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Answer given by Ms Lahbib
on behalf of the European Commission
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As set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, equality and respect for human dignity and human rights are values common to the Member States on which also the EU is founded. The Commission remains steadfast, within the limits of its competences, in its commitment to tackling discrimination, inequalities and challenges faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) individuals, including in education, as outlined in our LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025¹.

The Commission is aware of the law adopted by the Bulgarian parliament.

On 13 August 2024, Commissioner for Equality sent a letter to the Bulgarian Minister of Education and Science to request further information on the legislation. The Commission received the reply of the Minister on 3 September 2024 and is analysing whether the legislation is aligned with EU law, taking into account also the information transmitted by the Bulgarian authorities.

Any potential further steps will be based on this analysis.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0698>