

**Priority question for written answer P-003108/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Possible discrimination in school services in the Municipality of Bologna following the introduction of halal food

According to press reports, the Municipality of Bologna has introduced a halal menu in municipal school canteens at the specific request of the Muslim community.

However, no similar measures seem to be envisaged for other religions: there seems to be no reference, for example, to kosher options for Jewish pupils or the possibility of Christian students abstaining from meat during Lent.

This choice appears to be contrary to the principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and risks constituting indirect discrimination in access to public services.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of what will happen in the Municipality of Bologna's schools?
2. Does the Commission think that the introduction of separate menus for a single religion is compatible with the principles of equality and non-discrimination enshrined in EU law?
3. What action does it intend to take or recommend to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their faith, receive fair treatment?

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