

**Question for written answer E-015703/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Political pluralism in the media

Media pluralism is a fundamental value based on the exercise of freedom of expression and information, as enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. It is one of the main factors determining the quality of any democracy. Moreover, equality, proportionality and information neutrality in the media depend on a transparent, free and diverse European media landscape.

This fundamental right is sometimes violated, particularly during elections, when political interests are placed above the interests of information and the formation of free and plural public opinion.

In the case of Spain, the Council of Europe already expressed concern in a 2013 resolution on the state of the media in the Union.

1. Does the Commission believe that Spain is complying with the directive on audiovisual media services (Directive 2010/13/EU), which stipulates that Member States should avoid any action that might promote the creation of dominant positions or impose restrictions on pluralism?
2. What mechanisms will the Commission use to safeguard media pluralism in line with Article 11 of the Charter?