

**Question for written answer E-004828/2020/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Football club fires a player on ideological grounds

In August, the Spanish club Granada Club de Fútbol, which will play in a European competition this season, decided to fire one of its players, goalkeeper Unai Etxebarria, on ideological grounds. The player had appeared in a photo sporting a T-shirt criticising a matter that had received Commission attention because of its gross disproportionality, after a group of youths from Navarra who had been accused of terrorism for their involvement in a bar brawl were handed lengthy prison sentences. Although labour law falls under the competence of each Member State, this is once again a clear breach of the principle of non-discrimination on ideological grounds, enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and constitutes an erosion of the quality of the rule of law in a Member State.

1. Is ideological discrimination compatible with Community values?
2. How can EU intervention in these cases be integrated into the global European Rule of Law Mechanism?