

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002551/24  
to the Commission  
Isabella Tovaglieri (PFE)  
(15 November 2024)**

*Subject:* Financing activities on LGBTQ+ issues with EU funds

From 1 to 10 September 2024, a seminar entitled ‘DragTivism Jr.’ is to be held in the Spanish city of Girona, funded from the EU’s Erasmus+ programme. It will cost a total of EUR 35 730, entirely covered by the EU budget <sup>(1)</sup>. The event aims to engage 14-17 year olds on LGBTQ+ issues, debating with them ‘fluidity’ and gender, exploring their ‘possible alter egos’ and informing them of what drag queens do, also with a view to their ‘future employability’.

Can the Commission therefore:

1. Give its view on the use of public funds to finance activities of this kind?
2. Say which other LGBTQ+-related activities have already been considered eligible for funding, and in what amount?
3. State whether it considers it appropriate to involve adolescent children in activities of this nature?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu on behalf of the European Commission  
(6 February 2025)**

The Erasmus+ programme seeks to promote equal opportunities and access, inclusiveness, diversity and fairness across all its actions.

The programme guide <sup>(1)</sup> and grant agreement <sup>(2)</sup> highlight that projects need to respect human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for 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 <sup>(3)</sup>.

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, funded initiatives must meet, applicable eligibility, admissibility, exclusion and selection criteria outlined in the Erasmus+ programme guide.

The Commission does not specifically track lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ+)-related activities in EU-funded projects.

Furthermore, the guide sets clear standards for the protection, health and safety of participants, including minors. Learning must take place in a safe environment, which respects and protects the rights of all people.

Participating organisations must have in place effective procedures to guarantee the safety, protection and non-discrimination of participants.

The Commission contacted the national agency in charge of the selection and monitoring of the project in question to ensure that the above-mentioned criteria are respected.

The national agency confirmed that the rules set out in the Erasmus+ 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2023-1-ES02-KA152-YOU-000149399>

<sup>(1)</sup> [https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2025-version-1?](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2025-version-1?pk_source=website&pk_medium=link&pk_campaign=pg&pk_content=pg-landing-download)

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<sup>(2)</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/erasmus/agr-contr/unit-mga\\_erasmus\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/erasmus/agr-contr/unit-mga_erasmus_en.pdf)

<sup>(3)</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:12012P/TXT>