

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002638/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Corruption allegations and political interference in Spain — safeguarding the rule of law

Recent developments in Spain have raised serious concerns about the independence of judicial institutions and the political use of prosecutorial powers under the government of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. Multiple corruption scandals have emerged involving figures linked to the ruling party, while accusations of political interference in judicial proceedings, including the appointment of key prosecutors, have intensified.

There is growing public concern in Spain and across the EU about the erosion of the rule of law, the lack of transparency and the perceived protection of political allies from prosecution. In other Member States, the Commission has acted swiftly in defence of judicial independence and the separation of powers.

1. What is the Commission's official position on the growing corruption allegations and perceived political interference in Spain's judicial system?
2. Does the Commission intend to issue a statement reaffirming the need to safeguard the rule of law in Spain, including the independence and autonomy of the public prosecution service?
3. Why does the Commission remain silent on this issue — is it due to the fact that the Spanish socialist party forms part of the broader political alliance that governs EU institutions?

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

Member States are solely responsible for maintaining law and order and safeguarding internal security. The Commission does not comment on individual cases of alleged corruption.

The Commission's annual Rule of Law Report reports on developments in the Member States in four areas of systemic importance, including judicial independence and the effectiveness of the fight against corruption. The sixth edition of the EU Rule of Law Report was adopted on 8 July 2025. It provides concrete recommendations to tackle systemic weaknesses in all Member States, including Spain.

The Commission remains committed to taking any necessary measures to ensure compliance with EU law and upholding the rule of law in all Member States. It will continue to monitor developments in the areas covered in the 2025 Rule of Law Report and continue to work with the Spanish authorities and relevant stakeholders on the findings and recommendations in the 2025 report, as part of the Rule of Law cycle.
