

**Question for written answer E-001112/2016  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** List of actions by the Commission to improve the rights of LGBTI persons

In December 2015 the EU Commissioner for Justice submitted a list of actions to improve the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons.

Among the measures proposed, the Commission wishes to include the issue of LGBTI rights to a greater extent in its negotiations with EU candidate countries and calls for existing legal instruments to be strengthened in addition to increased monitoring of LGBTI rights in the Member States. The Commission also plans to organise communication campaigns to improve the social inclusion of LGBTI people, especially among young people, and to provide funding to associations working in this field.

**1. Can the Commission:**

- explain what it means by the expressions 'gender equality' and 'LGBTI rights' and specify how the people it categorises as LGBTI are being discriminated against by legislation in certain Member States;
- provide details on EU subsidies being granted to programmes and associations campaigning for 'LGBTI rights'.

**2. Does the Commission intend to force Member States which do not recognise same-sex 'marriages' to recognise homosexual couples who get married in another Member State and then come to live in their countries?**