

**Question for written answer E-005647/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU cancels 'Christmas' and 'Maria and John'

The Commission's internal guidelines for inclusive communication, drafted under EU Commissioner Helena Dalli and disclosed in various media reports, were intended to reflect the diversity of European culture and the Commission's inclusiveness. The idea behind the initiative was to showcase the diversity of European culture and demonstrate the inclusive nature of the Commission. The guidelines banish words like 'Christmas' and names like 'Maria and John' and instruct EU Commissioners to refer to the 'holidays' and 'Malika and Julio' instead.

1. Does the blacklisting of 'Christmas' and 'Maria and John' not cancel a part of the very same European culture the Commission supposedly wanted to showcase with these guidelines?
2. Does it intend for Christian names to give way to universal first names, and are names from other religions also to be replaced by universal ones under these guidelines?
3. Are there plans to couple EU support to these guidelines in future?