

**Question for written answer E-003394/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Exclusion from the Conference on the Future of Europe of the party with the third highest number of votes in Spain

On 3 June, the Congress of Deputies met to select the four people who will represent the Spanish Parliament at the Conference on the Future of Europe.

At the meeting Partido Popular, PSOE, Podemos and PNV conspired together to ensure that Vox's candidate, Iván Espinosa de los Monteros, was not chosen, thereby excluding the person representing the party that obtained the third highest number of votes in Spain.

Vox should be represented, not just because of its weight in Congress, but also because it is the only party calling for a debate different from the one planned.

What is more, I myself was not allowed to attend the plenary session on the Conference because of the requirement to meet the 'gender quota', which was not just unfounded but is also discriminatory.

Bearing in mind that the Conference should be an opportunity for debate in which all opinions are heard:

1. How does the Commission believe it will be able to ensure a public debate where the public's concerns are heard if, right from the start, there are restrictions on who can take part and what can be discussed?
2. Does the Commission consider that the right to participate of a party that represents four million voters is being violated here?