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Subject: Mass arrest of LGBTI activists in Poland

After more than 100 Polish municipalities declared themselves “LGBTI-free zones”, after an outrageous homophobic presidential campaign by President Duda, after the Polish Minister Janusz Kowalski said the whole of Poland should be an “LGBT-free zone”, the authorities carried, on the 8 August 2020, a mass arrest of 48 LGBTI activists demonstrating against the detention of the young activist Malgorzata Szutowicz.

This gross escalation is a clear breach in the EU core values and in the respect of fundamental rights. It spreads fear among LGBTI people in Poland and aims at intimidating Polish LGBTI activists.

- 1 Does the European Commission condemn the mass arrest of 48 LGBTI activists in Poland on 8 August 2020?

- 2 Is the European Commission subject to threats of a veto on the next Multiannual Financial Framework in the event that it takes action in response to these events?
- 3 What concrete actions is the European Commission planning to take to end the continued attacks against LGBTI people in Poland?