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The 2023 LGBTIQ[1] survey of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)[2] reports that 55% of LGBTIQ respondents experienced hate-motivated harassment in the EU, an 18-points increase since 2019. Against this background, the Commission stands with the LGBTIQ community and participates in public events raising awareness for LGBTIQ equality, including national Pride demonstrations across the EU, in line with the LGBTIQ equality strategy 2020-2025[3].

Following the tragic shooting in Graz on 10 June 2025, the Austrian Government declared three days of national mourning, which ended on 12 June at 19:00. The Pride Parade took place on 14 June and was adapted to show solidarity, respect and remembrance of all those affected by the shooting.

The Commission Representation in Vienna contributed EUR 6,840 for promotional items used during the Parade.

As regards the FRA's participation in the event, Article 16(1) of its Founding Regulation[4] provides that the FRA shall fulfil its tasks in complete independence, including communication activities.

[1] Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer.
[2] https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2024/lgbtiq-equality-crossroads-progress-and-challenges.
[3] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0698.
[4] Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 of 15 February 2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, OJ L 53, 22.2.2007, p. 1.