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ILGA-EUROPE:

ILGA-Europe's representatives at ILGA 25th World Conference

Linda Freimane and Martin K.I. Christensen, are going to represent ILGA-Europe at the ILGA 25th World Conference in San Paulo on 4-9 December 2010. Many European member organisations will also send their representatives to this anniversary world conference.

[Read the invitation from the Secretaries Generals of ILGA World Executive Board](#)

14th ILGA-Europe's Annual Conference

On 28-31 October 2010, the 14th Annual Conference of ILGA-Europe took place in The Hague, The Netherlands. On our website we have gathered a comprehensive report from the Conference including minutes of the Annual General Assembly, short reports from workshops, videos of key note speakers, images, media coverage of the conference, virtual library of publications etc.

[Find our all the details from our Annual Conference on our website.](#)

ILGA-Europe produced its first podcast

The first edition of the Equality Pod was recorded during the 14th Annual Conference in The Hague. In the first edition, we explore ILGA-Europe's objectives, discuss the rights of transgender and intersex people, and ask if our own prejudices hinder the struggle for equality.

[Listen to The Equality Pod here.](#)

EUROPE:

Monitor the groundbreaking Recommendation from the Council of Europe

ILGA-Europe encourages member organisations and others to monitor the implementing the Council of Europe Recommendation on combating sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination from March 2010.

[Read more about what actions needed to be taken, and what you can do.](#)

ILGA-Europe's welcomes the prominence of LGBT human rights issues in the European Commission's progress reports on accession and pre-accession countries

On 9 November, 2010 the Commission issued its 2010 Progress Reports on Croatia, Iceland, the FYR of Macedonia, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99). The progress reports on Albania and Montenegro are replaced this year by the Commission's Opinions on the readiness of the two countries to start accession negotiations. The documents highlight the progress made by accession and pre-accession countries towards the EU integration.

[Find out more on the Commission's reports and ILGA-Europe's contributions.](#)

Lithuanian president criticises proposal to criminalise 'public promotion of homosexual relationships'

Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania, commented on a legislative proposal to criminalise 'public promotion of homosexual relationships' due to be debated by Lithuanian Parliament in the next few weeks.

[Read more about the comment from the Lithuanian president.](#)

Solidarity and Networking Conference: 3-6 December 2010, Cyprus

From 3 December until 6 December, the Cyprus Solidarity and Networking Conference will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus. LGBTI activists from all the communities of Cyprus are meeting with LGBTI activists from Malta, Greece and Turkey to share experiences, discuss movement organising and to discuss co-operation in the region. Parallel to the conference, the ILGA-Europe 'Different Families, Same Love' LGBT Family Exhibition will be displayed in Nicosia.

[Read more about the conference and the Exhibition in Cyprus.](#)

Disability movement welcomes Commissioner Reding's Disability Strategy for the next decade

On 17 November 2010, EU Commissioner Viviane Reding announced the adoption of a 10 year strategy which promotes equal opportunities for people with disabilities. The European Disability Forum welcomed the strategy and examines the impact it will have for 80 million persons with disabilities in Europe.

[Read the full story here.](#)

UNITED NATIONS:

UN's Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) against sexual orientation/gender identity discrimination

During the 47th session of CEDAW, the Committee adopted General Recommendation No. 28 which reaffirmed that discrimination of women based on sex and gender was inextricably linked with other factors that affected women, such as race, ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation and gender identity. The Committee further emphasised that States parties were obligated to proclaim their total opposition to all forms of discrimination against women and that they should pursue their policies in this regard by all appropriate means and without delay.

[Read the full text of the Recommendation.](#)

UN General Assembly panel deletes sexual orientation from resolution condemning unjustified executions

On 17 November 2010, a number of countries succeeded in getting the UN General Assembly panel to delete sexual orientation from a resolution condemning unjustified executions a specific reference to killings.

[Read the full story here.](#)

LGBTI FAMILIES:

European Parliament affirms its stance on mutual recognition for same-sex marriage/partnerships

On 31 November 2010, the European Parliament voted in favour of a report calling for mutual recognition of civil status documents and calling to end discrimination that same-sex couples still experienced in the European Union.

[Read more about the report.](#)

Ireland: Civil Partners included in new Immigration Legislation

The Minister for Justice and Law Reform Dermot Ahern has tabled amendments to the Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill that provide for equal treatment between married couples and civil partners in immigration law. Amendments to recognise civil partners were also tabled by Alan Shatter and Lucinda Creighton of Fine Gael.

[Read the press release from GLEN.](#)

France reviews ban on same-sex marriage

France's highest court of appeal has launched an investigation into a law which makes same-sex marriage illegal, asking the country's Constitutional Council to decide whether or not to repeal the ban.

[Read the full story.](#)

HATE & VIOLENCE:

OSCE's annual Hate Crimes report 2009 includes input from ILGA-

Europe

On 16 November 2010, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe released its “Hate crimes in the OSCE region – incidents and responses” annual report for 2009. ILGA-Europe and other LGBT organisations, including TGEU, have provided the ODIHR with detailed submissions, which was decisive for the report to provide evidence of the cross-European dimension of the issue. The ODIHR rightly chose to give a particular visibility to the increasing number of trans murders reported.

[Read about the report and ILGA-Europe's input.](#)

ILGA-Europe's Annual Conference adopts declaration on homophobic/transphobic attack in Russia

During the 14th Annual Conference of ILGA-Europe in The Hague, the delegates adopted a declaration on a homophobic/transphobic attack in Russia.

[Read the statement.](#)

ILGA-Europe's statement on the Transgender Day of Remembrance

ILGA-Europe joins its voice on the occasion of the Transgender Day of Remembrance on 20 November. This Day was established following a murder of Rita Hester in 1998 and serves as a reminder of existing prejudice, hatred and discrimination against trans people.

[Read our statement.](#)

Transgender Day of Remembrance event attacked in Ukraine

On 20 November 2010 which is the Transgender Day of Remembrance, ten masked persons attacked an event he peaceful gathering organised by three Ukrainian NGOs. The organisers planned the film screening, discussion and flash-mob with paper lanterns.

[Read full story.](#)

Polish activist beaten by the police

Robert Biedron, prominent activist and one of the leaders of Poland's Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH) was arrested and beaten up by the police on 11 November 2010 after the anti-fascist demonstration against a march by extreme right groups in Warsaw.

[Read a translation of an article published by Gazeta Wyborcza on 13 November 2010 and a statement by Tomasz Szypula, President of KPH.](#)

Football player attempted to murder Croatian war invalid due to his sexual orientation

An attempt to murder a gay man took place in Croatia.

[Read a statement by the Croatian organisations Iskorak and Kontra.](#)

TRANSGENDER:

ILGA-Europe's statement on the occasion of the International Day for

Depathologisation of Trans Identities - 23 October

ILGA-Europe would like to express its support to the International Day Depathologisation of Trans Identities and the Stop Trans Pathologisation-2012 Campaign.

[Read our statement.](#)

Intersex Awareness Day – 26 October

ILGA-Europe supports the initiative to mark 26 October as the International Intersex Awareness Day. The first ever public demonstration by intersex activists took place in Boston (USA), on 26 October 1996.

[Read our statement.](#)

Portugal adopts law on gender recognition

Portugal made significant step towards improving the rights of trans people by adopting a law on gender recognition.

[Read press release by Transgender Europe welcoming this development.](#)

ASYLUM & IMMIGRATION:

ILGA-Europe launches new tool on asylum

We just launched a practical tool for our member organisations and other groups working on LGBTI asylum issues. This country-by-country map of Europe contains information on the law and practices relevant to LGBTI asylum seekers in each country. We also provide an overview of the international and European standards relevant to LGBTI asylum seekers in Europe.

[See this new section.](#)

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY:

European Court of Human Rights: Russia violates the European Convention on Human Rights by banning Moscow Prides

On 21 October 2010, the European Court of Human Rights delivered its decision in a case of *Nikolai Alexeyev v. Russia* and said that Russia has breached the European Convention on Human Rights by banning 2006, 2007 and 2008 Moscow Prides.

[Read ILGA-Europe's statement regarding this decision.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

Call for Proposals by UNDEF

The United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) has sent out a call for applications for its Fifth Round of funding. UNDEF's primary purpose is of supporting democratization around the world; it supports projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. Ensuring that projects ensure greater participation of women in democratisation is also an important requisite for UNDEF.

[Read more about this funding opportunity.](#)

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