Member States are responsible for regulating the legal status and the use of national and regional languages within their territory. Moreover, pursuant to Article 165 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union, Member States remain responsible for the content of teaching and the organisation of education systems. The EU may support or supplement their action in the field. For more information on bilingual education matters, see Parliamentary Questions E-006019/2020 and E-006030/2020.

The Commission ensures, within the remit of its competence, the respect of fundamental rights enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including the right to non-discrimination based on language and the respect to the cultural, religious and linguistic diversity. According to Article 51(1) of the Charter, its provisions are addressed to Member States only when they are implementing Union law; otherwise, it is for them to ensure the respect of their obligations regarding fundamental rights as resulting from their constitutional order and international commitments. On the basis of the information provided by the Honourable Member, it does not appear that in the matter referred to the Member State concerned did act in the course of implementation of EU law. In such a situation, it is thus the responsibility of the Member States to ensure the implementation of courts’ decisions.

The Commission is currently preparing the next annual Rule of Law Report, which covers four areas, namely, the national justice systems, the anti-corruption frameworks, media pluralism and media freedom, and other institutional issues related to checks and balances. It focuses on systemic issues related to these four areas.