

**Question for written answer E-001641/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Commissioner Reynders's meeting with Societat Civil Catalana: non-compliance with the code of conduct and lack of transparency in the answer provided

We have received the answer to our question on the meeting of Commissioner Reynders with Societat Civil Catalana (SCC)<sup>1</sup>, which was an infringement of the code of conduct since SCC was not registered on the EU Transparency Register at the time. The commissioner states that SCC is registered but fails to mention that this was done on 24 January 2022<sup>2</sup>, more than a month after the meeting, in an apparent attempt to generate confusion around the infringement.

In his answer, the commissioner also explains that he accepted the meeting at the request of SCC 'to discuss the situation in Catalonia'. But on 25 April 2022 he stated that he had accepted the meeting because it had been requested by an MEP<sup>3</sup>.

These contradictory answers reveal a lack of transparency and the contempt with which the commissioner treats the MEPs asking this question, who have repeatedly requested and been denied a meeting with him and organisations that work on fundamental rights.

1. What measures will the Commission take regarding this infringement of the code of conduct?
2. Is the request of an MEP the only criterion for a commissioner to meet an organisation and if so, why have we been denied a meeting?
3. Since this matter was not answered: does the Commission approve of its members meeting organisations with ties to the far right<sup>4</sup>?

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<sup>1</sup> See Question for Written Answer E-005527/2021 and the answer provided: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005527\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005527_EN.html)

<sup>2</sup> See transparency register entry for Societat Civil Catalana: <https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=770786045269-04>

<sup>3</sup> See the commissioner's press conference of 25 April 2022: <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-224147>

<sup>4</sup> See the links and information provided in Question for Written Answer E-005527/2021: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005527\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005527_EN.html)