

**Question for written answer E-001959/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Corruption and rule of law in Spain

The 2024 Report on the Rule of Law in Spain, published last July, highlights that the government was mandated by law to adopt, by September 2024, a comprehensive strategy to prevent and fight corruption. However, no such legislation has been adopted, nor has there been any progress on the reform of the Code of Criminal Procedure, intended to expedite the investigation and prosecution of crimes in order to make the fight against corruption more effective.

Bearing in mind that Pedro Sánchez's government is currently beset by various corruption scandals implicating his wife, his brother and former government ministers, some of which even involving European funds:

1. What plan of action does the Commission intend to pursue to bring pressure to bear on the government to improve the fight against corruption, something which would seem not to be its priority?
2. In its structured bilateral dialogue on the rule of law with the government, does the Commission intend to address not only the timetable but also the mobilisation of the necessary human and financial resources to ensure the proper implementation of the present and future Code of Criminal Procedure?

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