

## Perceptions: Addressing LGBTI Youth Homelessness in Europe and Central Asia

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In April 2021, ILGA-Europe in association with the LGBTIQ Youth Homelessness organisation <u>True Colors United</u>, and the <u>Silberman Center for Sexuality and Gender (SCSG)</u> at Hunter College published a <u>report</u> based on a survey exploring the experiences of LGBTIQ focused organisations in Europe in working on the issue of LGBTI youth homelessness. It points to a large prevalence of LGBTI youth homelessness across Europe, with over 60% of LGBTIQ organisations surveyed saying they have worked with young people who have experienced homelessness.

A comparative report from European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA) also finds that over 60% of homeless services organisations have dealt with young LGBTIQ people experiencing homelessness but often without any training or support. Nearly three-quarters (72%) of respondents indicated that no national policy exists specifically addressing the issue of LGBTI youth homelessness and over half of respondents (59%) reported a lack of governmental support for programmes that focus on LGBTI youth homelessness, including nearly half (47%) reporting a lack of funding support for such programmes.

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