

**Question for written answer E-003089/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Use of EU funding by the Spanish Government in the awarding, without guarantees, of specialist healthcare training places

One of the reasons Spanish healthcare professionals are so highly valued worldwide is the country's specialised healthcare training model (Formación Sanitaria Especializada – FSE)¹.

In this year's call for applications for the FSE, the Spanish Government decided to replace the traditional model for selecting candidates, which was either online or in person and in real time, with a purely online and recorded interview system.² Most Spanish healthcare organisations and companies have condemned the new system, which failed to work on countless occasions in the first few weeks of its existence³, saying that it does not provide adequate guarantees.

Last week, the General Assembly of the European Junior Doctors Association adopted a motion supporting these claims by the Spanish healthcare profession⁴.

The Spanish Government originally stated that it would receive EU funding to digitise the system for selecting FSE candidates.⁵ However, it now acknowledges that it cannot offer real time selection as it does not have the means to do so.⁶

1. Is the Commission aware of the Spanish Government's intent to allocate European funding to facilitate the selection, with guarantees, of FSE posts?
2. Has the government made use of the eGovernment tools made available by the Commission, and in particular the Joinup Collaborative Platform⁷ and the eGovernment Strategy⁸?

¹ <https://fse.mscbs.gob.es/fseweb/view/public/fse/programasFSE/duracionProgramas.xhtml>

² https://www.elconfidencial.com/espana/2021-06-08/mir-plazas-carolina-darias-estudiantes_3121512/

³ <https://www.vozpopuli.com/espana/mir-sanidad-plazas-2.html>

⁴ <https://www.larazon.es/sociedad/20210605/nxnntflhmrhghcuchj2fm2ayta.html>

⁵ <https://www.redaccionmedica.com/secciones/formacion/eleccion-plaza-mir-sanidad-telematico-ahorrarcostes-9675>

⁶ <https://www.redaccionmedica.com/secciones/formacion/sanidad-dice-que-no-tiene-medios-para-un-mirpresencial-o-en-tiempo-real-2261>

⁷ <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/>

⁸ <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/policies/egovernment>