

**Question for written answer E-001260/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The right of establishment for companies

The Spanish government has reportedly expressed strong opposition to Ferrovial's business decision to move its headquarters to the Netherlands (Financial Times, 1 March 2023). However, the right of establishment is one of the essential principles of the single market. This principle means that companies have the right to decide where to establish within the single market. It is a paramount principle that should be defended. Yet undue restrictions on this principle risk seriously undermining the Union's efforts to further integrate the single market and could jeopardise the benefits that the free and seamless European market generates for its citizens and businesses.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission continue to uphold the right of establishment with the same vigour that it has shown previously?
2. What measures will the Commission adopt to ensure that Member States do not limit the right of establishment unless they have very compelling justification?

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