

**Question for written answer E-003876/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up on anti-LGBTI propaganda law in Bulgaria

In its answer to written parliamentary question E-002806/2026 on the impact on a similar law in Bulgaria of the EU Court of Justice's ruling on Hungarian anti-LGBTI propaganda legislation, the Commission does not provide its assessment of the Bulgarian law, which was passed two years ago, in August 2024¹.

In the Commission's response to the question on what action it will take against the Bulgarian Government, it merely refers to the 2026 Rule of Law Report, and the fact that 'national procedures with the Bulgarian Ombudsman are ongoing with the view to challenge the constitutionality of this law.'

1. Is the Commission aware that a request to the Bulgarian Ombudsman was submitted in July 2025, but that since then there has been no further action by or communication from the Ombudsman?
2. Are the opinions and recommendations of the Bulgarian Ombudsman binding? If not, why does the Commission consider an action before the Bulgarian Ombudsman to be an effective way to have the law repealed?
3. Considering the fact that the Commission – rightly – took very quick action regarding the Hungarian law (letter of formal notice one month after adoption of the law; court case one and a half years later), but has not taken any formal action regarding the Bulgarian law more than two years after its adoption, do political reasons play a role in the Commission's reluctance?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-002806-ASW_EN.html.