

**Question for written answer E-005665/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Discrimination against LGBTI persons

In 2012, the city of Bucharest chose not to recognise the marriage of Romanian-American couple Coman-Hamilton. In addition, on 6 and 7 October 2018, the Romanian social democrat Government organised a referendum against same-sex marriage. Abstention on the second day of the referendum invalidated the constitutional reform, as only 20.41 % of Romanians voted where a minimum threshold of 30 % was required. Despite this victory, the fact remains that homosexuals and members of the LGBTI community are subject to severe discrimination throughout Europe. It is the responsibility of the European Union to ensure that basic and human rights are respected. In addition, the referendum in Romania runs counter to its commitments.

What concrete solutions can the Commission provide so that the scope of directives relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is broadened beyond the labour market?