



ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LBQ WOMEN IN EUROPE

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER, FROM 9AM TO 1PM / ROOM 10, PALAIS DE L'EUROPE

The **Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe** is pleased to invite you to participate in the conference entitled "Addressing violence and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual and queer women in Europe," organised in collaboration with the Council of Europe SOGIESC Unit.

This conference will focus on the unique challenges lesbian, bisexual and queer (LBQ) women face, drawing from the report by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo and PACE [Resolution 2576 \(2024\)](#). The discussion will highlight the intersection of misogyny and stigma, and the compounded discrimination experienced by LBQ women due to factors like racial or ethnic background, gender identity, and disability, while promoting action to ensure their protection under the Istanbul Convention.

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

- ▶ Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, PACE Secretary General
- ▶ Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human rights
- ▶ Lady Phyll, Executive Director and Founder UK Black Pride

PANEL1: LBQ WOMEN AT THE CENTRE OF POLICYMAKING

Moderator: Bella FitzPatrick, Executive Director, IGLYO

- ▶ Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco), PACE General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people
- ▶ Dragana Todorovic, Executive Director, Eurocentralasian Lesbian* Community
- ▶ Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe
- ▶ Marie Patouillet, French Paralympic medallist in cycling
- ▶ Anastasiia Gerasymenko, Insight, Ukraine

PANEL 2: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Moderator: Irene Zeilinger, WAVE Board Member, Founder of Garance

- ▶ Françoise Kempf, Administrator, Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe
- ▶ Kate Osborne (United Kingdom), member of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe, PACE
- ▶ Lucia Plaváková (Slovakia), member of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe, PACE
- ▶ Evgenia Giakoumopoulou, Head of the SOGIESC Unit, Council of Europe
- ▶ Maud Royer, President, Toutes des Femmes, France
- ▶ Ruth Mestre, researcher, University of Valencia, Spain