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**Question for written answer E-000735/25
to the Commission
Matej Tonin (PPE)
(18 February 2025)**

Subject: Erosion of the rule of law in Slovenia

Recent developments threatening democratic governance and institutional independence have raised alarms regarding the erosion of the rule of law in Slovenia:

First, budget cuts to independent institutions: the Slovenian Government has imposed unjustified budget reductions on independent institutions, compromising their operational capabilities and political impartiality.

Second, illegal surveillance of a state prosecutor: reports indicate the unauthorised surveillance of a state prosecutor by Slovenian police without a judicial warrant, violating fundamental rights and legal protections with regard to judicial independence.

Third, unlawful changes to parliamentary procedures: the Government has altered parliamentary rules in contravention of standing orders, effectively removing essential procedural safeguards and diminishing the opposition's ability to scrutinise legislation.

Given these concerns, I ask the Commission:

1. How does it assess these actions concerning the rule of law in Slovenia?
2. Will the Commission take specific measures, such as monitoring or infringement procedures?
3. Is there a possibility of sending a fact-finding mission to Slovenia to evaluate the situation?

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**Answer given by Mr McGrath on behalf of the European Commission
(14 April 2025)**

The Commission is continuously following the rule of law situation in all Member States, including in Slovenia, and is monitoring developments in its annual Rule of Law Report.

The 2024 Rule of Law Report, country chapter on Slovenia ⁽¹⁾ provides an assessment of the situation of the rule of law in Slovenia in four key areas: the justice system, the anti-corruption framework, media pluralism and freedom, and other institutional issues related to checks and balances.

As part of the preparation of the 2025 Rule of Law Report, the Commission carries out virtual country meetings with key stakeholders in all Member States, including Slovenia. For Slovenia, these country meetings took place in the second half of March 2025.

⁽¹⁾ 2024 Rule of Law Report, Country Chapter on the rule of law situation in Slovenia, SWD(2024) 824 final, accessible at: https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/b76a7422-b03a-4104-9f61-9d9be3c34e44_en?filename=54_1_58081_coun_chap_slovenia_en.pdf