

**Question for written answer E-005796/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: LGBT rights

Mayor Gianluca Buonanno, who is also an MEP, has decided to fine homosexual couples for kissing in public.

The decision flies in the face of European values such as respect for diversity and non-discrimination. Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states that any discrimination, including on the basis of sexual orientation, shall be prohibited.

Mr Buonanno's decision is an example of a broader problem about respect for fundamental rights. The European Union ought to be capable of ensuring that such rights are respected. Five years ago it had a proposal on the table for a directive on equal treatment.

1. Why is that directive still in the works?
2. Will the directive as proposed empower the EU to intervene on issues such as this one?