

**Question for written answer E-003477/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Santiago Fisas Ayxelà (PPE)**

Subject: Catalan Consumer Code

The language regime, established under Act 22/2010 on the Consumer Code of Catalonia, stipulates that all information provided to consumers by businesses must be in Catalan, including, for example, shop signs.

In the past year, the amount raised from penalties imposed under this law has shot up by EUR 88 650, a 173% upsurge in comparison to the 2014 figures.

By implementing this Act and imposing just one of its official languages, Catalonia is violating its citizens' linguistic rights, which are recognised not only in the Spanish Constitution but also in Catalonia's Statute of Autonomy and Community rules.

Can the Commission tell us:

Are these language rules compatible with the Treaty provisions on freedom of establishment and those regarding services to consumers by companies of another Member State?

Can the Commission provide comparative data on language rights in the Member States together with any information it has on the exchange of best practices?