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Subject: Mass arrest of LGBTI activists in Poland

After more than 100 Polish municipalities declared themselves 'LGBTI-free zones', after an outrageous homophobic presidential campaign by President Duda, after the Polish Minister Janusz Kowalski said the whole of Poland should be an 'LGBT-free zone', the authorities carried out a mass arrest of 48 LGBTI activists on 8 August 2020 because they had been demonstrating against the detention of the young activist Małgorzata Szutowicz.

This gross escalation is a clear breach of EU core values and the respect of fundamental rights. It spreads fear among LGBTI people in Poland, and aims to intimidate Polish LGBTI activists.

1. Does the Commission condemn the mass arrest of 48 LGBTI activists in Poland on 8 August 2020?

2. Has the Commission been subject to threats of a veto on the next multiannual financial framework if it takes action in response to these events?
3. What concrete actions is the Commission planning to take to end the continued attacks against LGBTI people in Poland?