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ILGA-EUROPE

Second Mailing of the 15th ILGA-Europe annual conference

The mailing includes: Introductory letter by the ILGA-Europe Board, Endorsement of nominations for candidates to the ILGA-Europe board, Guidance for Nominations for the ILGA-Europe Executive Board, Turin Conference Agenda, Proposals from the ILGA-Europe Board, Guidelines for proposals, Report on ILGA-Europe's finances for 12 months to 31 December 2010. Note the deadline for registration: 9 September 2011.

[Find the second mailing here.](#)

Rainbow Europe Map & Index: now in two separate packages on sexual orientation and gender identity

ILGA-Europe prepared two separate Rainbow Europe maps and indexes to highlight the state of equality and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity individually.

[Read more about the Rainbow Map & Index here.](#)

Call for participants: strategic litigation training - discrimination against same-sex families

As part of its programme of work to encourage the use of strategic litigation to promote LGBT rights in Europe, ILGA-Europe is holding a one-day training session on litigation in the field of discrimination against same-sex families, in association with NELFA, the Network of European LGBT Families Associations. Deadline for applications: 12 August 2011

[Read more about the call and the training here.](#)

Launch of the first ever ILGA-Europe glossary

It can sometimes be difficult to navigate in the jungle of words in the LGBTI activist and policy world. This extensive glossary will help you through special terms, abbreviations and acronyms that ILGA-Europe uses in its daily work.

[Read more about the extensive glossary here.](#)

Call to ILGA-Europe's EU Accession network

ILGA-Europe launches an EU Accession network to bring selected LGBTI activists from the organisations based in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

[Read more about the call and the network here.](#)

EUROPE

First comprehensive European study on the human rights situation of LGBT people from the Council of Europe

The first ever report covering all 47 member states of the Council of Europe on a range of human rights issues that are pertinent to LGBT people was launched on the 23 June 2011.

[Read the media release from ILGA-Europe here](#)

The Netherlands: Dutch Government grants financial support to the Council of Europe's work on LGBT issues

The grant is a reaction to the report on the situation of LGBT people published by the Council's Commissioner for Human Rights Thomas Hammarberg.

[Read more about the grant from the Dutch Government here](#)

Turkey: Amnesty International Report on LGBT Rights in Turkey: Not an illness nor a crime

'Not an illness nor a crime' - Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Turkey demand equality report was launched in Istanbul on 21 June, during Istanbul Pride Week. The report has received good coverage in the media and has been welcomed by LGBT rights organisations in Turkey.

[Read more about the report here.](#)

Moldova: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe express concern at the use of homophobic language by Moldovan members of parliament

A written declaration was tabled by Danish delegate, Mogens Jensen. He had tabled a similar Declaration during the April session. This second Declaration was accompanied by a report prepared by GenderDoc-M and ILGA-Europe detailing the language in question, which was circulated to many members of the Assembly.

[Read more about the declaration and the report here.](#)

Ukraine: new homophobic law to be introduced

On 20 June 2011 Members of Parliament of Ukraine have registered a draft Law of Ukraine "On Introduction of Changes to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine (regarding protection of children rights on the safe information sphere)", which has been heavily criticized of being discriminatory towards LGBT people.

[Read the reactions from the Ukrainian LGBT organisation, Insight, here.](#)

UNITED NATIONS

ECOSOC consultative status in the United Nations granted to ILGA World

ILGA-Europe congratulates ILGA World on their new acquired ECOSOC consultative status in the United Nations, which ILGA-Europe has enjoyed since 2006.

[Read the press release from ILGA World here.](#)

LGBTI FAMILIES

Member of the European Parliament challenged the European Commission's involvement in the ILGA-Europe exhibition on LGBT Families

In June 2011, the Polish MEP Konrad Szymański (ECR) officially questioned the European Commission's involvement in the ILGA-Europe LGBT family exhibition 'Different Families Same Love'. The answer from the Commission was clear and was in support of ILGA-Europe and its activities to fight discrimination in the European Union.

[Read the parliamentary question and the answer from the Commission here.](#)

The first same-sex second parent adoption case in Slovenia

The Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Affairs Republic of Slovenia took the groundbreaking decision after a dispute between the Center for Social Work and a lesbian woman who was requesting adoption of

her partner's biological child. It is the first case of its kind in Slovenia.
[Read more about the development in Slovenia here.](#)

HEALTH

Trans-inclusive Eurasian mechanism on HIV Prevention established

Earlier this month, the Eurasian Men's Health Coalition, EKOM was established. EKOM's mission is creation of supportive environment where any gay men or transgender person would have access to needed services in the field of sexual and reproductive health, first of all, HIV prevention, treatment, care and support that would be based on respect of and in line with human rights.

[Read more about the new initiative.](#)

TRANS ISSUES

Italian court says sterilisation is not mandatory for gender reassignment

The Court of first instance of Rome reaffirmed that sterilisation is not to be understood as a mandatory requirement for gender reassignment. This decision will hopefully change the prevailing interpretation of the law in the country.

[Read more about the decision here.](#)

Gender Recognition Report published in Ireland

On 14 July, the report of the Gender Recognition Advisory Group (GRAG) was published. The GRAG was established last year to advise the Government on the introduction of gender recognition legislation for Ireland.

[Read the reaction from TGEU here.](#)

ASYLUM

ILGA-Europe publishes policy paper on the recast of the EU asylum Procedure and Reception Directives

This policy paper builds on a previous policy paper published by ILGA-Europe in January 2011. You can read the key demands from ILGA-Europe and what you as a member organisation can do in regard to the EU asylum Procedure and Reception Directives.

[Read more about the policy paper and download it here.](#)

HATE CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Italian Parliament rejects hate crime legislation

On the 26 July, the Italian Parliament approved a motion that states that the proposed hate crime draft bill is against the Italian Constitution.

[Read the reaction from Arcigay here.](#)

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

Statement on Moscow Pride 2011 from Members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

The statement noted the unanimous decision by the European Court of Human Rights last year that earlier prohibitions of Pride marches in Moscow violated the European Convention, and expressed grave concern at the manifest failure of the Russian Federation to respect the Convention, and at the damage that this is causing to the standing of the Council of Europe. The Declaration was tabled by Norwegian delegate, Hakan Haugli.

[Read the statement here.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

FLOW: Funding Leadership and Opportunities for Women

FLOW is a new fund initiated by the Dutch Foreign Ministry to strengthen the rights and opportunities for women and girls worldwide.

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

NOTICE BOARD

Call for participants - Transgender Capacity Building Seminar, 10-12 September 2011

Transgender Europe (TGEU) is organising a 2 day Capacity Building Seminar for trans* activists and organisations across Europe hosted by the Scottish Transgender Alliance. The event seeks to develop greater capacity and networking within the European trans* movement and is intended to promote increased effectiveness and impact of trans* activists at local, national and regional level. Note deadline for registration: 29 July 2011.

[Read more about the seminar here.](#)

Conference on mutual recognition of registered partnerships and same-sex marriages within the EU, 18-19 November 2011

The French LGBT organisation L'Autre Cercle are organising a two day conference on mutual recognition of registered partnerships and same-sex marriages within EU, with the subtitle 'a restriction on the freedom

of movement of EU citizens and members of their family?'.
[Find more information and how to register here.](#)

Launch of EU Journalist Award 2011

The EU Journalist Award "Together against discrimination!" is the only journalism competition for print and online journalists focused on discrimination and diversity issues in the EU. The 2011 competition closes at 12.00 (midday – CET) on 10 November 2011.

[Read more about the competition and how to enter here.](#)

The Annual report on the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia 2011 is out

This report offers a glimpse of how the Day has been celebrated around the world. It aims at highlighting the strength, the creativity, the boldness and the diversity of the global fight to end violence, discrimination and stigmatisation of people on the grounds of their actual or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression.

[Find the report here](#)

Eastern European special issue of the Journal of Lesbian Studies is out

[Find and download the journal here.](#)

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