

**Question for written answer E-015108/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Promoting the Basque language in Navarre

The Government of Navarre has agreed to promote the Basque language at all levels.¹ A stated priority of the agreement is to promote Basque in the autonomous community of Navarre, despite the fact that it is only an official language in Basque-speaking areas and not the entire community.

One of the areas most affected is education, since measures have been introduced such as free transportation for students wishing to learn Basque.² It will also have an effect on the media, as only broadcasters whose output includes a minimum percentage of Basque will be eligible for subsidies.

Does the Commission consider the actions of the current autonomous government to be acceptable given the possibility of discrimination against those wishing to learn languages other than Basque? Can the Commission provide any examples, for the sake of comparison, of similar situations in any other multilingual Member State?

¹ <http://www.elmundo.es/espana/2015/07/07/559ae4f7268e3ee1708b4592.html>.

² http://www.diariodenavarra.es/noticias/navarra/mas_navarra/2015/09/21/el_gobierno_introduce_las_ayudas_transporte_para_alumnos_euskera_246696_2061.html.