

**Question for written answer E-004336/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** What is the Commission's position on the Hungarian government's measures to combat the scourge of paedophilia?

On 16 June 2021, on behalf of the Commission, Ursula von der Leyen said she was 'very concerned'<sup>1</sup> about the adoption, the previous day in Hungary, of a law aimed at 'strengthening measures against paedophile offenders and (amending) certain laws to protect children'. This law has been attacked by the LGBTQI lobby on the grounds that it prohibits the promotion and portrayal to minors of homosexuality or 'gender reassignment' practices, both in advertising and in schools. In order to prevent recidivism, the text adopted by a large majority of Members of the Hungarian Assembly also provides for the establishment of a national register of convicted paedophiles and strengthening the penalties incurred if they are civil servants, repeat offenders, or have attacked children under the age of 12. Furthermore, it provides for the exclusion of convicted paedophiles from all professions bringing them into contact with minors.

How does the Commission, which regularly reiterates its desire to combat child sexual abuse in Europe more effectively<sup>2</sup>, view the above-mentioned measures to combat paedophilia?

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<sup>1</sup> *Europe Daily Bulletin* No 12743.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.euractiv.fr/section/justice-affaires-interieures/news/epicentre-de-la-pedopornographie-sur-internet-lue-entend-mieux-la-combattre/>