

**Question for written answer E-001180/2023/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Catalan authorities' orchestrated persecution of a Catalan Health Service employee

The Catalan Government has conducted political-linguistic persecution of a temporary employee of the Catalan Health Service after she published on TikTok, during a work break, a video criticising the requirement to have level C1<sup>1</sup> in Catalan to be eligible for a permanent post.

The Health Minister, Manel Balcells, announced that there would be an investigation into the nurse, describing her statements as 'intolerable'. The investigation included a harsh 50-minute interrogation of the young woman, entirely in Catalan, in which she was asked not about her professional performance, but only about the video. In the end, she lost her job.

This intolerable political-administrative witch hunt compounded the trolling she came in for on social media, which, owing to the number of physical threats she received, led her to take sick leave for anxiety. She has been subject to institutional lynching and harassment driven by the Catalan Government<sup>2</sup>.

In view of this state of affairs:

1. Will the Commission open an investigation into the Catalan authorities for their abuse of power and infringement of this employee's labour and fundamental rights?
2. What view does the Commission take of the Catalan Government's harassment and bullying of a worker for freely expressing her opinion, in an infringement of the EU's founding principles?

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<sup>1</sup> Common European Framework of Reference for Language Skills.

<sup>2</sup> [https://twitter.com/manelbalcells/status/1631253998354268160?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Eetweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1631253998354268160%7Ctwgr%5Ec4148c15991c65ce6ac5487382cd7ff3eaf1d893%7Ctwcon%5Es1\\_&ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Ftheobjective.com%2Fsociedad%2F2023-03-02%2Fgovern-expedienta-enfermera-catalan%2F](https://twitter.com/manelbalcells/status/1631253998354268160?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Eetweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1631253998354268160%7Ctwgr%5Ec4148c15991c65ce6ac5487382cd7ff3eaf1d893%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Ftheobjective.com%2Fsociedad%2F2023-03-02%2Fgovern-expedienta-enfermera-catalan%2F).