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**Question for written answer E-001685/24
to the Commission
Jadwiga Wiśniewska (ECR)
(12 September 2024)**

Subject: Funding of ‘DragTivism Jr’ project under the EU’s Erasmus+ programme

The EU is funding the ‘DragTivism Jr’ project under the Erasmus+ programme. The project aims to include minors aged between 14 and 17 in actions promoting the LGBTQI+ community, so that they can ‘discover their alter ego’ and ‘celebrate LGBTI+ culture’.

Funding this kind of initiative under an educational programme such as Erasmus+ is a purely ideological action that has a clear goal: to make minors doubt their sexual identity.

In light of the above, could the Commission please clarify the following:

1. Why is the Commission funding purely ideological and harmful projects within a programme that provides educational, vocational and personal support?
2. Is the Erasmus+ programme planning to support any other initiatives that aim to promote or celebrate LGBT+ culture and if so, which ones?
3. In light of Europe’s demographic crisis, is the Erasmus+ programme supporting any initiatives that promote the traditional family model?

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**Answer given by Ms Ivanova on behalf of the European Commission
(8 November 2024)**

The Erasmus+ programme seeks to promote equal opportunities and access, inclusiveness, diversity and fairness across all its actions, and sets clear standards for the protection, health and safety of participants.

The project DragTivism Jr. was selected by the Spanish National Agency Youth Institute (INJUVE) and funded under the youth strand in line with the procedures set out in the Erasmus+ programme guide ⁽¹⁾.

Participants and initiatives are supported regardless of family composition or situation, on the condition of respecting human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, in full compliance with the values and rights enshrined in the EU Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Moreover, since October 2023, beneficiaries are obliged to report on possible barriers to participation (including those stemming from family circumstances).

The programme will continue to support all initiatives that meet the aforementioned criteria, as well as the other applicable eligibility, admissibility, exclusion and selection criteria outlined in the Erasmus+ programme guide.

The Commission contacted the National Agency in charge of the selection and monitoring of the project in question to ensure that the above-mentioned standards are in place.

The National Agency has confirmed that the project activities are considered appropriate and that the rules set out in the Programme Guide and grant agreement are respected, including obtaining written parental consent prior to the participation of minors, and a comprehensive safeguarding policy set up by the beneficiary.

⁽¹⁾ https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-11/2024-Erasmus%2BProgramme-Guide_EN.pdf