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Answer given by Ms Lahbib
on behalf of the European Commission
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The mentioned project, co-financed by the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and the Tuscany Region for the period 2021-2027, aims to foster understanding of gender roles and challenge stereotypes through various educational activities. These efforts seek to cultivate an inclusive environment from an early age and protect children from potential bullying. This initiative falls under the broader framework of promoting equality and diversity, aligning with European, national and regional strategies.

As set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, equality and respect for human dignity and human rights are common values shared by the Member States. The Commission remains steadfast, within the limits of its competences, in its commitment to tackling discrimination, inequalities and challenges faced by women and men, girls and boys, in all their diversity, including in education – as outlined in our Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025¹ and the LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer) Equality Strategy 2020-2025². The Roadmap for Women's Rights, adopted in March 2025, reaffirms the importance of quality and inclusive education as a key driver for a gender-equal society³.

The Commission requires that EU-funded projects comply with EU law, including the Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union⁴.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52020DC0152>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0698>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0097>.

⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/char_2012/oj/eng.