

**Priority question for written answer P-000667/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Rule of law concerns in Slovakia

The Slovakian Government, claiming foreign interference, has recently requested information on the funding of non-governmental organisations, media and journalists operating in Slovakia. This move raises concerns about respect for the fundamental democratic principles of the European Union.

Firstly, it could undermine the freedom of association and of the press, guaranteed under Articles 11 and 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Similar restrictions have already been condemned by the EU Court of Justice in *Commission v Hungary* in 2020.

Secondly, while the fight against foreign interference is a legitimate objective, it cannot result in discriminatory or arbitrary measures against certain civil society actors. The transparency requirement must be applied in a balanced manner and not be instrumentalised for political purposes.

Finally, this move could undermine political pluralism and equality in the democratic debate, values which are enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

Given these risks, does the Commission intend to examine this situation and, if necessary, initiate proceedings against Slovakia to ensure that the EU's fundamental values are respected?

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