

**Question for written answer P-000798/2011  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Former Batasuna leader in France

I wish to draw the Commission's attention to the very serious case of Aurore Martin, a leader of Batasuna, an organisation declared illegal by the Strasbourg Court for its collaboration with the terrorist organisation ETA. Aurore Martin, who is accused by the Spanish High Court of having been a member of a terrorist organisation due to her activities between 2005 and 2008, was arrested in the south of France on 19 May 2010. She was set free the same day, despite the existence of a European arrest warrant for her membership of a terrorist organisation. The French court at Pau ruled in favour of the European warrant in November 2010 and the French Supreme Court subsequently rejected the last possible appeal against her extradition to Spain.

The former Batasuna leader remains in France, where she gives interviews (specifically, she appeared on the France 3 television channel in January 2011). Furthermore, in Bayonne, in southern France, 40 elected officials declared on 12 January 2011 that they had sheltered Aurore Martin in their homes, despite the European warrant for her arrest.

Is the Commission aware of this matter?

What does the Commission intend to do in order to prevent publicly elected officials in a European country such as France from hiding Aurore Martin in their houses, when a European warrant has been issued for her arrest?

What action does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the European arrest warrant is applied and this Batasuna leader is extradited to Spain to answer charges of belonging to a terrorist organisation?