

**Question for written answer E-004400/2025/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Request for revision of the age-related provisions in the LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026–2030

Following the publication of the Commission communication ‘Union of Equality: LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy 2026–2030’, there is concern regarding the provision that promotes ‘legal gender recognition procedures based on self-determination that are free from age restrictions.’

While I fully support the principles of equality and human dignity, this formulation raises both serious child protection and ethical concerns. Minors are still developing psychologically and emotionally, and lack full discernment for irreversible decisions affecting their identity or legal status. Therefore, parental involvement and professional guidance are essential safeguards.

Any legal or medical transition prior to maturity may have lasting consequences for a young person’s well-being and family stability. The strategy should, therefore, ensure full alignment with:

- Article 3 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (best interests of the child);
- Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (protection and care of minors);
- Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (respect for family life).

Is the Commission planning to review the current wording to balance fundamental rights with the duty to protect children and adolescents?

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