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Overdue EU action on homophobia and LGBT discrimination must be delivered

The European Parliament today voted in favour of a report calling for an EU roadmap against homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Commenting after the vote, EP rapporteur/draftsperson and Green civil liberties and LGBT spokesperson **Ulrike Lunacek** stated:

"Coherent EU action against homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation is overdue and must finally be delivered. Despite EU legislation to protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, there is still discrimination, bullying and violence - in schools, workplaces and in everyday life situations.

"The cynical orchestrated lobbying campaign by conservative hardliners against this report merely served to underline this. Thankfully, a majority of MEPs has today supported the call for an EU roadmap against homophobia and discrimination based on sexual identity. The European Commission must now finally outline a coherent approach at EU level, including concrete measures, as it has already done for the Roma minority and for people with disabilities."

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