

Subject: Acknowledgement of receipt of a multiple complaint concerning the draft organic law on amnesty for the normalisation of the institutional, political and social situation in Catalonia tabled in the Spanish Parliament (Congress) on 13 November 2023.

Reference: CPLT(2023)02642

The Commission has received a large number of complaints raising concerns related to the draft organic law on amnesty for the normalisation of the institutional, political and social situation in Catalonia tabled in the Spanish Parliament (Congress) on 13 November 2023.

The Commission has entered these complaints in the central registry of complaints under reference number CPLT(2023)02642.

As regards the national developments mentioned in the complaints, notably the legislative process concerning the proposal for an Organic Law of Amnesty for institutional, political and social normalisation in Catalonia and the creation of special parliamentary committees to investigate on possible cases of “lawfare”, the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, is currently analysing them in contact with the Spanish authorities. The Commission will carry out that analysis very carefully, independently and objectively to determine compliance with EU law, including the fundamental values enshrined in the Treaty. The Commission will remain seized of this matter and will continue following the developments, also in the context of the preparation of our 2024 Rule of Law Report.

Given the significant number of complaints it received on this subject, the Commission is publishing this acknowledgement of receipt on the [dedicated page of the Europa website](#). [This online publication allows to](#) respond swiftly and inform those concerned, and takes into account potentially wider public interest in the issue raised by the complainants. The complainants will be informed, on the same Europa website, of the results of the Commission's examination of these complaints and of the follow-up that the Commission may decide to take.

The Commission is considering the complaints in the light of the applicable European Union law and in line with the enforcement priorities set in the [Commission Communication ‘EU law: Better Results through Better Application’¹](#) and in the [Communication Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers²](#).

Please note that if the Commission decides to act following these complaints, including by launching a formal infringement procedure, its primary purpose is to ensure that the Member States give effect to EU law in the general interest. The submission of a complaint to the Commission will not directly resolve the specific and individual situation of the complainant. To obtain redress, including compensation if warranted, you should take action at national level in the Member State concerned. Submitting a complaint to the Commission does not suspend the time limits for starting legal action under national law. The Commission may also, in the exercise of its discretion, decide not to open formal infringement procedures, even if it considers that a breach of EU law has occurred.

The Commission services will by default treat complaints in a confidential manner. Only in the event that a complainant opts for non-confidential treatment in the complaint form may the Commission

¹ C(2016)8600.

² [COM\(2022\) 518 final](#).

departments disclose the identity and any of the information submitted by that complainant to the authorities of the Member State against which the complaint has been made. The disclosure of complainant's identity by the Commission departments may in some cases be indispensable to the handling of the complaint.

A [specific privacy policy statement](#) applies in relation to the handling of complaints.