

**Priority question for written answer P-001037/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission action aimed at prohibiting conversion practices in the European Union

The European Citizens' Initiative 'Ban on conversion practices in the European Union' has gathered over one million verified signatures and met national thresholds under Regulation (EU) 2019/788. The initiative calls on the Commission to propose a binding prohibition of conversion practices targeting LGBTIQ+ persons across the EU. Malta has shown that action is possible, becoming the first EU Member State to outlaw conversion practices in 2016.

Commissioner Lahbib's mission letter and the LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy 2026-2030 clearly identify banning conversion practices as a priority. According to the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, only eight Member States have partial or full bans. Its EU LGBTIQ Survey III found that 24 % of LGBTIQ+ persons have experienced conversion practice attempts. The European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions have also condemned these practices and called for action by the Commission.

In light of this:

1. What concrete and binding actions is the Commission considering in response to the aforementioned successful European Citizens' Initiative?
2. What timeline does the Commission envisage for proposing EU action aimed at prohibiting conversion practices during its current mandate?
3. How will the Commission follow up on the ongoing study on conversion practices in the EU in the context of the LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy 2026-2030?

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