

**Question for written answer E-000618/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Political drift in a number of judicial investigations in Spain and interference in decisions of the legislative authorities

The Swiss judiciary has for the second time warned a Spanish judge about the political nature of his investigation in a case relating to Catalan independence that involves a Member of the European Parliament. The Swiss judges warn that they will not cooperate with the Spanish justice system if it does not address the weak evidence supporting the accusation of terrorism, and the arbitrary classification of acts covered by freedom of expression, assembly and demonstration or equivalent to much more specific and minor offences. Moreover, they highlight the obvious interference of the investigation in decisions of the legislative authorities. These warnings and disqualifications come in addition to those in other EU Member States on the same issue regarding senior members of Spain's judicial system.

1. Does the Commission consider that the repetition of such events could indicate a systemic problem in the way in which certain minorities are dealt with in Spanish courts?
2. Is the Commission going to include this issue in its next EU Rule of Law Report by at least listening actively to those affected by this systemic behaviour?

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