

Question for written answer E-003041/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Depoliticisation of the selection process for Spain's General Council of the Judiciary

The Commission has repeatedly called on Spain to unblock the renewal of its General Council of the Judiciary (CGPJ) since 2018. It has also called for progress on the adoption of a law reform to put an end to the politicisation of these bodies. Every year, the Rule of Law Reports mention the issue, and Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders has consistently repeated the calls and has even requested that the Venice Commission recommendations be followed.

At the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 12 October 2023, Reynders even pointed out that if there is a 'regression' by a Member State on a reform and, if there is no guarantee that the judicial body has a majority of judges elected by themselves, he will act 'in particular, by bringing the matter before the Court of Justice of the European Union if necessary, or by other methods'.

1. After five years with no progress and a clear deterioration of justice in Spain, is it not now urgent that the Commission take action at the CJEU on account of a situation that weakens the rule of law in a very serious way?
2. What other 'methods' does the Commission envisage to drive the change of law in Spain and to ensure an end to the politicisation of the CGPJ and bring about the effective separation of powers in Spain?

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