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Subject: LGBT-phobic event sponsored by EXPO 2015

On 3 January 2015, it was announced in a press release that a conference entitled 'Defend the family to defend the community', organised by a group of associations that promote a discriminatory approach towards sexual orientation, would take place on 17 January at the Palazzo Lombardia in Milan, Italy.

One of the associations involved considers homosexuality an illness and intends 'to respond to the request of help sent from many people, young and old, who have been wounded in their sexual identity, especially because of their homosexual tendencies'.

As odd as it may seem, this initiative was sponsored by EXPO 2015. Furthermore, the President of the Lombardia Region, Roberto Maroni, also took part in the conference.

Considering that the principle of non-discrimination is enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and bearing in mind the continued commitments by the EU to ensuring the application of this principle, could the Commission carry out an investigation into how such sponsorship was granted by EXPO 2015 and whether European funds were directly or indirectly used? If this is found to be the case, the funds would obviously be incompatible with an event of this kind.