

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001274/26
to the Commission
Mariusz Kamiński (ECR)
(26 March 2026)**

Subject: Judgment T-235/24 and the interference by former Commission Vice-President Věra Jourová in the competences of Member States and the independence of judicial and constitutional bodies

Between 2020 and 2022, the Commission criticised the public service media situation in Slovenia. Following a change of government in 2022, the RTV Slovenia Act reform was adopted, which was challenged before the Slovenian Constitutional Court. The Court initially suspended its application, but in May 2023 it lifted the interim measure despite the lack of a ruling on the constitutionality of the Act.

In March 2023, a few weeks before this decision, Commission Vice-President Věra Jourová met with the President of the Court in Slovenia. A briefing note prepared for the meeting indicated that the aim was, among other things, to ‘verify’ his position on the Act subject to constitutional review ⁽¹⁾.

MEP Milan Zver requested access to documents relating to the visit. Only after a year and numerous interventions, including by the European Ombudsman, did the Commission grant partial access, withholding parts of the notes. In its judgment of 18 June 2025 in Case T-235/24, the General Court of the EU ruled that the refusal to disclose the records was unlawful ⁽²⁾.

The case raises serious concerns not only regarding the lack of transparency in the Commission’s actions, but also regarding unlawful interference in the competences of Member States and the independence of judicial and constitutional bodies ⁽³⁾.

1. Does the Commission intend to disclose the full text of the documentation relating to the interference described above and to take action against those responsible for these unacceptable actions, including former Commissioner Jourová, who grossly exceeded her powers and exerted unlawful influence on the Constitutional Court of Slovenia?
2. Has the Commission taken similar unlawful actions against the independent judicial and constitutional bodies of other countries, including Poland?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
(21 May 2026)**

1. The Commission executed the judgment of the General Court by granting further access to a briefing.

The former Commission Vice-President made it clear publicly that she has not discussed the matter of RTV Slovenia with the then President of the Slovenian Constitutional Court. This was also confirmed by the Constitutional Court on 17 October 2025 ⁽¹⁾.

The former Vice-President was in charge of the rule of law, and all the key issues related to the rule of law, including the independence of the justice systems. It was part of her job to meet with the highest representatives of the judiciary and constitutional courts in Member States. Such meetings are never about individual cases. The meeting with the Slovenian President of the Constitutional Court covered issues related to the Rule of Law Report.

As part of her functions, the former Vice-President met regularly with Presidents of Constitutional Courts, including, for instance, the Presidents of the Constitutional Courts of Romania, Czechia, Poland, Spain, Germany and others.

Briefings are drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the Commission. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such. The summary of the meeting in question is recorded in the report from the mission to Slovenia, which was already disclosed under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ⁽²⁾. The RTV Slovenia Act was not discussed during the meeting and therefore was not in the report.

¹ <https://english.sta.si/3298276/mep-zver-takes-european-commission-to-general-court-over-jourova-visit>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:62024TJ0235>

³ <https://nova24tv.eu/featured/the-jourova-affair-is-snowballing-tectonic-shifts-could-occur-when-the-third-point-is-revealed/>

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.rtv.slo.si/slovenija/ustavno-sodisce-accetto-in-jourova-nista-govorila-o-nobeni-odprti-zadevi-ustavnega-sodisca/761172>.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

2. The Commission reiterates that no unlawful action was committed in the matter raised by the Honourable Member or against any other judicial or constitutional body, and that it considers the respect of the independence of the courts as crucial.
