

**Question for written answer E-000831/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Discrimination against the Catalan language by the Commission's 'You are EU' campaign

The Commission has set up several banners in the streets of Catalonia, only in Spanish, to promote the 'You are EU' campaign<sup>1</sup>.

This campaign constitutes a serious instance of discrimination against Catalan speakers on their own soil, where it is an official language<sup>2</sup>. It is at odds with a campaign purported to be grounded in, among other things, the European values of 'equality' and 'tolerance'<sup>3</sup>. It is also at odds with the principles enshrined in EU law on linguistic, national and regional diversity and cultural heritage<sup>4</sup>. It further runs counter to one of the objectives of Parliament's resolution of 11 December 1990 on languages in the Community and the situation of Catalan, namely 'the use of Catalan for disseminating public information concerning the European institutions in all the media'<sup>5</sup>.

In the light of the above:

1. Why did the Commission decide not to use the Catalan language in this campaign?
2. Why did it discriminate against Catalan speakers in this case?
3. What measures will it take to correct this situation as soon as possible and to ensure that the aforementioned events are not repeated in upcoming campaigns?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/ComissioEuropea/status/1632717574784860162?s=20>.

<sup>2</sup> Articles 6(1) and 6(2) of the Organic Act 6/2006 of the 19th July, on the Reform of the Statute of Autonomy of Catalonia, <https://www.parlament.cat/document/cataleg/150259.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> [https://you-are-eu.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://you-are-eu.europa.eu/index_en).

<sup>4</sup> Article 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 167(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

<sup>5</sup> [https://barcelona.spain.representation.ec.europa.eu/qui-som/el-catala-la-ue/resolucio-reding\\_ca](https://barcelona.spain.representation.ec.europa.eu/qui-som/el-catala-la-ue/resolucio-reding_ca).