

**Question for written answer E-000110/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Discrimination and anti-gypsyism on Catalan public television

The 2 January 2022 edition of Catalan public television channel TV3's programme *BricoHeroes*, available on YouTube, used 'humour' to perpetuate racist stereotypes. In a deplorable act of anti-gypsyism, and a serious violation of the principle of non-discrimination enshrined in Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, it branded the Roma community thieves.

Not only has this attitude propagated hate speech in public media, but it also seriously contravenes EU Council guidelines on Roma and the spirit of the current EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation. The Commission announced in that framework that it would continue to work to tackle online hate speech and that it would extend its efforts to social media. It also said that it would explore ways to engage with the media to build positive narratives and promote equality and diversity in all spheres.

In view of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to prevent television programmes such as *BricoHeroes* from spreading racist and hateful messages, including on the internet?
2. Will the Commission take this instance into account when preparing its annual report on the implementation of the Charter?