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Subject: ‘Parental pin’ – veto of LGBTIQ educational content at schools in Murcia (Spain)

In Murcia (Spain), in application of its constitutionally recognised competences in the field of
education, the Regional Ministry of Education and Culture has adopted an instruction requiring all
educational establishments to request the express authorisation of parents if they want to include their
children in any activity that concerns ‘socially controversial moral issues or sexuality that may intrude
on their freedom of conscience and right to privacy’.

In view of the Commission President’s statement on 23 June 2021 describing the Hungarian
Government’s recent legislative reform that bans LGBTIQ content as discriminatory and contrary to
the EU’s fundamental values, and given that Murcia’s ‘parental pin’ also makes it possible to restrict
access to sexual and affective education, leaving it up to parents to decide whether their children
attend or not, in violation of the right of all young people to a comprehensive education, and fostering
discrimination:

1. What view does the Commission take of the fact that parents in Murcia are now able to veto
educational content?

2. In line with the action that might be taken to counter the Hungarian legislative reform, what action
will the Commission take to protect both EU values in Murcia and children’s right to education?