

**Question for written answer E-001553/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The EU is funding a 'Queer Camp' with taxpayers' money

As part of the EU Youth Strategy – the aims of which are to encourage young people to get involved in democracy and play an active role in society – the EU is funding a 'Queer Camp'. This summer camp with a focus on sexual orientation is to take place in Berlin between 24 July and 7 August 2023. It will include a workshop on learning to become a drag-queen or drag-king.

It appears that this LGBTQ+ camp will be organised and funded by the European Solidarity Corps, a body belonging to the Commission with a budget of EUR 1 billion for 2021-2027¹. It will also receive EU funds from a range of programmes, including Erasmus+.

1. Does the Commission really intend to achieve the above objectives by funding this type of event?
2. If so, can it please state its arguments for doing so?
3. Does it not consider, furthermore, that the organisation of events focusing primarily on one sexual orientation is in itself a form of discrimination?

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¹ Frequently Asked Questions, European Youth Portal (europa.eu).