

The Frontline: LGBTI activism: Courage to seek new strategies

In this episode of The Frontline we're looking at discussion that took place during the ILGA-Europe annual conference in Bucharest in October, where over 400 activists joined us to look at ways forward for LGBTI activism at this critical time in the world.

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This summer in Bulgaria, as two new anti-LGBTI laws were fast-tracked in advance of forthcoming elections, a cross movement effort came together to try and stop it.

With rising levels of backlash and political scapegoating, how do LGBTI organisations relate to the greater struggle for democracy, freedom and equality? How do we avoid playing into political division in our quest for success? And in a world where there are no easy wins, what does that success look like?

For our panel on finding the courage to seek new strategies in current political contexts, ILGA-Europe's Advocacy Director, <u>Katrin Hugendubel</u> is joined by <u>Irena Moozova</u>, Deputy Director General responsible for the International Dimension of Justice Policies, Rule of Law, and Equality in the European Commission, <u>Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo</u>, General Rapporteur for LGBTI rights at PACE in the Council of Europe, <u>Denitsa Lyubenova</u>, lawyer from the LGBTI organisation <u>Devstvie</u> in Bulgaria, and <u>Magda Rakita</u> from <u>Fundacia Interakcia</u> in Poland.