

**Question for written answer E-004719/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Abuse of temporary contracts in Spain

In its answer to question E-004600/2019, the Commission stated that it was investigating whether national law relating to the public sector in Spain complies with the obligation contained in Directive 1999/70/EC to provide measures to prevent and, if necessary, punish cases of abuse of successive fixed-term contracts.

Spain's Government has yet to comply with Directive 1999/70/EC, as no punitive measures are in place nor does it appear that the Spanish authorities have instigated, on their own initiative, any investigative procedure.

The Court of Justice judgment of 20 March 2020 recognises that temporary contracts are abused in Spain and that Spanish law has still not been brought into line with Directive 1999/70/EC.<sup>1</sup>

In view of the above:

Could the Commission provide more information on the ongoing investigation into Spanish law as it stands and the current state of play?

Should the Commission conclude that Spanish national law does indeed breach the obligation laid down in the Directive, does it intend to launch an infringement procedure against Spain?

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<sup>1</sup> Joined cases Sánchez Ruis (C-103/18) and Fernández Álvarez (C-429/18)