Question for written answer E-014759/2015/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: Language Standardisation Act in the Balearic Islands

On 3 November 2015, the Parliament of the Balearic Islands Autonomous Community approved a bill amending the existing Language Standardisation Act. The stated aim was to safeguard the use of Catalan and to restore the relevant legal powers to the islands' language and culture bodies – thus returning to the status quo prior to the reform of 2012.

In terms of education policy, the model that has been approved is one of linguistic immersion in Catalan, with no teaching of Spanish, thus preventing pupils from studying both of the region's official languages.

Could the Commission provide comparative information on the situation regarding multilingual education in state schools in other Member States with two or more official languages and say whether there are any other cases of an official language being excluded from a country's educational system?

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