

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002213/25
to the Commission
Dolors Montserrat (PPE)
(3 June 2025)**

Subject: Compliance with the rule of law in Spain amid the wave of legal proceedings regarding corruption

There are an increasing number of legal proceedings involving those closest to the Prime Minister of Spain: his wife, his brother, the organisational secretary of the ruling party, and several former high-ranking government officials are all implicated in alleged cases of corruption, influence peddling, misappropriation of public funds and irregularities related to public procurement.

The most egregious examples include:

- the charges brought against the Prosecutor General of Spain for politically-motivated leaks of confidential information;
- the initiation of legal proceedings against the Prime Minister's brother for misconduct and influence peddling;
- suspected circumvention of the law to obtain special immunity for regional leaders facing charges;
- the involvement of former ministerial officials in allegedly rigged public contracts;
- and the possible use of institutional influence to favour those associated with the ruling party who are close to Sánchez.

The principles of the rule of law, the separation of powers and accountability are under threat.

1. Does the Commission plan to include an explicit warning in its Rule of Law Report about these signs of structural corruption connected to the Spanish Government, as well as a warning about possible political interference in the legal proceedings currently under way?

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**Answer given by Mr McGrath on behalf of the European Commission
(30 July 2025)**

The Commission has no competence to intervene in individual cases. This is a matter to be dealt with by the Spanish competent authorities.

The Commission monitors and reports on developments related to the rule of law in all Member States, including Spain. The latest edition of the Rule of Law Report was adopted on 8 July 2025 ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/2025-rule-law-report-communication-and-country-chapters_en.