has submitted to the Spanish Parliament the **Annual Report on State Aid for 2023** ([IAP/CNMC/001/23](#)).

The CNMC **monitors state aid** in order to identify whether there are unjustified distortions in the markets, thereby helping to safeguard their proper functioning.

## Conclusions

The **analysis of aid granted in Spain covers the year 2021**, the last year for which the EU [State aid Scoreboard](#) provides data.

- **Aid granted in Spain increased compared to 2020 (1.69% of GDP in 2021, compared to 1.28% of GDP in 2020).**
- In the EU, there was a slight decrease (from 2.30% in 2021 to 2.38% in 2020).
- Spain ranked **19th in the EU** in terms of aid as a percentage of GDP, 20.447 billion euros.
- 61% of aid (1.03% of GDP) was spent to mitigate the **effects of the Covid-19 pandemic**. In the EU, this percentage amounted to 57% (1.31% of GDP).
- **61% of Covid-19 aid was channelled through guarantees**. Spain is one of the countries that made most use of this instrument as opposed to subsidies.

- Regional development was one of the main objectives of aid, including aid to individual consumers (42%), compared to the rest of the EU (11%).
- The weight of aid dedicated to the environment and energy efficiency was 41% (less than 10% in 2020) compared to 55% for the rest of the EU.
- Since 2014, no new aid has been granted to the financial sector in Spain.
- “**De minimis**” aid, not included in the EU [State aid Scoreboard](#), represented a total aid equivalent **higher than EUR 1.5 billion** (0.13% of Spain's GDP in 2021).

#### Other aspects of the report

- **Regulatory** developments and **administrative** and **judicial** decisions of **EU authorities** in 2022 in the area of state aid:
  - **Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework**, providing greater flexibility for Member States to implement aid programmes.
  - **Regulation on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market.**
  - **Guidelines on State aid for climate, environmental protection and energy.**
- The CNMC's aid activity in 2022, with the study of aid for broadband roll-out granted between 2013 and 2020 ([EI/01/2022](#)). The activity of the regional competition authorities is also covered.

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