

**Question for written answer E-000116/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Use of EU funds by the separatist Catalan Government, aided and abetted by the Sánchez Government, to cut Spanish out of Catalan education

The Government of the Autonomous Community of Catalonia (Catalan Government) has used Next Generation funds to cut Spanish out of Catalan education. The Sánchez Government, a prisoner of its own associates, has done nothing to stop it.

Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan funding to the tune of EUR 200 million has been allocated to the Catalan Digital Education Plan to distribute robotics kits, audiovisual equipment and laptops with software exclusively in Catalan across 2 827 schools, in line with the *Estratègia d'impuls digital* drawn up by Catalonia's Department of Education. In addition, EUR 900 000 has been used to buy books for Catalan public libraries. The requirement that 50 % of the books in each library be in Spanish has not been fulfilled. *La Asamblea por una Escuela Bilingüe* (a bilingual schooling association) has condemned the fact that only 19 % of children's books, 36 % of young adult books and 49 % of books for adults purchased were in Spanish.

In light of this fraudulent use of funds:

1. What is the Commission going to do about EU funds being used to violate the right and obligation to use Spanish as Spain's, and of course Catalonia's, official language?
2. The European Parliament is investigating whether or not the political desire to cut Spanish out of Catalan education is harmful to students. Does the Commission believe this is the case?

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