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On 8 October 2025, the Commission adopted a new LGBTIQ+¹ equality strategy 2026-2030², which is now available in all 24 EU languages.

The Financial Regulation³ lists as grounds for exclusion from EU funding grave professional misconduct for having engaged in incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence against a group of persons or a member of a group or similar activities that are contrary to the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, where such misconduct has an impact on the person or entity's integrity which negatively affects or concretely risks affecting the performance of the legal commitment.

Exclusion requires a final judgment or final administrative decision from the competent (national) authorities. In the absence of such judgment or decision, an exclusion is possible only with the recommendation of a dedicated panel following adversarial proceedings that allows the person or entity to submit observations and ensures the right of defence.

The new LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030 is about ensuring that all people, including LGBTIQ+ people, are treated equally and not discriminated against in Europe. It builds on the current Strategy⁴ which has been in place since 2020. With regard to legal gender recognition, it is for Member States to determine the conditions under which it is granted, including any requirements for parental consent or professional assessment for minors.

¹ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0725>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj/eng>.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/5100c375-87e8-40e3-85b5-1adc5f556d6d_en?filename=lgbtiq_strategy_2020-2025_en.pdf.