

**Question for written answer E-002226/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Political assault on media freedom and pluralism in Spain

The Spanish Government has adopted a decree reducing the parliamentary majority required to renew RTVE's board of directors with the aim of controlling the management – and thus the content – of public radio and television. The decree does away with the two-thirds majority previously needed to elect the body's board, which means that the agreement of the two main parties, the PP and PSOE, is no longer essential, thus directly affecting the pluralism of the governing body.

The European Media Freedom Act, which seeks to provide greater protection against political interference in editorial decisions, entered into force on 7 May 2024. Article 5 states that heads of management and management board members of public service media providers should be appointed in a transparent, open and non-discriminatory manner.

In successive reports on the rule of law in Spain, the Commission has already warned of the need to improve media pluralism in the country.

In view of the above:

What is the Commission's view of this political assault on RTVE's board of directors by the ruling party, which calls into question media freedom and pluralism?

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