

**Question for written answer E-003171/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Racism in Sport

At the UEFA match in Budapest between the national teams of the Republic of Ireland and Hungary on 9 June 2021, Irish football players 'took the knee' as part of a worldwide initiative to protest against racism in sport. This act of solidarity provoked booing from Hungary fans in the stadium, but more worryingly, was criticised by Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who accused the visiting players of provoking their hosts and failing to understand their culture.

What can the Commission do to ensure that anti-racism initiatives such as 'taking the knee' are supported, and would the Commission consider writing to Prime Minister Orbán to find out what initiatives he is taking and intending to take to address racism in the sporting world?