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A number of European countries **legally recognize same-sex couples** and have introduced laws allowing them to marry or register their unions. These laws differ from country to country and provide different levels of recognition, protections and rights.

However, there are still many European countries which do not legally recognize same-sex partnerships and some even introduced legal provisions, particularly including same-sex couples from marriage.

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Mary Di Journal has just adopted a boy, an 8-year-old and registered partnerships, but still do not recognize each other's love.

For example, two lesbians are married in Belgium. To comply to transfer from the rights, responsibilities and protection of their partners they first have to be one of a few EU countries which currently recognize their marriage. The lack of mutual recognition leads to serious problems at one of the most fundamental EU principles: **freedom of movement of citizens**.

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"We are split as we consider a 'traditional' structure where children, who had collective and individual rights for some time, and the so-called structure of 'unconventional families', that the legal recognition of same-sex families and their children is a threat for our family. We oppose the previous position and unless treatment that same-sex couples and their children will be equal."

Love should not have a gender or sexual orientation and should be protected regardless of its expression.

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"We don't need for money or think that a woman are an affordable luxury each other in each other. We want more of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender friends to be able to be together and live as if for themselves because they share the same love."

On a daily basis, same-sex couples, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their children in Europe face **racism and, racism and sexism** because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. Only a few countries in Europe criminalize such conduct and uphold harmful LGBT people's rights.

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However, this prohibition only applies if it is not possible to justify the prohibition. Some countries have already rights. This means it goes in those countries where there are already laws and countries where there are not yet laws.

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Many **partner unions** offer particular benefits for family members but do not recognize widows, gay, lesbian and transgender partners. This can mean that widowers are excluded from their partner's death benefit because they have not inherited or gender identity. When an individual is denied a partner group on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, they are discriminated against both in their family life and economic rights.

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Children and adults have diverse **ways and means** of expressing their love and affection for their partners. The meaning of love is not defined by the gender of their main biological parent. Given the biological diversity, such exclusion is solely motivated by sexual orientation.

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Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families are not recognized for **partner unions**. In some countries, if both the partner has worked in a certain industry, they are denied their basic financial death benefit of the partner's national insurance. The problem is even more difficult for partners who are unable to live and work in Europe.

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The European Court of Human Rights ruled that not allowing a parent **to be recognized as the legal parent** of his/her biological child solely on the grounds of former or current discriminatory and prejudice of the European Convention on Human Rights. Under the Court ruled that excluding lesbian, gay and bisexual parents from enjoying the same rights as discriminatory and breaches the Convention.

Care and love are important factors in the upbringing of children, and that the parent's sexual orientation.

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Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families need additional support, recognition and **rights** on many levels. Such as adoption, parental recognition, inheritance rights that are made possible by international treaties before a family member dies or is injured. These legal benefits can experience social, emotional, health and disadvantages as a result of the lack of recognition of these families.

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Children in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families are often victims of discrimination because many European parents are not legally recognized as their parents. Children in LGBT families often do not have the means of establishing a legally recognized relationship with their non-biological parent regardless of the quality of relationship between them. This denies such children's rights to be able to claim their inheritance, which is essential to the child's best interest, and may lead to a violation of a child's right to be cared for by his or her parents.

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