



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE and CONSUMERS

Directorate D: Equality and Union citizenship
Unit D.1: Non-discrimination and Roma coordination

Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your e-mail, addressed to European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen. In your e-mail, you raise that LGBTIQ people in Poland experience violence and are labelled as an ideology. I was asked to reply on President von der Leyen's behalf, as my unit deals with non-discrimination.

The European Commission is following the worrying situation of LGBTIQ people in Poland closely and has taken action, within its competences under the Treaties, to address it. As the guardian of the EU Treaties, the Commission will continue to monitor the situation in the EU closely and make sure that, in the implementation of EU law and EU funded projects, the principle of non-discrimination is fully respected.

On 12 November 2020, the European Commission adopted its first-ever LGBTIQ equality strategy. It sets out the concrete measures the Commission will take in the next five years to tackle discrimination against LGBTIQ people, ensure LGBTIQ people's safety, build LGBTIQ inclusive societies and lead the call for LGBTIQ equality around the world.

Discrimination, violence and hatred against LGBTIQ people go against the fundamental values of the European Union, and has no place in our Union.

Yours sincerely,

[E-Signed]
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