

**Question for written answer E-001552/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Royal College of Spain in Bologna

The College of Saint Clement of the Spaniards in the Italian city of Bologna was founded in 1364 by the Catholic Cardinal Gil de Albornoz, using funds from his personal fortune. The College, whose governing body is a board of trustees, gives grants every year so that Spanish and Portuguese students, both men and women, can study for their doctorate in any of the University of Bologna's faculties.

The College does not receive any public funding. It only operates in Italy, where all its assets are located, and has two sites in Bologna, one for men and one for women. In accordance with the terms of Cardinal Albornoz's Will, only Catholics are eligible to receive one of its grants.

Does the Commission believe that the operation of this university college – which does not receive any public funding of any kind and only operates in Italy – contravenes in any way rules under EU law?