



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Directorate D: Equality and Union citizenship
Unit D.1: Non-discrimination and Roma coordination

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Dear Rosario Coco,

On the 20th of May you send an email to Commissioner for Equality, Helena Dalli, by which you send her the results of the 'Outsport project'. The Commissioner would like to thank you for your email and asked me to respond on her behalf. The results give an important overview of the discrimination experienced by LGBTI people in sports.

Sports is a field in which homophobia and transphobia are unfortunately still very widespread and projects like yours continue to be necessary to ensure LGBTI people can participate and attend all sports without being discriminated or excluded. To combat the discrimination of LGBTI people the Commission presented the 'List of actions to advance LGBTI equality' of which the final report was published on 15 May.¹ The Commission is currently developing an LGBTI+ Equality Strategy that will be presented before the end of the year.

A new Task Force for Equality has also been created to mainstream equality, including for LGBTI people, in all Commission policies and programmes. In that regard, the recommendations coming out of your project are very welcome. I would like to thank you once again for sharing the project results and hope you will continue promoting LGBTI equality in sports.

Yours faithfully,

Szabolcs SCHMIDT
Head of Unit

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/lesbian-gay-bi-trans-and-intersex-equality/list-actions-advance-lgbti-equality_en

