

**Question for written answer E-005387/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Culturally-determined language guidelines and inadmissible ways of speaking at the Commission

The Commission has published a document entitled 'European Commission Guidelines for Inclusive Communication'¹, which contains guidelines on language use. Among other things, it stipulates that certain given names such as Maria and John should no longer be used. The intention, it is claimed, is to facilitate the integration of people from different cultural contexts.

1. What is the origin of these and other language guidelines, and how is this scientifically justified, given that the renunciation of one's own culture does not meet the criteria of integration?
2. Is it the Commission's intention to dispense in the future with other names, such as those of typical Christian festivals created by the cultural character of the Member States and peoples of the EU, and if so, which names are to be abolished in the future, and when?
3. Is there also an intention to dispense with the names of festivals from other beliefs?

¹ <https://www.balkanweb.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/europa.pdf>