

**Question for written answer E-003019/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Spanish judiciary continues to face pressure and attacks from Pedro Sánchez's government

On Monday 12 December 2024, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez made a statement to the press in which he accused the judiciary of harassing the government in collusion with the opposition political parties.

In view of the seriousness of these accusations, the President of the Supreme Court and General Council of the Judiciary, Isabel Perelló, issued a statement¹ on 13 December in which she reiterated that judicial independence is one of the core tenets of the rule of law.

Against a backdrop of corruption scandals, the Spanish Prime Minister chose a strategy of directly attacking the judiciary, adding to the list of breaches of the rule of law that he has committed in recent years.

In view of this:

1. Is the European Commission going to apply in this conflict the tools at its disposal to defend the pillars of the rule of law?
2. Ignoring the double standards at play, is the European executive prepared to inform any EU government that violates the fundamental principle of the rule of law that it is doing so?

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¹ <https://www.poderjudicial.es/cgpj/es/Poder-Judicial/Consejo-General-del-Poder-Judicial/Oficina-de-Comunicacion/Archivo-de-notas-de-prensa/Comunicado-de-la-presidenta-del-TS-y-del-CGPJ>.