

**Question for written answer E-006666/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU rules on data protection and disclosing the names of those on the Spanish Government's COVID-19 pandemic expert advisory panel

The Spanish Council of Transparency and Good Governance (CTBG) has ordered the Spanish Government to reveal the names of those on the COVID-19 pandemic expert advisory panel.

The CTBG has declared that disclosing the names of the experts does not undermine 'data protection' because, as it does no more than enable identification relating to the organisation, functioning or public activity of the body concerned, it is data that is covered by the right of access to public information.

In response to the CTBG's decision, the Spanish Government is seeming to insist that rules on the protection of personal data, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)¹, prevent it from disclosing the names of the people on its expert panel.

Does the Commission think that the GDPR prevents disclosure of the names of those on the Spanish Government's pandemic expert advisory panel?

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.