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Spain drops two places in transparency due to corruption

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USPA NEWS - Spain's rating in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021, published today by Transparency International, has meant a drop of one point compared to last year, this time obtaining a 61/100.

With this rating, Spain occupies position 34/180 in the global IPC ranking, along with Lithuania. This represents a decrease of two places with respect to the IPC2020. On the other hand, Spain is ranked number 14/27 in the European Union, also falling two positions compared to last year.

According to the methodology used in the CPI, a difference of one point in a year, such as the one that Spain has dropped in 2021, is not statistically significant. However, it does reflect that a level of corruption is still latent in Spain that affects the proper functioning of democratic institutions, and that requires a call to action from public authorities, the private sector and civil society.

In any case, Transparency International Spain considers that an economy such as Spain's, which is among the top 15 in the world, should not be below 70 points in the Perception Index if it wants to maintain its image and competitiveness. For this reason, this year TI-Spain points out once again that reducing corruption is essential to guarantee political integrity and the proper functioning of democratic institutions.

Corruption, human rights and democracy

As the fight against corruption stagnates and deteriorates, human rights and democracy are under attack. This is not a coincidence. If governments continue to use the Covid-19 pandemic to erode human rights and democracy, corruption could worsen faster.

Transparency International found that countries that violate civil liberties consistently score lower on the index. As rights and freedoms erode and democracy weakens, authoritarianism advances, contributing to further increase in corruption. For this reason, Transparency International calls on governments to fulfill their commitments on corruption and human rights and calls on the population of the entire world to unite and demand change.

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