

**Question for written answer E-012162/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Penalties for reinstating illegal immigrants' right to healthcare

In September 2012 illegal immigrants in Spain lost their right to public healthcare services when the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality proceeded to implement a decree passed by the executive branch of the Spanish Government. This decision, which still applies today, runs counter to the European Social Charter, has caused a vulnerable sector of society enormous harm and weakened the right to universal public healthcare available to all free of charge.

On 20 August 2015, the Spanish Government announced that the European Union might impose 'daily fines in the millions of euros' and even 'block EU funds' as a result of some autonomous communities deciding to reinstate healthcare for immigrants.

Can the Commission confirm whether Spain might indeed be fined heavily and see funding it is in receipt of blocked?

If so, on what grounds would the EU be able to penalise Spain for this decision by the autonomous communities and on what would the Commission base the opinion it may issue that would result in said penalties?