

**Question for written answer E-001891/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Georgia's newly adopted anti-LGBTIQ+ law

On 17 September 2024, the Georgian Parliament passed a controversial bill that targets the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons through the introduction of extensive legal restrictions. The changes are presented under the pretext of protecting 'family values', but represent a clear violation of the human rights of LGBTIQ+ people. On 18 September, Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell urged Georgia to withdraw the bill, but more action is clearly needed to ensure the safety of Georgian LGBTIQ+ people.

1. Within the scope of EU enlargement policy, how is the Commission planning to increase EU efforts to prevent further backsliding on LGBTIQ+-rights in candidate countries?
2. Several EU countries consider Georgia to be a 'safe third country', despite the risks of persecution that LGBTIQ+ people face. How is the Commission working to ensure that LGBTIQ+ people in Georgia fleeing persecution have access to protection?

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