

**Priority question for written answer P-000962/2025  
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: The withdrawal of the horizontal equal treatment directive from the Commission work programme

In the light of the Commission's decision to withdraw the proposal for the horizontal equal treatment directive from the Commission work programme due to a lack of support from the Council:

1. Can the Commission provide a detailed explanation of the reason behind the withdrawal of the proposal, given that a lack of unanimity in the Council was not a reason to abandon the proposal in the past?
2. What were the Council's main arguments against the proposal and how did the Commission respond to those arguments?
3. What concrete actions does the Commission plan to take to continue this important work and to seek unanimity in the Council?

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