

**Question for written answer E-003507/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Systematic violation of the principle of linguistic non-discrimination in Catalonia in the area of freedom to provide services

On 17 October, the local services department of the Ministry of Business of Tarragona, which falls under the Government of Catalonia, warned the owners of a bar in Reus (Tarragona) that they could be fined EUR 20 000 for failing to serve one of their customers in Catalan<sup>1</sup>. This violation of the obligation to serve customers in Catalan comes in addition to the systematic violation by the Catalan Regional Government of the rights of Catalan-speaking Catalans under the Spanish Constitution<sup>2</sup>, the Statute of Autonomy<sup>3</sup> and Articles 21 and 22 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights<sup>4</sup>. Moreover, it is a flagrant violation of the principle of linguistic non-discrimination, within the framework of the European legislation applicable in the single market.

In view of this new abuse and attack by the Government of Catalonia on the rights and freedoms of its citizens, I would like to ask the following question:

Does the Commission intend to launch an investigation into these events and the constant violations of the principle of non-discrimination and of EU rights by the Catalan Government in this Member State?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://cronicaglobal.elespanol.com/politica/govern-amenaza-multa-20000-euros-bar-reus-atender-castellano\\_733034\\_102.html](https://cronicaglobal.elespanol.com/politica/govern-amenaza-multa-20000-euros-bar-reus-atender-castellano_733034_102.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://app.congreso.es/consti/constitucion/indice/titulos/articulos.jsp?ini=3&tipo=2>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2006-13087#a6>

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12016P/TXT>