

**Question for written answer E-003516/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Discrimination against the Spanish National Police and Guardia Civil – dangers of the profession not being recognised

Law enforcement in Spain is divided into three administrative levels: national, regional and local. The current professional status of law enforcement at the national level – the National Police (CNP) and the Guardia Civil – is different from law enforcement at regional and local level because the profession is not recognised as being dangerous at national level. This is discriminatory, and also has serious social and economic consequences for those who have not received this recognition.

People working in state law enforcement are exposed to the same dangers as those working at regional and local level, and also take on other risks associated with duties that have been specifically assigned to them. This also increases the likelihood of them being assaulted. Spain has arbitrarily refused to recognise that all members of law enforcement are equal, thereby discriminating against the National Police (CNP) and the Guardia Civil.

Although this matter does not directly fall within the EU's competences, the Spanish Government's arbitrary and discriminatory conduct raises the question:

Does the Commission intend to request information from the Spanish Government about this issue and, where appropriate, call on it to put an end to this clearly discriminatory practice?

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