

**Question for written answer E-004899/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Neglect of Spain's cultural heritage

San Antolín de Bedón is a 13th century Romanesque church in Asturias, hidden away in a quite exceptional enclave on the coastal part of the northern route to Santiago: the mouth of the River Bedón at San Antolín beach, below the Sierra de Cuera.

This historical and artistic monument, which was declared part of Spain's heritage as a 'Bien de Interés Cultural' [object of cultural interest] in 1931, is now in a state of neglect because the government has no interest in it, deeming it to be private property. However there is evidence to the contrary and contradictions in the reports requested from the 'Abogacía del Estado' (the body representing the State in legal matters) during arguments over this. The autonomous authorities, the local authorities and local groups are all demanding that the state take over ownership of this monument to stop it from deteriorating further.

Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union states that the EU 'shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced'. In addition, the Commission Communication entitled 'Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe' reminds us that 'cultural heritage is a shared resource, and a common good' and that 'there is no contradiction between national responsibilities and EU action.'

What can the Commission do so that a solution is found to this neglect of part of our cultural heritage, before the damage becomes irreversible?