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In line with Article 13 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union<sup>1</sup>, the Commission observes the principle that scientific research shall be free of constraint and that academic freedom shall be respected.

In case there are concrete and substantiated allegations of discrimination, these should be communicated to the competent authorities.

The Commission has no further comments related to the workshop on 'Decolonizing Philosophy' organised by the University of Antwerp, to which the question refers. There is no indication that the workshop received funding from the European Union or that it is related to an EU-funded project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://fra.europa.eu/en/eu-charter/article/13-freedom-arts-and-sciences</u>