

**Question for written answer P-015488/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Trial of journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi

Gianluigi Nuzzi, a journalist and author of the book entitled 'Via Crucis', is currently under investigation by the Vatican in connection with the revelations contained therein regarding the papal entourage and is facing charges of appropriating and leaking allegedly confidential documents.

At the same time, Article 21 of the Italian Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, while Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights protects the right to freedom of expression, including 'freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers'.

Moreover, Gianluigi Nuzzi is an Italian citizen whose actions did not constitute an offence in his country.

In view of this:

Is the Commission aware of the above circumstances?

Does it consider that press pluralism in Italy is in danger of being undermined by the Vatican's investigations? Could the investigation be considered as an instrument for the monitoring of media?