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**Question for written answer E-001099/26
to the Commission
Ana Miranda Paz (Verts/ALE)
(17 March 2026)**

Subject: Breach of the European Media Freedom Act in Galician public media

The Commission's response to my previous question (E-001467/2024) ⁽¹⁾, in which it stated that it would monitor compliance with the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA), is at odds with what is happening with CRTVG employees, who have been protesting for over 400 weeks against information manipulation and the use of the judicial system in employment conflicts. Article 5 of the EMFA provides that the head of management and the members of the management board of public service media 'shall be appointed on the basis of transparent, open, effective and non-discriminatory procedures and transparent, objective, non-discriminatory and proportionate criteria'.

However, the Galician Parliament has approved a reform of the law on media to take full control of public television and radio in Galicia, despite the opposition of every parliamentary group — including the BNG — except Partido Popular, which was able to pass the law thanks to its absolute majority.

The report on EMFA compliance in 2025 in Spain calls for particular attention to be paid to this reform in Galicia ⁽²⁾.

How can the Commission help put an end to Galician public media's information manipulation?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
(15 June 2026)**

The European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) ⁽¹⁾, under which most provisions have applied since 8 August 2025, introduces several safeguards to ensure the independent functioning of public service media.

In particular, Article 5 requires Member States to ensure that public service media providers are editorially and functionally independent and that the procedures for the appointment and dismissal of the head of management or the members of the management board of public service media providers aim to guarantee that independence.

Furthermore, the article sets out requirements for transparent, open and objective procedures for appointing the heads and management boards of such providers.

The enforcement of the EMFA is a matter of priority for the Commission, including with regard to ensuring the independence of public service media, to which the Commission attaches great importance.

The Commission has therefore been engaging closely with the Spanish authorities regarding the preparedness of their legal and institutional framework to make sure that it complies with the EMFA.

This engagement is ongoing, and the Commission will use its enforcement powers, where appropriate, to ensure such compliance, focusing on systemic issues.

In addition, the Commission is monitoring relevant developments related to media freedom and pluralism in all Member States, including Spain, under the annual Rule of Law Report.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001467_EN.html.

² *Media Capture Monitoring Report: Spain — Measuring EMFA compliance*, <https://ipi.media/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/SPAIN-media-Capture-Monitoring-Report-Overview-1.pdf>.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1083, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1083>.