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Subject: Cross-border care for Spanish women seeking abortions in EU Member States

The Spanish Government has been working for months on its personal electoral promise to reduce women's reproductive rights. Agreement on the Organic Law on Protection of the Rights of the Unborn Child and Pregnant Women has been reached in government and it will pass into law very shortly, in a historic step backwards for freedom for women.

But the impact of this retrograde step will be felt beyond Spain's borders as women who want abortions travel to neighbouring countries where abortion is possible. This is a well-known fact: solidarity networks are being set up, such as the 'Red Federica Montseny' which will try to provide support for women who need to travel to other countries to terminate their pregnancy.

No mention is made of abortion in Directive 2011/24/EU on cross-border healthcare.

Is the Commission studying how abortion reform by the Rajoy government will impact healthcare systems in many Member States?

Does it believe that this law is in line with the objectives of the multiannual Third programme for the EU's action in the field of health (2014-2020)?

Will it establish a procedure of some kind to ensure Spanish women who have abortions in another Member State do not suffer risks to their health?