

**Question for written answer E-000601/2016  
to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Proposal for a directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons

The proposal for a directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation has been blocked in the Council for too many years.

However, news reports show all too often that discrimination is still very much in evidence and is even on the rise in the European Union.

Could the Council say what initiatives it intends to take in the next six months so that progress can be made with this proposal?