



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

MEMO

Brussels, 17 October 2013

1. Referrals to the Court of Justice

- **Health and Safety: The Commission refers SPAIN to the Court for failing to protect Civil Guard**

The European Commission has decided to refer **Spain** to the EU's Court of Justice for not fully applying the EU Directive that establishes basic rules on protecting workers' health and safety to members of the Civil Guard ('Guardia Civil'). The Commission considers that Spain has not adequately ensured the appointment of qualified personnel to verify that health and safety protection measures are put in place in all Civil Guard workplaces. This is in breach of Article 7 of Directive [1989/391/EEC](#), which requires employers to provide necessary staff and equipment to ensure that preventive and protective actions, such as risk assessments, can be carried out.

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