

**Question for written answer P-008602/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Change in the legal basis of the Anti-Discrimination Directive

On 28 October 2014, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights jointly with the Presidency of the Council organised an event on 'Tackling **sexual orientation** and **gender identity discrimination**'. The Commission is the supreme supervisory authority of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.

1. How does the Commission view the finding that the principle of 'Unity in Diversity' was clearly not respected by the Agency for Fundamental Rights in drawing up the conference programme, since only representatives of LGBTI organisations were invited to speak, and that consequently conflicts of interest were clearly considered acceptable?
2. What financial contribution was allocated both directly and indirectly from the EU budget for this event?
3. In her speech, the Commission representative announced that the legal basis for the 'Equal Treatment Directive' would be changed in order to overcome the resistance of Member States and to circumvent the principle of unanimity in the Council of Ministers. Can the Commission confirm this plan, and will it submit a proposal to this effect to the Council of Ministers?