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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Equality and the respect for human dignity and human rights are core values of the EU, enshrined in the Treaty of the European Union and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. These also include the right to freedom of expression and to peaceful assembly and association. The Commission is committed to promoting and safeguarding these rights.

2. The Commission is concerned about any development that could put at risk the effective implementation of EU law and remains fully committed to addressing inequality and discrimination affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people as outlined in our LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025¹.

The Commission is closely monitoring the situation in Hungary and is analysing the ‘Law amending Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly related to the protection of children and amending the related laws’² from the perspective of EU law.

In December 2022, the Commission referred Hungary to the Court of Justice of the EU over national rules that discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. The Commission considered that they violate several EU laws, both internal market rules and the fundamental rights of individuals, in particular of LGBTIQ people, as well as the common values at the core of the EU.

The case is still pending before the Court of Justice. A hearing in this case took place on 19 November 2024 and the Advocate General issued her opinion on 5 June 2025.

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

² <https://www.parlament.hu/irom42/11201/11201-0006.pdf>.