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## ILGA-EUROPE

### [ILGA-Europe's 15th Anniversary: Renato Sabbadini](#)



Read the 7th article in the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of ILGA-Europe - this time a contribution from Renato Sabbadini, member of the ILGA-Europe Board 2007-2008, co-Secretary General of ILGA since 2008. [Read the contribution here](#)

### [Call for proposals - Implementing the Council of Europe Recommendation on LGBT Rights](#)



Human Rights  
Violations  
Documentation  
Fund

ILGA-Europe's Human Rights Violations Documentation Fund announced a call for proposals to support implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation on LGBT Rights. Deadline for applications: 7 November 2011

[Read more about the call for proposals here](#)

### [And the winner is.... Colin de la Motte from Berlin!](#)



In September, ILGA-Europe held a competition in order to reach out to individuals and asked all to join the ILGA-Europe community by signing up to our email lists. The prize was a trip to Turin (Italy) where in the end of October the 15th anniversary Annual Conference of ILGA-Europe will take place. The lucky winner was Colin de la Motte from Berlin.

[Read more about the competition and how you also can be a part of the ILGA-Europe community here](#)

## EUROPE

### [New Family Code in Slovenia meets strong opposition](#)



The Slovenian Parliament has requested a referendum on a newly adopted Family Code, which brought more equality to same-sex couples. The request came after pressure from right wing groups who managed to collect more than 25,000 signatures in two days

[Read more about the developments in Slovenia here](#)



### [European Commission: Banning gay men from donating blood is against EU law](#)

Answering a written question from Members of the European Parliament, the European Commission explained that EU law does not warrant a blanket ban on blood donations from gay or bisexual men.

[Read more about this in the media release from the European Parliament's Intergroup on LGBT Rights](#)

### [Main findings from study on discrimination of LGBT people available in Serbo-Croatian](#)



The main findings from the major study of the Council of Europe on discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity in Europe is now available in Serbo-Croatian.

[Download the translation of the main findings here](#)

### [European Parliament welcomes recent UN developments on sexual orientation and gender identity](#)

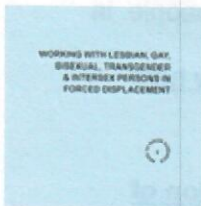


The European Parliament joined the United Nations' call for safeguarding the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in the world. The text was co-signed by 6 out of 7 political groups, and adopted with a very wide majority.

[Read more about this in the media release from the European Parliament's Intergroup on LGBT Rights](#)

## ASYLUM

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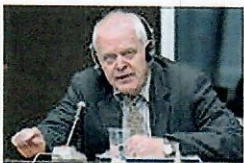


The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has published a booklet entitled 'Working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & intersex persons on forced displacement'.

[Read more and download the booklet here](#)

## EDUCATION

### [Thomas Hammarberg: Schools must stop spreading homophobic and transphobic messages](#)



Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammarberg, made a strong comment on how important it is to focus on LGBTphobic bullying in a school environment.

[Read the comment from the Commissioner here](#)

## FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY & ASSOCIATION

### [Belgrade Pride march will take place as scheduled on 2 October](#)



The Pride event in Belgrade has received strong international support but at the same time there is increasing internal pressure on the organisers to cancel the Pride march due to high security risk. Organisers insist that the Pride march will not be cancelled. Right wing groups are organising a number of counter demonstrations. ILGA-Europe will be present and will closely monitor the Pride march.

[Find more information about Belgrade Pride 2011 here](#), and follow the developments on the [ILGA-Europe website](#)

## HATE & VIOLENCE

### [Facing Facts! - Call to Action for Civil Society Organisations working against hate crime](#)

**FACING  
FACTS**

ILGA-Europe is an associated partner of a new project about hate crime called Facing Facts! This project will explore different types of hate/bias violence and propose new common advocacy and policy tools building on various networks' experiences.

[Read more about the project and how you can help here](#)

## INTERSEX ISSUES

### [First ever international intersex forum](#)



Between 3-5 September 2011, the first International Intersex Organising Forum took place in Brussels. ILGA-Europe together with ILGA World organised and sponsored the event.

[Read more about the event and the outcomes here](#)

## TRANS ISSUES

### [Training session on strategic litigation in the field of the rights of trans people](#)



As part of its programme of work to encourage the use of strategic litigation to promote LGBTI rights in Europe, ILGA-Europe is holding a one-day training session on litigation in the field of the rights of trans people, in association with Transgender Europe.

[Read more about the training session and how you can apply here](#)

### [Stop Trans Pathologization 2012 publishes English version of 'Reflections on Trans Depathologization and Health Rights'](#)



The English (and Portuguese) translations of the Stop Trans Pathologization 2012-campaign document titled 'Reflections on Trans Depathologization and Health Rights' published in Spanish in July 2011, is now available.

[Read more and download the translation here](#)

### [Join the global effort toward ICD reform and trans depathologisation](#)



GATE - Global Action for Trans\* Equality has started a campaign to promote the the process of reviewing the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) by the World Health Organization. The proposals must be sent to the WHO working group by mid December 2011.

[Find out how you can participate here](#)

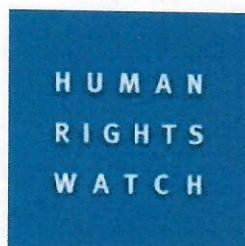
### [European Parliament asks WHO to depathologise transgender identities](#)



The European Parliament adopted a resolution which calls on the World Health Organization to withdraw gender identity disorders from the list of mental and behavioral disorders.

[Read more about this in the media release from Transgender Europe](#)

## NOTICE BOARD



### [Job opportunity - Researcher on the Balkans and Eastern Europe at Human Rights Watch, Berlin or Budapest](#)

Human Rights Watch are looking for a Researcher on the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Note the deadline for applications: September 30, 2011  
[Read more about the job opportunity here](#)

### [David Kato Vision & Voice Award](#)



The David Kato Vision & Voice Award will be awarded annually, on Human Rights Day (10 December), to an individual who demonstrates courage and outstanding leadership in advocating for the sexual rights of LGBTI people, particularly in environments where these individuals face continued rejection, marginalisation, isolation and persecution. ILGA-Europe is a part of the advisory committee.

[Read more about the award here](#)



### [Conference - Good Practices in Gender Mainstreaming: Towards Effective Gender Training](#)

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is organising a conference on gender training in Brussels on the 28 November 2011.

[Read more about the conference here](#)

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