

**Question for written answer E-003647/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Failures in Spain's online system for precautionary monitoring of gender-based violence

There were continual failures in Spain's online system for precautionary monitoring of gender-based violence — 'anti-abuse bracelets' — for at least eight months in 2024, following a change in service provider. The courts received notifications that no new devices could be installed and defective ones could not be replaced, thus jeopardising the safety of numerous victims. Spain's Public Prosecutor's Office has acknowledged that this led to cases against abusers being dismissed or dropped.

Several pieces of EU legislation may have been violated: Directive 2012/29/EU, which requires effective protection measures to be guaranteed; Directive 2011/99/EU on the European protection order, which requires the devices to be reliable; Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement of essential services; and Directive (EU) 2024/1385 on combating violence against women and domestic violence, which is in the process of being transposed.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider that the Spanish Government has established the necessary guarantees and mechanisms to comply with European protection standards in a timely manner?
2. Will the Commission ensure that such a state of affairs is prevented and will not reoccur?

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