

**Question for written answer E-005370/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Assita Kanko (ECR)**

Subject: Commission inclusive communication guidelines

The Commission guidelines designed to make inclusive communication the rule for EU officials have caused a quite a stir, recommending, for example, that 'ladies and gentlemen' as a form of address be abandoned in favour of 'dear colleagues'.

Furthermore, the emphasis on avoiding usages associated with the Christian religion has gone down badly with many Europeans, for example, replacement of the term 'Christmas period' with 'holiday period' and avoiding the term 'Christian name'.

In view of the resulting controversy and the stated intention to republish these guidelines, possibly in modified form:

1. Can the Commission explain why it regards as discriminatory the use of the expression 'Christian name' or of terms relating to Christmas or Christianity?
2. What is the point of allowing names and usages passed down to us as part of our rich European historical and cultural heritage to be swept away and replaced by those reflecting the ideologies behind the 'woke' and cancel culture?
3. Is the Commission prepared to discuss in Parliament ways of ensuring effective forms of communication with Europeans and for them, in order to find a solution acceptable to the average citizen?