

**Question for written answer E-006061/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Lefteris Christoforou (PPE)**

Subject: Unacceptable gender pay gap in the EU

According to a recent report by the International Labour Organization (ILO), which focuses on the gender pay gap, it is noted that the global gender pay gap is 20%, and is proportional to the wage gap between men and women in the EU.

I find it unacceptable, provocative and insulting to continue discriminating between the sexes either in terms of payroll or in terms of rights, opportunities, etc. within the EU.

The EU has a huge responsibility for the failure to significantly reduce the gap between men and women. The EU must take immediate, decisive and effective measures of zero tolerance with regard to those who breach the principle of gender equality.

The EU also needs to support gender equality programmes and policies funded by the EU budget.

Given the current unacceptable gender gap within the EU, can the European Commission say:

1. What measures it intends to take to eliminate the gender gap within the EU and when the goal of full equality for men and women will be achieved?
2. Why it does not penalise Member States that breach gender equality regulations?