

**Question for written answer E-003696/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Illegal Chinese overseas police service stations in Catalonia

A recent investigation by the non-governmental organisation Safeguard Defenders found that China has been setting up a transnational network of at least 54 illegal 'overseas police service stations' in 30 different countries¹.

These illegal police stations were initially intended to combat 'fraud and telecommunications fraud by Chinese citizens living abroad'. However, there is growing evidence that these illegal police stations are instead being used to force Chinese dissidents living abroad to 'voluntarily' return to China through the means of intimidation, harassment, arrest or imprisonment. In Catalonia alone, Safeguard Defenders has found two illegal police service stations in Barcelona and one in Manresa.

1. What is the Commission's position on these concerning findings and how will they affect the political, economic and diplomatic relations between the EU and China?
2. Will it investigate the alleged human rights violations committed in these illegal police stations on European soil?
3. Has Spain informed the Commission of these illegal Chinese police stations and is the Commission aware of any measures taken by the Spanish authorities to dismantle this illegal network?

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¹ <https://safeguarddefenders.com/sites/default/files/pdf/110%20Overseas%20%284%29.pdf>