

**Question for written answer E-004066/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Backlash against sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and LGBTI rights in Poland and Hungary

The European Parliament has in several resolutions (of 14 November 2019, 18 December 2019 and 17 April 2020) condemned and rejected the backlash against SRHR and LGBTI rights in Poland. This includes attempts to criminalise abortion and to undermine access to sexuality education, as well as cases of discrimination against LGBTI people, for example through the passing of resolutions declaring certain regions, counties or municipalities free from so-called 'LGBT ideology'.

At the same time, Parliament has also rejected attacks on transgender and intersex people's rights in Hungary (resolution of 17 April 2020), a country whose own Parliament has also rejected the ratification of the Istanbul Convention.

Thus, there are clear attempts to boost an anti-gender agenda in both countries, taking advantage of the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the actions taken might constitute breaches of EU law, violating the fundamental values set out in Articles 2 and 3 of the TEU, and fundamental rights such as the right to non-discrimination (Article 21 CFR).

In the light of the above:

Does the Commission plan to launch an infringement procedure against Poland, particularly regarding declarations of LGBTI-free zones?

Does the Commission plan to make access to post-COVID-19 reconstruction funds conditional on Member States guaranteeing non-discrimination and gender equality?