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Subject: Possible government interference in the statistical independence of the Spanish National Statistics Institute and impact on the EU's financial interests

Nadia Calviño, former Vice-President of the Government of Spain and current President of the European Investment Bank, has admitted to having 'helped' the National Statistics Institute (INE) from the Ministry of Economy to modify its GDP calculation methodology in order to show higher economic growth for Spain and thus align with the government's political narrative.

This admission, and the subsequent resignation of INE President Juan Manuel Rodríguez Poo in June 2022, following pressure from then Vice-President Nadia Calviño would confirm a serious violation of the professional independence of the INE, as guaranteed by Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 223/2009¹ and a breach of the European Statistics Code of Practice².

In this context:

Does the Commission assess this interference, bordering on manipulation of statistical methods, to be compatible with the European Statistics Code of Practice and INE independence?

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¹ OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/223/oj>.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/quality/european-quality-standards/european-statistics-code-of-practice>.