EN P-00758/2020 Answer given by Ms Ferreira on behalf of the European Commission (5.3.2020)

Under shared management, it is not for the Commission to select concrete projects: it is for the Member State to do so in compliance with the operational programmes. In the case of "major projects", the Commission must authorise the co-financing, based on a notification by the Member State.

In 2018, the Commission approved a request for the amendment of the operational programme for Sustainability and Efficient Use of Resources (POSEUR), in which Portugal formally notified its intention to co-finance the Lisbon metro expansion project from the Cohesion Fund, via the POSEUR, as a "major project".

To date, no additional notifications were submitted by Portugal regarding this project.

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¹ See Table 27 of the POSEUR and Articles 100 to 103 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 17 December 2013.