Question for written answer E-000744/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Stefania Zambelli (PPE)

Subject: Disparity, inequality and discrimination experienced by women in the world of sport

A great deal of progress has been made in recent years in involving women in the world of sport, both in management and in terms of participation.

However, systematic disparities and inequality persist. Only 22% of national sports federation chiefs in the EU are women and not one woman features in the list of the world's 100 highest-paid athletes. Discrimination is palpable even in terms of the visibility of women's sports and the acquisition of TV rights (with media not giving women's sports events the recognition they deserve), equal pay (female football players in the Serie A league are paid 34 time less, on average, than their male counterparts) and training conditions (there is a lack of facilities, kit and appropriate insurance cover, with many female athletes having to take unpaid leave or holiday to attend training and competitions).

In light of this highly inhibitive situation, which hampers women's participation in sports, can the Commission clarify what it is doing to tackle the systematic discrimination and inequality women are subjected to and to ensure equal treatment for men and women in sport, once and for all?

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