Priority question for written answer P-000977/2025 to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Unlawful receipt of EU funds by Polish local authorities maintaining

discriminatory 'Family Rights Charters'

In Poland, three local authorities – Dębica, Dębica County, and Łańcut County – maintain discriminatory 'Family Rights Charters', creating 'LGBT-free zones'. According to the Partnership Agreement and the Charter of Fundamental Rights, authorities with discriminatory policies should be ineligible for EU funding. However, Dębica and Łańcut counties have received EU funds, falsely declaring compliance with non-discrimination principles.

In December 2023, the matter was reported to the Polish public prosecutor, which declined to investigate, a decision upheld by the courts. A complaint was then submitted to the Commission in September 2024, highlighting violations of EU funding rules. In November 2024, the Commission decided to close the case.

The closure of the case raises concerns about the enforcement of EU rules regarding discriminatory policies and the continued existence of 'LGBT-free zones' in Poland, in contradiction to EU fundamental rights.

Can the Commission clarify:

- 1. What legal grounds were used to justify closing the complaint, despite the apparent breach of EU funding rules?
- 2. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that EU funds are not unlawfully granted to authorities that uphold discriminatory policies?
- 3. How will the Commission address the fact that 'Family Rights Charters' still exist in Poland, despite their incompatibility with EU fundamental rights?

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