

**Question for written answer E-011089/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Discrimination against the LGBT community

Although the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights prohibits discrimination on the grounds, *inter alia*, of sexual orientation, discrimination still occurs to a worryingly large extent.

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights has published the results of a survey on discrimination and hate speech against LGBT persons. The report showed that LGBT persons continue to face obstacles to exercising their fundamental human rights. Two-thirds of respondents had experienced negative comments or behaviour at work, and one-third stated that they felt discriminated against in healthcare, social welfare and education. 60% of respondents do not report cases of discrimination because they do not believe that anything will change.

1. Given that the results of the study show that most attacks (74%) on LGBT persons are carried out by men, what specific steps does the Commission plan to take to raise awareness among the male population?
2. Does the Commission plan to introduce additional educational measures for law enforcement officers on ways of dealing with LGBT issues? If so, what would these measures be?
3. Given that the scope of the Directive on non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation currently only covers the area of employment, does the Commission plan to expand it to other areas, in particular, healthcare?