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**Question for written answer E-003938/25
to the Commission
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(8 October 2025)**

Subject: Misinformation about the inexistant ‘post-abortion syndrome’ in Madrid and women’s rights in the EU

This week, Madrid City Council approved a bill tabled by Vox that requiring women to be informed about the alleged consequences of the so-called ‘post-abortion syndrome’, whose existence has categorically been ruled out by the scientific community.

The Commission’s Roadmap for Women’s Rights ⁽¹⁾ (which the European Parliament will vote upon at its next plenary session) includes a Declaration of principles for a gender-equal society which calls for the promotion of ‘women’s and girls’ physical and mental health, including through improving access to evidence-based information on women’s health and sexuality’.

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1. What view does the Commission take of this initiative by Madrid City Council?
2. What could the Commission do about such unscientific and misleading initiatives which undermine women’s rights?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission is strongly committed to upholding and promoting women’s and girls’ fundamental rights throughout the EU. The actions announced in the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and implemented over the past years are a testament to this commitment. Misinformation relating to women’s health can be dangerous to women and infringes on their autonomy to make informed decisions with regard to their health.
2. The Declaration of Principles for a gender-equal society annexed to the Roadmap for Women’s Rights, under principle 2, proclaims that every woman must have a right to the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health and that upholding and advancing this principle includes promoting women’s and girls’ physical and mental health, including through improving access to evidence-based information on women’s health and sexuality. The forthcoming Gender Equality Strategy 2026-2030 will build on the principles outlined in this Declaration and translate the Commission’s commitment into action.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/7d965089-e332-473a-88a9-e246f214e3bf_en?prefLang=en