

**Question for written answer E-005579/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: The Commission's ban on Christmas celebrations

In 2019, the President of the Commission pledged to protect our European way of life<sup>1</sup> and give more power to Europeans and their views regarding the future of the Union.

However, an internal document<sup>2</sup> made public in the press by a whistle-blower revealed that Commissioner Helena Dalli had asked Commission officials to avoid words such as 'Christmas'<sup>3</sup> and 'European', to use 'Mx' rather than 'Mr/Mrs', to avoid 'stereotypes' such as photos of women with their children, to opt for the names 'Malika and Julio' rather than 'Maria and John' in examples, and to choose photos that include people of various ethnic origins<sup>4</sup>.

No European hates Christmas.

Cancelling Christmas is not what European citizens want. This technocratic moralism coming from Brussels must be stopped.

1. Does the Commission consider Christmas trees and celebrations to be a part of our European cultural heritage and way of life?
2. Will the Commission promise to stop trying to fight the Christmas tradition in the future?
3. What sanctions will the Commission take against Helena Dalli?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/political-guidelines-next-commission\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/political-guidelines-next-commission_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> European Commission guidelines for inclusive communication (2021)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cnews.fr/monde/2021-12-02/noel-maria-la-commission-europeenne-deconseille-lusage-de-certains-mots-et-creer-la>; <https://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/wokisme-noel-maria-ces-mots-que-deconseille-la-commission-europeenne-20211130>

<sup>4</sup> 'Choose photos of people with a variety of ethnic backgrounds (as well as other forms of diversity)', European Commission Guidelines for Inclusive Communication, p.17.