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**Question for written answer E-001108/26
to the Commission
Nicolás González Casares (S&D)
(18 March 2026)**

Subject: Infringement

The Minister for the Environment of the Xunta de Galicia recently met with members of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs on a visit to Brussels. Following the meeting, she said it had been confirmed that a reform that the Spanish Government is pushing for, whereby concessions on state-owned coastal land could be extended automatically and all concessions of that kind would be granted by public tender, '[did] not address a Brussels requirement'.

In this connection, it is worth noting that an infringement procedure has been opened concerning Spain's 2013 Coastal Law for breaching the Services Directive specifically because it fails to provide a transparent and impartial selection procedure for the award of concessions in coastal areas and includes the option to extend existing concessions for up to 75 years without justification.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. What information did the Commission give the Minister from the Xunta regarding the Spanish Government's reform?
2. What information did it give her regarding the aforementioned infringement procedure?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
(4 September 2026)**

The Commission met with the Galician regional authorities on 17 March 2026, upon request by the latter to present their views on the infringement procedure concerning the grant and extension of the duration of concessions to pursue economic activities in the maritime-terrestrial public domain of the Spanish coast ⁽¹⁾ and on the actions taken by the Spanish central authorities in this regard.

The Commission, respecting its confidentiality obligations, did not provide any information about the aforementioned infringement procedure other than that which was already in the public domain ⁽²⁾.

As a comment of general validity, it was stressed during the meeting that it is up to Spain to arrange internally the division of competences between central and regional authorities, in accordance with its constitutional rules.

In the same way, the Commission did not provide any information or comment on actions taken by the Spanish central authorities in this context.

It should be noted, however, that a few days before the meeting, on 9 March 2026, the Spanish central authorities launched a consultation on a preliminary draft royal decree to amend the Coast General Regulation ⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ INFR(2022)4121, [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR\(2022\)4121&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR(2022)4121&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate)

⁽²⁾ See in particular the information published by the Commission following the adoption of the reasoned opinion, https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_6006.

⁽³⁾ <https://www.miteco.gob.es/es/prensa/ultimas-noticias/2026/marzo/el-miteco-saca-a-informacion-publica-el-anteproyecto-de-real-dec.html>.