

**Question for written answer E-001866/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Transgender inclusion in sport

It has been widely recognised internationally, including by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, that female athletes should be able to compete separately from male athletes. This recognises that there are significant physiological differences between males and females, which give male athletes a competitive advantage and put female athletes at greater risk of injury.

Although decisions on the organisation and accessibility of sports competitions are matters for sports federations, the Commission promotes transgender inclusion in sport through Erasmus+ funded initiatives such as Sport for all Genders and Sexualities.

- 1) Is the Commission satisfied that such projects have taken account of the need to balance safety, fairness and inclusion for female athletes with the demands of the transgender demographic?
- 2) What initiatives are there to address the specific needs of female athletes in this context?
- 3) Is the Commission considering any guidelines for sports federations, perhaps along the lines of the UK Sports Council's Guidance for Transgender Inclusion in Domestic Sport, to help them strike a balance between women's sex-based rights and transgender inclusion?

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