

EN
E-001959/2024
Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
(9.1.2025)

The annual rule of law cycle provides a process for dialogue between the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council together with Member States, as well as national parliaments, civil society and other stakeholders.

The rule of law report serves as a basis for discussions on the rule of law in the EU as well as a tool to prevent problems from emerging or deepening further. Early identification of challenges and mutual support from the Commission, other Member States and stakeholders, can help Member States find solutions to safeguard and protect the rule of law.

The Commission continuously monitors the actions taken at national level to address the findings and recommendations of the annual rule of law report. As part of this process, it has offered a meeting with the authorities of all Member States, including Spain, to follow up on the respective recommendations.

Furthermore, the Commission presented in May 2023 a Directive to update and harmonise EU rules on definitions and sanctions on corruption offences¹, and encourages the co-legislators to start trilogues as soon as possible.

¹ COM (2023) 234 final.