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Subject: Participation of transgender athletes in female sports competitions

As various female sports competitions open to transgender people have shown, the physical superiority deriving from men's biological make-up results in women athletes being unfairly disadvantaged.

Given this premise and in view of the fact that, in the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 published in November 2020, the European Commission refers to sport as one of the powerful tools for challenging gender bias and other stereotypes, can the Commission state:

- 1. Whether the statement made in the aforementioned strategy can be taken as an implicit call to extend the participation of transgender athletes in female sports competitions?
- 2. Whether it does not feel that allowing more and more transgender athletes to participate in female sports competitions could have a discriminatory effect on women athletes and that this is therefore at odds with the European Union's pursuit of the full realisation of women's rights?