

**Question for written answer E-011151/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Transposition of Union legislation

A few weeks ago, a number of institutions in Catalonia lodged a complaint with the European Ombudsman regarding the situation created by the Spanish Government in challenging the Decree-Law of the Generalitat of Catalonia which included the measures required to prevent the interruption of energy supplies to people who find themselves in a vulnerable financial situation, in particular at this time of year. In this respect, it should be noted that the Spanish Government has failed to transpose the European legislation that is aimed precisely at the need to ensure basic supplies are provided. It should also be recalled that, while the youth unemployment rate in Spain is at 50 %, the Spanish Government delayed submission of its European Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan for a year, and it continues to be one of the Member States with the lowest level of transposition of EU legislation. As a result:

1. Is the Commission able to state its opinion on the level of transposition of European legislation in Spain?
2. What programmes is the Union intending to implement in order to tackle energy poverty in Member States?