

**Question for written answer E-001662/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Commission's duty to give all MEPs and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views

On 9 December 2021, Commissioner Reynders met with the Spanish organisation Societat Civil Catalana (SCC) to discuss the political situation in Catalonia, this despite SCC not being registered in the EU Transparency Register on the day of the meeting¹ and the organisation's close, well-documented ties with the Spanish far-right². Commissioner Reynders justified the SCC's presence at the meeting by claiming that an MEP had requested to meet with him while accompanied by SCC representatives³.

On 7 February and 21 March 2022, Commissioner Reynders denied a request for a meeting with the undersigning MEPs and representatives of relevant Catalan civil society organisations that are registered in the Transparency Register and have a track record of work on fundamental rights.

On 26 April 2022, Commission Vice-President Schinas met with two MEPs from the Spanish far-right party Vox, who were accompanied by a member of the Catalan Parliament from the same far-right party⁴.

In the light of Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union:

1. Does the Commission believe that it is giving all representative associations in Catalonia the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views?
2. Will the Commission agree to a meeting with the undersigning MEPs and representatives of relevant Catalan civil society organisations?

¹ See the Transparency Register entry for Societat Civil Catalana here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=770786045269-04>

² <https://www.elcritic.cat/investigacio/els-vincles-ocults-de-lextrema-dreta-amb-societat-civil-catalana-10073>

³ See Written Question E-005527/2021 and Commissioner Reynders's answer:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005527_EN.html

⁴ <https://www.vilaweb.cat/noticies/la-comissio-europea-rep-el-partit-dultradreta-vox-per-parlar-sobre-immigracio/>