

**Question for written answer E-002113/2017
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Protection of LGBTI asylum-seekers

Nearly 80 countries worldwide still criminalise sexual orientation; in five the sentence can be death. Persecution for being LGBTI is a ground for claiming asylum under EU law (Article 10 of Directive 2011/95/EU), but a Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) report shows how Member States are failing in the provision of adequate support to LGBTI asylum-seekers.

These failings include a lack of common guidelines, of training for asylum officials, of special accommodation facilities to prevent harassment and of opportunities for transgender persons to continue hormonal treatment.

Can the Council specify how it intends to address the shortcomings identified by the FRA and ensure full respect of the fundamental rights of LGBTI asylum-seekers?