

**Question for written answer E-000705/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Further homophobic incident in Croatia

In mid-February 2017, the town of Kastela held a carnival festival in which an illustrated children's book on families with same-sex parents was burned in front of the children at the festival because it was considered a representation of the devil. The local authorities have not condemned the incident.

A few months ago, the LGTBI community suffered another serious attack when a number of people launched tear gas at customers at a club called Super Super in Zagreb.

The most recent survey by the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency named Croatia as one of the three worst Member States for discrimination against the LGBTI community. Homophobia in Croatia was a cause for concern for the European Parliament when the country was joining the EU.

Taking into account that the incidents described are acts of homophobia which breach the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the Treaties:

- 1) Will the Commission urge the Croatian authorities to condemn and investigate the above incidents?
- 2) How has the Commission assessed Croatia's progress regarding the rights of the LGBTI community since the country joined the EU?
- 3) Have the Croatian authorities taken the measures suggested by the EU institutions to combat homophobia and punish those who commit homophobic acts?