

Question for written answer E-002758/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Infringement of the fundamental freedoms within the single market

Through the 'Consum estratègic'¹ campaign, the Catalan National Assembly (CNA) is calling on the municipalities of Catalonia to procure services and products exclusively from Catalan companies which also support Catalonia's separatist movement.

The protectionist and separatist objective of the campaign is clear in so far as it considers that 'trading with companies whose track records show that, if at any time they consider it appropriate, they will not hesitate once again to work, fund and act so as to damage the Catalan economy and to coerce the public, is incompatible with the aim of defending the rights and interests of citizens of Catalonia'.

The campaign infringes the free movement of goods and services – a cornerstone of the EU internal market – and the basic rules of European public procurement, such as transparency and equal treatment. It also undermines the protection of consumer interests. Accordingly,

1. Is the Commission aware of this discriminatory campaign?
2. How does it intend to monitor the situation and prevent this infringement of the Treaties?

¹ <https://www.lavanguardia.com/politica/20190910/47273061226/anc-ayuntamientos-empresas-proindependencia-republica.html>