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EU policies and legislation on equality between men and women¹ apply to everyone in their diversity without distinction of sex or religion. The Commission is committed to promoting and protecting EU values and fundamental rights enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

These include freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of assembly, the right to non-discrimination, equality between women and men and pluralism.

The EU has no competence to legislate on the wearing of religious clothing. This is for Member States to determine, subject to the applicable rules of EU law, and supervision of national courts, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/gender-equality/gender-equality-strategy_en and https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/gender-equality_en.