

**Question for written answer E-005913/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Istanbul Convention: promoting non-stereotyped gender roles at all levels of education

The Commission has proposed EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, also known as the Istanbul Convention. This raises many problems, in particular the implementation of Article 14 of the Convention.

According to Article 14, States Parties are required to include 'non-stereotyped gender roles [...] at all levels of education' in formal and informal education settings. No mention is made of the prior rights of parents to educate their children according to their moral and religious convictions as stated in all international human rights instruments.

If the EU accedes to the Istanbul Convention, how will it honour its commitment to implement Article 14 even though it has no competency with regard to formal and informal education settings?

If the EU accedes to the Istanbul Convention and must consequently implement Article 14, how will it define 'non-stereotyped gender roles'?

If the EU accedes to the Istanbul Convention, what measures will it take to respect the prior rights of parents to educate their children according to their moral and religious convictions?