

**Question for written answer E-001788/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Independence of the media

Last July, the Galician regional government approved a draft law on public audiovisual media services in Galicia. The law was received with great concern by the Colexio Profesional de Xornalistas de Galicia (Galician association of professional journalists), which denounces it as being ‘a very worrying step backwards, disrespectful towards the profession of journalism and at odds with the rules set out in the European Media Freedom Act’.

The draft law obviates the need for an absolute majority in the Galician Parliament for the election of the director-general and the board of directors of the Galician Radio and Television Corporation (CRTVG). This change would leave the power of appointment in the hands of a single political party, which could compromise the impartiality and independence of CRTVG.

1. Does the Commission consider the above change to be consistent with the principles of plurality and independence, which are guiding principles with regard to the public media, as enshrined, inter alia, in Article 5 of the European Media Freedom Act?
2. Insofar as the draft law opens up all areas of CRTVG to private initiatives, does the Commission consider that this openness, the possible reduction in in-house production and the lack of guarantees with regard to the news it broadcasts risk compromising the public service function that CRTVG serves?

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