

**Question for written answer E-002871/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Right to the truth regarding Arturo Ruiz's murder during the Spanish transition to democracy

The 1977 murder of Arturo Ruiz is one of the many violations of the right to truth and justice during Spain's transition to democracy. Reports of collaboration between far-right and state forces require transparency. Despite the Democratic Memory Law and the European Commission's recommendations in its Rule of Law Report to improve access to information, declassification of official documents remains an obstacle. In view of the above:

1. What does the Commission make of the Spanish state's failure to follow its recommendation in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Rule of Law Reports with regard to improving access to information, specifically in relation to the Arturo Ruiz and similar cases?
2. In the Commission's view, does the refusal to declassify documents on human rights violations during the Spanish transition to democracy breach EU rules on access to official documents?
3. What measures can the Commission propose to ensure the families of victims like Arturo Ruiz can exercise their right to truth and justice in line with the principles of the rule of law in the EU?

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