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Subject: Mayor of Budapest fined and charged without trial for organising a Pride march in the EU

On the 18 March 2025, Hungary adopted a law restricting the freedom of assembly and *de facto* banning Pride marches. On 28 June 2025, the Mayor of Budapest organised the biggest public assembly in Hungary since the fall of communism, taking upon himself the legal uncertainty that civil society organisations were initially faced with. Legal uncertainty that the organiser of the Pécs Pride event is still facing.

Today, on 28 January 2026, the mayor is being charged and fined without trial for organising a Pride march in the EU.

1. How does the Commission respond to the fact that these charges, as well the ones that the organiser of the Pécs Pride event is under investigation for, are based on an amendment which further exacerbates the effects of the Anti-LGBTIQ Propaganda Law and the Defence of Sovereignty Law, both of which are subject to ongoing infringement procedures?

2. Do these developments, whereby EU citizens are being charged for organising Pride marches prompt the Commission to reconsider the need for interim measures?

3. Has the Commission expressed its concerns towards the Hungarian Government over the charges pressed on the Mayor of Budapest and their likely incompatibility with EU law, and will it take enforcement action following the prosecution of the Mayor of Budapest?

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