Question for written answer E-001137/2023/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: Measures with regard to a case of discrimination against a Romanian citizen

I would like to bring to the Commission's attention a clear case of discrimination with a Romanian citizen as the victim.

On 28 March 2023, this citizen's booking, which had been processed through the www.booking.com website, was cancelled by B&B Bosschweg in Tilburg, the Netherlands. The gentleman was informed that there was an agreement with the municipality of Tilburg that accommodation would be refused to Romanian citizens. Equally scandalously is the fact that this man states that he sought explanations from the accommodation provider and was told in reply that 'Romanians are involved in illegal activities'.

It is clear that for as long as such attitudes are tolerated and encouraged, the European Union will be departing from its guiding principles and values, which are mainstays of the European system.

- 1. How does the Commission intend to act in such cases?
- 2. How can the Commission restore the dignity of a Romanian citizen treated like a criminal, and how can it ensure that the rights of all the citizens are respected? This in view of the fact that discrimination is against the law.

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