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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The 2025 Budapest Pride was held on 28 June despite the ban, and between 100 000 and 200 000 people were present. The Ministry of Interior¹ stated that facial recognition systems² will not be used to punish attendees³.

The AI Act prohibits use of real-time remote biometric identification for law enforcement purposes (Article 5.1.h, Article 5(2) – (7) AI Act).

The Commission is currently assessing the reply provided by the Hungarian authorities in order to determine the compliance with EU law, in particular with the AI Act, and to decide on any appropriate next steps.

According to Article 113 AI Act, the enforcement of the prohibitions by national authorities shall start from 2 August 2026.

¹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Interior_\(Hungary\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Interior_(Hungary)).

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facial_recognition_systems.

³ Hungarian Pride parade ban - Wikipedia FN 180
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian_Pride_parade_ban#cite_note-184.