

**Question for written answer E-003714/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Persecution and violence against LGBTI+ persons in Türkiye

On 13 September 2026, the Turkish authorities launched a coordinated police crackdown on LGBTI+ organisations, activists and individuals in several of the country's cities, with searches, arrests, seized electronic devices and blocking of websites and social media. The attack is a serious escalation of institutional harassment against the LGBTI+ community, a worrying setback for democracy and a violation of fundamental rights in a country that is a candidate for accession to the EU.

Currently, the central pillar of EU-Türkiye relations is the millions in funding that the country receives to act as EU border police. It is unacceptable for the EU to keep handing over public money to a regime that not only systematically violates the rights of migrants, but also persecutes the LGBTI+ population and undermines the rule of law.

In view of the above:

1. What urgent measures will the Commission take to demand that Türkiye end oppression, release detainees and put a stop to LGBTI+ censorship?
2. Will the Commission offer international protection and asylum to LGBTQI+ people persecuted in Türkiye?
3. Will the Commission suspend EU funding to a regime that violates the rights of migrants and brutally represses LGBTI+ people?

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