

EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy – First year implementation evaluation

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The first ever EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy, adopted in November 2020, is a major step in the EU's overall commitment and detailed efforts to ensure the fundamental rights of LGBTIQ people and fight discrimination. Many people welcomed the strategy, including ILGA-Europe, who [noted in their press release](#) that it marks a 'qualitative shift from the European Commission towards playing its full role to defend and protect LGBTI rights in times of real backlash'.

It is an important part of the Union of Equality, set out by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. The strategies and structures put in place in the 2019-2024 European Commission to mainstream equality and tackle discrimination and inequality are key, not least in a time when the Covid-19 pandemic has further shed light on poverty and exclusion across the EU, and inequalities have been exacerbated.

With this briefing, ILGA-Europe wants to set out five key points that have become clear in the first year of implementation of the EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy. We have collected feedback from LGBTI organisations and activists from across Europe and organised a dedicated call to discuss our respective assessment of the first year of implementation with key European LGBTI networks, such as TGEU, OII Europe, IGLYO, and EL*C. In addition, the assessment was discussed in a meeting with DG Justice in September 2021 and the key points were shared following the meeting.

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