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The European citizens' initiative 'Ban on conversion practices in the EU'¹ was submitted to the Commission on 17 November 2025, triggering the start of its six-month examination phase. By 18 May 2026 the Commission will provide its answer to the proposals included in the citizens' initiative.

The LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030² announced a study analysing the nature, prevalence and impact of conversion practices on lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people. The Commission will also engage on this topic with Member States, civil society organisations and other stakeholders, in particular through the expert group on LGBTIQ+ equality. On this basis, the Commission will consider the most appropriate way forward to combat conversion practices, with a particular focus on supporting Member States, who play a crucial role in this area.

¹ https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/initiatives/details/2024/000001_en.

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/b4952371-4308-47ad-b995-02c539b75dda_en?filename=JUST_template_comingsoon_standard.pdf.