

Question for written answer E-001091/2021/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Infringement of the principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination in the vaccination schedule for State security forces in the Basque Country

The Government of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country (Spain) has devised a COVID-19 vaccination plan for the 9 000-plus officers of the autonomous police force, the Ertzaintza. However, it has not yet set a date to begin vaccinating the 3 250 Guardia Civil and National Police officers deployed in the Basque Country, who protect, watch over and even provide citizens with documentation. According to official sources from the Department of Health, these officers will be vaccinated 'whenever appropriate and possible'¹.

Neither the Spanish Government delegation in the Basque Country nor the commanders of either police force know when, how or where these officers, who provide an essential service in the region, will be vaccinated.

In view of this clear breach of the fundamental principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination:

1. Does the Commission think that members of the same professional groups providing essential basic services should be treated equally in the context of the vaccination plans?
2. What support does it intend to provide to ensure that there is no discrimination based on political criteria in Member States' vaccination plans?

¹ <https://www.elmundo.es/pais-vasco/2021/02/18/602d8ec821efa0e4088b45b7.html>