

**Question for written answer E-001789/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Cultural protection

Last July, the Galician regional government approved a draft law on public audiovisual media services in Galicia, which was received with great concern by the Colexio Profesional de Xornalistas de Galicia (Galician association of professional journalists). The latter denounced it as ‘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 Consello da Cultura Galega (Council for Galician Culture), for its part, has echoed the fear that the preliminary draft law would open the door to the incorporation of Castilian into the regular programming of the Galician Radio and Television Company (CRTVG).

Indeed, the preliminary draft opens up the possibility (Article 7) of introducing content in Castilian in the programming of CRTVG, even though the latter’s principal mandate establishes the obligation to promote the Galician language and culture.

1. Does the Commission consider this change to be in line with the principles of the protection of linguistic and cultural diversity advocated by the EU and enshrined in the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages?
2. Does it consider that it could weaken the role of CRTVG as a bastion of Galician identity, in a context where Castilian is already fully represented in other media?

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