

**Question for written answer E-003089/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Spanish Autonomous Communities failing to provide protection and comply with legal obligations with regard to unaccompanied migrant children

Yesterday, 24 July 2025, a reception centre for migrant children in the Canary Islands¹ was closed down in light of serious structural and staff issues. The Canaries currently host over 5 700 minors in more than 80 centres opened via urgent contracts and without any guarantees in terms of monitoring, professionalism and oversight².

This closure is a further direct consequence of Spain's Autonomous Communities' refusal to host unaccompanied migrant children and breaches the principle of the best interests of the child in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights³, in addition to the provisions of the European Pact on Migration and Asylum⁴, which establishes mandatory solidarity, as well as relocation mechanisms, with childcare in situations of migratory pressure. It also fails to comply with Directives 2011/95/EU and 2013/33/EU⁵, which require decent reception conditions and specific protection for minors.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to take steps to ensure compliance with the new Spanish Royal Decree on the reception of migrant children⁶ and with EU legislation on child protection and asylum?
2. Does it consider the refusal by Spain's Autonomous Communities to participate in reception to be in breach of EU law?
3. How does it intend to ensure that all levels of government fulfil their obligations?

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¹ <https://elpais.com/espana/2025-07-24/una-operacion-contr-la-principal-ong-de-acogida-de-menores-en-canarias-deja-un-centro-clausurado-y-dos-directivos-detenidos.html>

² <https://www.laprovincia.es/canarias/2025/06/08/contratos-millonarios-red-acogida-deficiente-118366979.html>

³ <https://fra.europa.eu/en/eu-charter/article/24-rights-child>

⁴ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en

⁵ https://euaa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/publications/EASO_Reception_JA_EN.pdf

⁶ <https://www.boe.es/buscar/doc.php?id=BOE-A-2025-5404>