

**Question for written answer E-005028/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Violation of the fundamental rights of teachers and students in Catalonia

The Department for Education of the regional government of Catalonia is planning to enforce strict compliance with the Catalan monolingual teaching curriculum in schools and impose Catalan¹ as the only language of instruction. This decision breaches Spanish court judgments and clearly undermines the fundamental right of Catalan students to also be taught in Spanish.

The plan will require schools to gather evidence of language use in order to subsequently review their internal practices through regional government school inspections and to monitor the implementation of the new plan, thereby depriving schools of all linguistic autonomy.

Teachers and students in Catalonia are persistently persecuted on linguistic grounds in the course of their work and studies. Students are discriminated against and the fundamental rights of both groups are being violated.

According to Articles 21 and 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, this constitutes a blatant violation of fundamental rights and freedoms. In view of this, I would like to ask the following:

1. Will the Commission launch an investigation into this matter to ensure full compliance with the abovementioned rights in Catalonia?
2. As guardian of the Treaties and the rule of law, how will it prevent such situations from happening again?

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