

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002021/25
to the Commission
Roman Haider (P/E)
(21 May 2025)**

Subject: LGBTQIA+ support and outreach by EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies

Today being International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), I am requesting information on the support provided to LGBTQIA+ people by EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies.

1. What specific programmes, initiatives or support measures are there at EU level with which the Commission and its agencies, offices and bodies provide support to LGBTQIA+ communities?
2. What strategies are the Commission and its agencies, offices and bodies pursuing in order to raise the public profile of LGBTQIA+ issues?
3. What external contractors are involved in actions and outreach in connection with LGBTQIA+ issues, and what criteria play a role in their selection and in defining their remit?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(12 August 2025)**

In 2020, the Commission adopted its first-ever LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer) Equality Strategy 2020-2025 ⁽¹⁾.

The strategy led to the implementation of several measures, including key legislative proposals, as outlined in its implementation report.

It enabled support for civil society working on LGBTIQ rights, in particular via the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme, led to the creation of the LGBTIQ Equality Subgroup ⁽²⁾, with 12 Member States having adopted their own national strategies, and raised awareness about LGBTIQ equality.

In addition, the EU protects and promotes the human rights of LGBTIQ persons in its external action, in line with the 2020-2024 EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy ⁽³⁾ (extended until 2027) and the Council Conclusions on EU priorities in United Nations Human Rights Fora 2025 ⁽⁴⁾.

The Commission can procure services from external contractors to implement activities that support its policies, in line with the EU Financial Regulation.

Procurement award and selection criteria are set by the authorising officer and are defined in the tender documents in accordance with the principles of transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination, broadest possible competition and sound financial management.

A contract is awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, provided that the tenderer can access the procurement market, meets eligibility, and selection requirements and is not subject to EU restrictive measures. This also applies to the relevant initiatives of the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52020DC0698&qid=1750258623647>, 12 November 2020, COM(2020) 698 final.

⁽²⁾ The Subgroup was set up in May 2021 under the High-Level Group on Non-discrimination, Equality and Diversity to enhance implementation of the LGBTIQ strategy. The Subgroup is composed of governmental experts, to support and monitor progress on LGBTIQ equality in the Member States.

⁽³⁾ [eu_action_plan_on_human_rights_and_democracy_2020-2024.pdf](https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5638-2025-INIT/en/pdf).

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