

**Question for written answer E-001165/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Independence of the media

On 18 March 2025, the Official Journal of Galicia published Law 1/2025 on public audiovisual media services. That law conceals legislation described at the time by the Colexio Profesional de Xornalistas (Association of Professional Journalists of Galicia) as ‘a very worrying step backwards, disrespectful towards the profession of journalism and at odds with the rules set out in the European Media Freedom Act’.

With the publication of the law, the concerns expressed in question E-001788/2024 have become reality: the law leaves the power to appoint the director-general and the board of directors of the Galician Audiovisual Services Corporation (CSAG) in the hands of a single political party (which has already exercised that power); that party is the one that has been governing the autonomous community since before May 2018, when the CSAG’s staff decided to protest against information manipulation. Four hundred weeks later, they are still denouncing that manipulation. Their protests were reflected in the rule of law report.

1. Does the Commission consider the above legal provision to be consistent with the principles of plurality and independence laid down in Article 5 of the European Media Freedom Act?
2. Does it consider the reduction in in-house production and the lack of guarantees with regard to the news CSAG broadcast in line with EU Media Freedom framework?

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