

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002434/26
to the Commission
Alvise Pérez (NI)
(12 June 2026)**

Subject: State-linked intimidation of an MEP in Spain and the Commission's double standards on the rule of law

On 11 June 2026, I submitted a court filing in Spain in Preliminary Proceedings 150/2025 asking to be admitted as victim and private prosecutor. The filing states that I was allegedly targeted because of my political activity, my work as an information analyst and my denunciations of corruption. It refers to an alleged 'Leire Díez agenda' monitoring my activity, an alleged coordinated media smear campaign and alleged surveillance around my home and family environment by agents linked to information or intelligence departments.

Without prejudging national criminal proceedings, if state-linked or politically connected structures were used to monitor, intimidate or discredit an elected Member of the European Parliament, this would affect democratic pluralism, the free exercise of my mandate and the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union. The Commission's Rule of Law Report assesses justice systems, anti-corruption frameworks, media pluralism and institutional checks and balances.

1. In its Rule of Law Report will the Commission assess possible misuse of Spanish public authorities' or state resources against an MEP?
2. Will it reflect these allegations in the report's country chapter on Spain if they are deemed to affect democratic pluralism or the free exercise of my mandate?
3. What objective criteria will the Commission apply to ensure that possible rule-of-law breaches in Spain are scrutinised with the same rigour as in other Member States?

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**Answer given by Mr McGrath on behalf of the European Commission
(4 September 2026)**

The 2026 Rule of Law Report presents developments and recommendations concerning the situation of the rule of law in all 27 Member States, including Spain, across four pillars: the justice system, the anti-corruption framework, media freedom and pluralism, and other institutional issues related to checks and balances.

The report provides a qualitative assessment carried out by the Commission with a focus on a synthesis of significant developments in full respect of the principle of equality of Member States.

The Commission generally does not comment on individual cases or ongoing national court proceedings. The investigation and, where appropriate, prosecution of such cases fall, in general, within the competence of the national authorities.

The Commission applies the same objective methodology to all Member States, ensuring consistent and comparable scrutiny while fully respecting national competences. This methodology is published on the Commission's website.
