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**Question for written answer E-002832/25
to the Commission
Petr Bystron (ESN)
(10 July 2025)**

Subject: The Commission's political and financial involvement in the unlawful, anti-family assembly 'Budapest Pride 2025'

On the 28 June 2025 the anti-family and pro-LGBTQ event 'Budapest Pride 2025' was held in violation of the Hungarian Assembly Act, which prohibits meetings that endanger child protection.

According to media reports, Commissioner Hadja Lahbib and around 70 MEPs participated in this unlawful assembly and therefore directly interfered in the internal affairs of the EU Member State Hungary, while also breaking its laws ⁽¹⁾.

In view of these circumstances, we would like to ask:

1. How much funding has the Commission and its agencies provided to the organisers or participants of the unlawful assembly 'Budapest Pride 2025'?
2. Did Commissioner Lahbib participate in 'Budapest Pride 2025' in an official capacity on behalf of the Commission?
3. What is the Commission's position on the participation of Commissioner Lahbib in 'Budapest Pride 2025', the interference this constitutes in the internal affairs of the EU Member State Hungary, and this assault on Hungarian national sovereignty?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(30 September 2025)**

The 2023 lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people survey ⁽¹⁾ of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) reports that 55% of LGBTIQ respondents experienced hate-motivated harassment in the EU, an 18-point increase since 2019.

Against this background, and in line with the LGBTIQ equality strategy 2020-2025 ⁽²⁾, the Commission continues to raise awareness on the need for LGBTIQ equality and non-discrimination and participates in public events that constitute milestones for the LGBTIQ community, including Pride marches across the EU.

On 25 June 2025 ⁽³⁾, the President of the Commission expressed the Commission's support and solidarity with the Budapest Pride and the LGBTIQ community in Hungary.

The Commissioner for Equality travelled to Budapest at the invitation of the Mayor of Budapest to show the unwavering support to the Pride march, she met with civil society organisations to discuss the situation and importance of equality policies.

She joined LGBTIQ human rights defenders at events of the Budapest Pride to demonstrate the Commission's commitment to equality and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly, as enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

She also took part in a press conference ahead of the Pride march, alongside the Mayor of Budapest and a Vice-President of the European Parliament. The Commission did not provide funding for the organisation of the Budapest Pride 2025.

As set out in the Commission 2024-2029 political guidelines ⁽⁴⁾, the Commission is fully committed to continuing to build a EU of equality, including through a new LGBTIQ equality strategy 2026-2030, which will be adopted later this year.

¹ <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/06/28/commissioner-and-meps-in-budapest-to-challenge-orbans-pride-ban>.

⁽¹⁾ <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2024/lgbtiq-equality-crossroads-progress-and-challenges>.

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

⁽³⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/fr/statement_25_1629.

⁽⁴⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.