

**Question for written answer E-001402/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Failure of the Catalan Regional Government to comply with court decisions on rules governing use of languages in Spain

Not only is the Catalan Regional Government continuing systematically to breach the rights of Castilian Spanish-speaking citizens in Catalonia<sup>1</sup>, it is also repeatedly failing to comply with a great many rulings by the Constitutional Court<sup>2</sup>, the Supreme Court<sup>3</sup> and the High Court of Justice of Catalonia<sup>4</sup>, as well as the principles of the rule of law and the EU Treaties<sup>5</sup>.

Specifically, the ruling by the High Court of Justice of Catalonia requires all educational institutions in Catalonia to use Castilian Spanish in 25 % of their teaching hours. However, even though the deadline for applying this ruling voluntarily has passed, the Catalan Regional Government<sup>6</sup> continues to ignore and scorn these court rulings. Nor is the Spanish Government taking any firm action to demand compliance with these legal rulings and an end to discrimination against Castilian Spanish-speaking pupils<sup>7</sup>. The Commission cannot turn aside and ignore this very serious matter, which entails a clear breach of citizens' fundamental rights and rule of law principles by the Catalan Regional Government and the Spanish Government.

In light of the above:

Will the Commission insist on the Spanish Government ensuring compliance with court decisions and respect for the rule of law in accordance with the principles, values and Treaties of the European Union, as it has done with other Member States?

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<sup>1</sup> Protected by the Spanish Constitution, the Statute of Autonomy and Articles 21 and 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights. For context, see also question E-005028/2021.

<sup>2</sup> [https://boe.es/diario\\_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2010-11409](https://boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2010-11409)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.poderjudicial.es/cgpj/es/Poder-Judicial/Tribunales-Superiores-de-Justicia/TSJ-Cataluna/Noticias-Judiciales-TSJ-Cataluna/El-Tribunal-Supremo-inadmite-el-recurso-de-la-Generalitat-sobre-el-25-de-castellano-en-las-escuelas-de-Cataluna>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.poderjudicial.es/search/openDocument/e4a3a5cecd017449>

<sup>5</sup> Article 2 TEU.

<sup>6</sup> Catalonia's Statute of Autonomy states that responsibility for education has been entrusted to the Regional Government of Catalonia.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.europapress.es/nacional/noticia-gobierno-dice-generalitat-tiene-competencias-garantizar-25-castellano-aulas-20211124113518.html>; <https://t.co/kulkD0jk1w>