

**Question for written answer E-008672/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Reform of the Intellectual Property Law in Spain

The culture sector is vital to a country's economic development and image; its potential and importance for job creation are huge. Legislation on intellectual property is essential for this sector.

Spain has just adopted a reform to its Intellectual Property Law which was drawn up without any consultation or agreement with the culture sector. Complaints are being heard from different bodies that the rights of authors, performers and artists have been downgraded in a way that would appear to be contrary to EU legislation.

1. Is the Commission aware of this reform to the Intellectual Property Law in Spain? Does it consider it to be in keeping with EU legislation?
2. Does it believe that there should be greater harmonisation on VAT on cultural goods and services so reduced rates may apply in this sector.