

Question for written answer E-009741/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Suspension of the law on improving education

The Spanish Government has suspended Organic Law 8/2013 of 9 December for the improvement of the quality of education (LOMCE), an initiative co-financed from the European Social Fund, under the Operational Programme for Employment, Training and Education 2014-2020.

The Spanish Parliament is currently preparing a new draft law, causing the implementation schedule for LOMCE to be suspended. This does not mean, however that the law has been shelved indefinitely. The government has declared its opposition to the new law, claiming that it would jeopardise the ESF funding allocated for implementing LOMCE.

1. Can the Commission make ESF co-funding contingent on implementation of a law on the Spanish educational system?
2. Is it not rather the case that Commission must check (with the collaboration and certification of the ESF managing authority in Spain) whether training courses are actually carried out and not whether the law is applied?