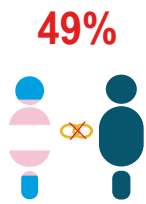
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Sexual Orientation
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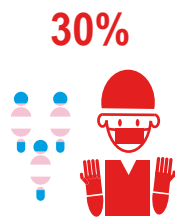
HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES OF LGBTI PERSONS TODAY

LGBTI persons in Europe are often the target of discrimination on the basis of their real or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Our work addresses several issues, ranging from Legal Gender Recognition to homophobic and transphobic hate crime, homophobic and transphobic bullying, and multiple discrimination (e.g. LBT women, LGBTI ethnic minorities, LGBTI asylum seekers, LGBTI persons deprived of their liberty). The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Unit in the Council of Europe region works on several human rights challenges based on the mandate given to it by the Committee of Ministers CM/Rec (2010)5. In particular, it provides technical support and expertise to member states, upon request, through cooperation activities aiming at improving the legal and institutional frameworks, builds capacity of administration staff and law enforcement, but also promotes the sharing of good practices and raises awareness.

Legal Gender Recognition

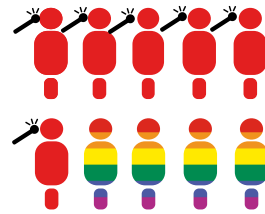


49%
23 out of 47 Member States **force trans persons to divorce**¹



30%
14 out of 47 Member States **force sterilisation of trans persons**²

Violence

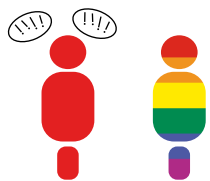


6 in 10 LGBTs in the EU were victims of violence **due to being perceived as LGBT**⁴



1 in 3 **hate-motivated attacks** in the EU are **against LGBTs**⁴

Discrimination

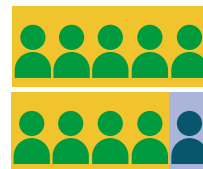


1 in 2 LGBT persons felt **discriminated against or harassed** in 2012 in the EU⁴



50% less chances for **trans women getting callbacks** compared to cis women⁵

Children / Youth

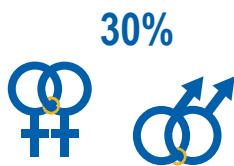


91% of children under 18 in the EU witnessed negative conduct **due to a classmate being perceived as LGBT**⁴

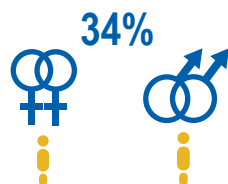


1 in 3 **LGBT children** **hide their LGBT identity** while at school⁴

Equal Rights

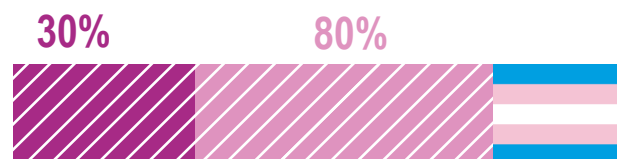


30%
14 out of 47 Member States **have legal recognition of same-sex couples**¹



34%
16 out of 47 Member States **allow same-sex adoption**¹

Trans Lives



30% of transgender persons **attempted suicide**¹

80% of transgender persons reported having **considered ending their lives at least once**¹

¹ Council of Europe, IDAHOT Website, 2016

² Transgender Rights Europe Index, 2017

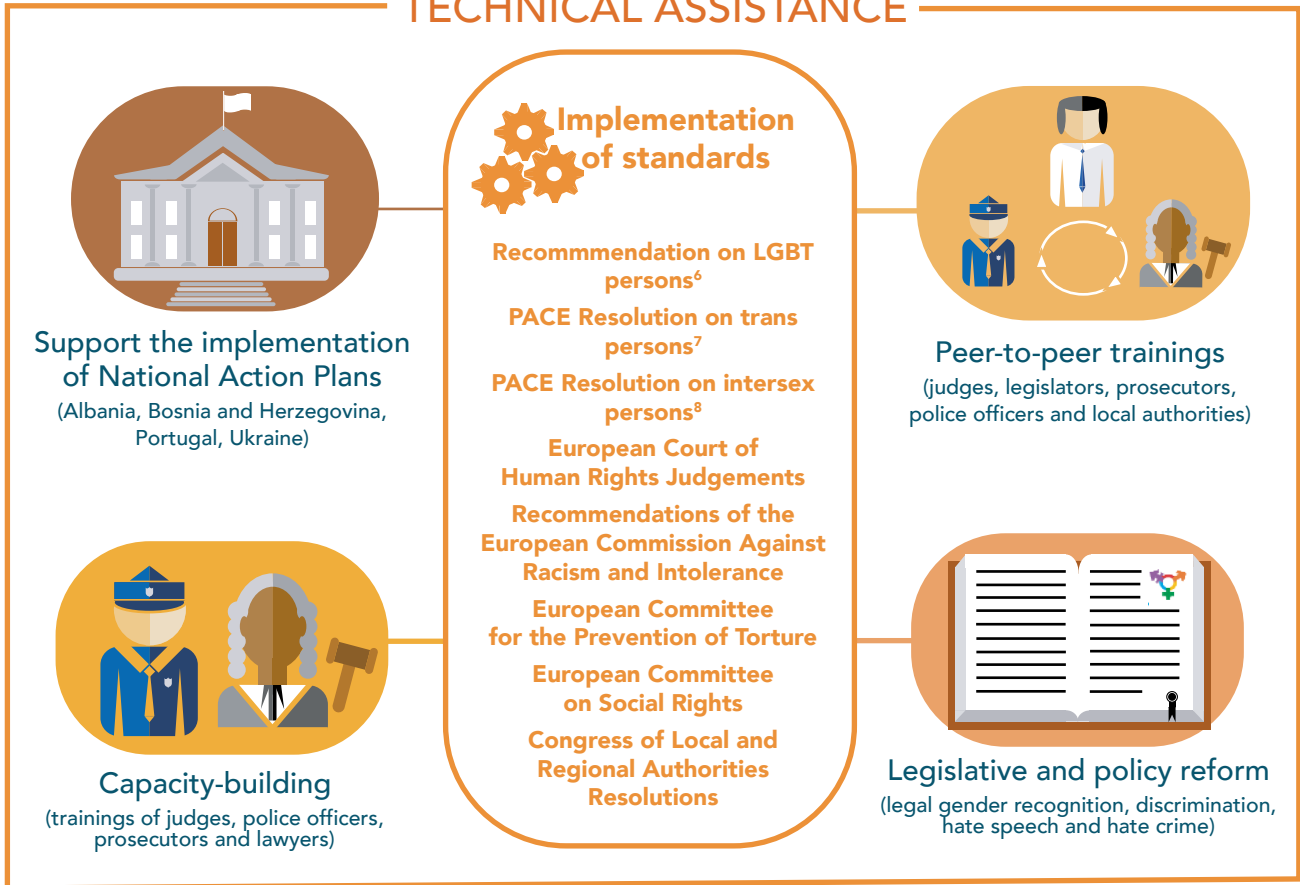
³ Trans Respect - Transgender Europe, 2017

⁴ EU Fundamental Rights Agency, EU LGBT Survey, 2012

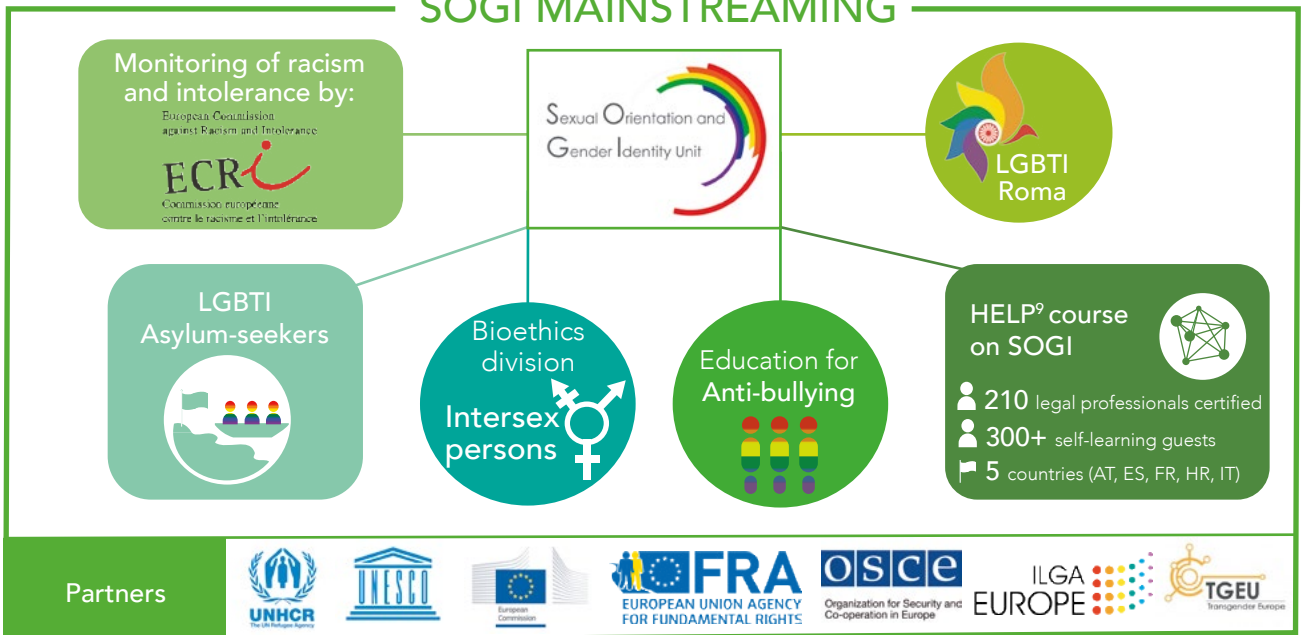
⁵ LGBTI in OECD Countries, 2017

COOPERATION WITH MEMBER STATES

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



SOGI MAINSTREAMING



AWARENESS-RAISING



⁶ Committee of Ministers Recommendation (2010)5 to member states on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity

⁷ Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2048 (2015) on Discrimination against transgender people in Europe

⁸ Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2191 (2017) on Promoting the human rights of and preventing discrimination against intersex people

⁹ Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) is a free online self-learning platform with courses on several themes (www.help.elearning.ext.coe.int).

LOOKING AHEAD - 2018/2019

On the basis of the Council of Europe strategic triangle, **the SOGI Unit will continue to promote the effect implementation of the CoE standards** (ECHR, CM/Rec(2010)5, PACE Resolutions on SOGI, Congress Resolution on SOGI), the **European Court of Human Rights judgments on SOGI** and the **recommendations of the monitoring bodies** (ECRI, CPT, European Committee of Social Rights, Human Rights Commissioner), and **assist member states through cooperation activities**. In particular, the SOGI Unit has been tasked by the CDDH to **review the implementation of the 2010 Committee of Ministers Recommendation by member states on SOGI** and identify priority areas for improvement through tailored technical assistance.

Ongoing cooperation activities include:

Homophobic & Transphobic Hate crime

Georgia
Romania
France
UK

Albania
Portugal
Greece
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Legal Gender Recognition

Lithuania
Portugal
Andorra
Cyprus
Georgia

Same sex partnership legislation

Montenegro

Thematic work is being developed on:

- **Asylum claims based on SOGI in cooperation with UNHCR and SRSG on Migration and Refugees:** guidelines for reception officers and adjudicators followed by capacity-building activities
- **Homophobic and transphobic bullying**
- **LGBTI persons deprived of their liberty**

Protection of families
Recognition of same sex couples

Protection of children

Multiple discrimination

Roma
LBT women

LGBT
Asylum-seekers

Persons deprived of their liberty

Social rights

Employment
Health

Education (focus on bullying)



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