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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission respects the autonomy of sport and promotes gender equality as well as a safe environment in sport, including the fight against any form of discrimination through the European Union Work Plan for Sport (2024-2027)¹. The Commission supports inclusion and diversity through the Erasmus+ programme².

The Commission has no legal competence to intervene in national decisions and actions as regards the issue in question, in accordance with Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The Commission can however promote fairness and openness in sporting competitions and cooperation between bodies responsible for sports and protect the physical and moral integrity of people in sport.

The Commission promotes equality for all in the EU. As the Gender Equality Strategy recalls³, women and men, and girls and boys, in all their diversity, are free to pursue their chosen path in life, have equal opportunities to thrive, and can equally participate in and lead the European society.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202403527

² <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52020DC0152>