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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission does not comment on individual cases.

The Commission closely follows the developments in all Member States, including Spain, as regards the rule of law and anti-corruption efforts, notably under the annual Rule of Law Report. The seventh EU Rule of Law report was published on 17 July 2026¹.

Regarding anti-corruption, the Commission concluded in the 2026 Report that Spain has made limited progress on the recommendations on lobbying and on the rules on conflicts of interest and asset declarations of persons in top executive functions, as well as some progress on the recommendation on addressing the length of investigations and prosecutions of high-level corruption.

The Commission recommended Spain to continue the ongoing procedure to adopt legislation on lobbying, including the establishment of a mandatory public register of lobbyists, to strengthen rules on conflicts of interest and asset declarations of persons with top executive functions, and to take forward the legislative process to revise the Code of Criminal Procedure to strengthen the framework for investigations and prosecutions in high-level corruption cases, with a view to reducing delays.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/2026-rule-law-report-communication-and-country-chapters_en.