

**Question for written answer E-001618/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Funding for LGBTI associations

According to press reports, in the 'List of actions by the Commission to advance LGBTI equality', the EU sets out its intention to promote, support and finance a number of activities and actions to support LGBTI associations. Some of the projects have ties with the Erasmus+ scheme, while others fall within the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme. EUR 7 854 980 were allocated to this programme for the period 2015-2017.

- On what criteria did the Commission base its decision to earmark such a large amount of money for LGBTI activities?
- Would it not agree that more funds should be used to support families and young couples, including as a means to address the current problem of population decline in Europe?