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**Question for written answer E-002196/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Unacceptable raising of the LGBTQI flag on the Commission building

With this question, we wish to denounce the raising of the LGBTQI flag on the Commission's premises, as shared on social media, because this constitutes an action that undermines the principle of institutional neutrality and raises legitimate concerns regarding the political and ideological impartiality of the EU institutions.

In their operations, the EU institutions are required to display neutrality, respect all European citizens and avoid symbolic actions that may be perceived as politically or ideologically aligned with specific groups or agendas.

We call on the Commission to answer the following:

1. Does the Commission institutionally equate the LGBTQI flag with the flags of recognised sovereign states or with the official flag of the EU?
2. Has any democratic mandate or approval been sought or obtained from European citizens for the display of such symbols by EU institutions?
3. Does the Commission intend, in the spirit of equal treatment and institutional neutrality, to raise corresponding flags or symbols on the International Day of Families?

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Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission

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Equality and non-discrimination are founding values and fundamental rights enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union ⁽¹⁾. As set out in the Commission's 2024-2029 political guidelines ⁽²⁾, the Commission is committed to building a union of equality.

Each year, on 17 May (the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia), the Commission reaffirms its support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTIQ) community and its commitment to combating all forms of discrimination, hatred and violence against LGBTIQ people, as set out in the LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030 ⁽³⁾.

This includes the symbolic action of flying the Pride progress flag on 17 May outside the Commission's Berlaymont headquarters, in coordination with other European institutions and bodies, including the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European External Action Service, among others.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:12012P/TXT#d1e364-393-1>.

⁽²⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.

⁽³⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/lgbtiq-equality-strategy-2026-2030-0_en.