

**Question for written answer E-001877/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Andalusian government blocking construction of provincial centres for victims of sexual violence.

Although the Andalusian Women's Institute (IAM) attended to more than 660 victims of sexual violence in 2023 – a doubling in only five years –, the Junta (Government) of Andalucía (Spain) continues to block the opening of provincial shelters caring for victims of sexual violence.

As established in Directive 2024/1385 (Article 26) and in the Istanbul Convention (Article 25), in force for the Union since 1 October 2023, such facilities are extremely useful resources since anonymity, round-the-clock availability and the fact of not needing a complaint to go to them make them safe places for victims.

This is why the Andalusian Government received more than EUR 12 million in EU funding – which remains unused – for their construction, since in Spain more than 6% of women over 16 years of age have suffered sexual violence at some point in their lives.

1. Is the Commission aware of the Andalusian Government's blocking of the construction of these centres despite having received funds for this purpose?
2. Does it intend to make representations to the competent authorities to ensure that these centres are opened in accordance with the provisions of Directive (EU) 2024/1385?

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