

Question for written answer E-001179/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Boycott of Spanish products by 11 Catalan municipalities

On 8 November 2018, the Council for the Catalan Republic, an organisation that seeks to replace the legitimate power of an EU Member State, led by Carles Puigdemont MEP, presented the 'Consum institucional estratègic'¹ campaign to discourage Catalan public authorities from working with companies that do not use Catalan and are not pro-independence. This is blatant linguistic and ideological discrimination that creates a barrier that prevent most Spanish and European companies from accessing the territory. To date, 11 Catalan municipalities have signed up to this campaign to boycott Spanish products².

The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union states that 'the internal market shall comprise an area without internal frontiers'³, which means that this measure adopted by the municipal authorities infringes EU principles and law.

In view of this alarming situation:

1. Does the Commission intend to investigate this violation of one of the pillars of the European project?

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¹ <https://www.consuminstitucional.cat/>.

² <https://theobjective.com/espana/politica/2023-04-08/ayuntamientos-boicot-espanoles/>.

³ Part Three, Title I, Article 26(2): <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=EN>.