

ILGA-Europe Pilot Human Rights Violations Documentation Fund

Name of the project: OUTSIDE: Between Political Violence and Social Rejection

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1. Organizational details

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Number of people working on the project (volunteers): 5

2. Narrative Report

2.1 What kind of information did you collect?

We collected information on individual cases of harassment, violence, and discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression from different areas, e.g. employment, healthcare, housing, education, same-sex civil unions and parental/family rights, access to goods and services, migration/asylum, domestic violence, and hate speech. Data on human rights violations by state actors, law enforcement authorities (legalized discrimination) and political hate speech as well data on homophobia and hate speech in Slovenian media were also collected.

2.2 How did you collect it? Please provide an example of your method in annex.

Information were collected **directly** (cases reported by victims or witnesses) and **indirectly** (by monitoring news broadcast/media, state actors, law-enforcement authorities political discourse).

We developed the **Pink ALARM** (Roza ALARM) - a special tool for collecting information and for providing victim's support. Pink ALARM is an on-line reporting system for victims of violations against GLBT rights, which allows easy and safe access for reporting, counseling, help and support. The website with all information and instructions, including the online "Report-form" (Obrazec za porocanje) is available at: www.ljudmila.org/lesbo/alarm.

2.3 Did you have any partners in this project? If yes, please briefly describe the role of each partner.

No. However, we cooperate with HR NGOs and governmental equality bodies in Slovenia.

3. Results

3.1 What product has come out of the project (e.g. report, CD ROM, survey)? Please, give a short description.

Products:

- Documented **database** of human rights violations against LGBT people in Slovenia in selected timeframe.
- **Analysis** of selected cases and **publication of country report: OUTSIDE: Between Political Violence and Social Rejection**. Report on homophobic intolerance, harassment and violence toward gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals in Slovenia between 2008 and 2009. SKUC, Ljubljana 2009.
- **Special website Pink ALARM** for online reporting system for violations against GLBT rights and victims' assistance: www.ljudmila.org/lesbo/alarm.

3.2 Give details on how you plan to use this information - for advocacy or other purposes (at local, national and/or European level)?

The project was in first place designed to gather information about actual cases of violence and discrimination against GLBT in Slovenia, and to provide victims' support. Secondly the aim was to provide systematically documented, reliable information of actual cases of violations against GLBT in Slovenia, which could serve as the source of information for policy makers and opinion makers, who have the power to influence implementation of future political, legal and social change. Our country report can be used for advocacy purposes on national and EU level and to support with relevant data state actors and international actors (CoE, EU, OSCE, Amnesty International, ILGA-Europe, EESC, UN/CEDAW, etc.) in their struggle to combat homophobia and influence liberal behavior.

3.3 Has the project had any positive or negative impact on your organization?

The project has had a positive impact. The media reported about the lounge of Pink ALARM. It gives LGBT and other people a choice to report homophobic crime, even if they don't wish to report to the police or to apply legal steps. The reporting system is safe and user friendly, it guarantees confidentiality and also anonymity (optional). We are going to keep the project and continue its implementation. It combines well with other national initiatives (e.g. the project "Activate!").

Our organization was already active in monitoring, advocacy and counseling in the area of GLBT human rights for many years; this project has contributed to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of our NGO.

3.4 What are the lessons you have learned internally? What learning would you share with others undertaking similar projects?

It is very important to monitor situation, collect and document data about violations of GLBT human rights for NGOs dealing with issues of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. Although other HR associations also do collect information on GLBT rights, it is of vital interest of GLBT associations themselves to deal with this issues from their own minority perspective of vulnerable, socially excluded and stigmatized group.

4. ILGA-Europe

4.1 Do any of your findings have relevance for European-level policy on LGBT issues?

Yes.

4.2 If yes, what role could ILGA-Europe play in raising the findings at European level with you?

Besides national, the report can be a tool for international advocacy purposes, which can be placed in various contexts (education, awareness raising, lobbying, training, media work, victims' support, litigation, policy development, documenting historical records etc.). ILGA-Europe could use the report "OUTSIDE: Between Political Violence and Social Rejection" in lobbying at the level of interest of European union decision-makers and HR policy stakeholders in European union.

4.3 Were you satisfied with the quality of cooperation with ILGA-Europe? Please, give a maximum of three positive and three negative points / examples, preferably with suggestions on how the latter can be improved.

We were satisfied with the quality of cooperation with ILGA-Europe in this as well earlier engagement.

Attached:

- OUTSIDE: Between Political Violence and Social Rejection. Report on homophobic intolerance, harassment and violence toward gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals in Slovenia between 2008 and 2009. SKUC, Ljubljana 2009.
- Online reporting system Pink ALARM: www.ljudmila.org/lesbo/alarm

5 Financial report

BUDGET LINE	COST ITEM, EUROS /	NR. OF ITEMS	OVERALL BUDGETED COST, EUROS	SPENT, EUROS	BALANCE
Human resources					
Expert 1	100 / month	12 months	1200	1200	
Expert 2	100 /month	12 months	1200	1200	
Accounting and administration	250 / annual	annual cost	250	250	
Operational costs					
Office rent (share)	50 / month	12 months	600	600	
Phone (share)	10 / month	12 months	120	120	
Office material(share)	25	2	50	50	
Activity costs / Cost of documentation activitie					
Assistant	30 /month	12 months	360	360	
Graphic designer	free / 1 report layout and design	1	free	free	
Cost of use / advocacy activities					
Website	220 / 1 website	1 website	220	220	
Printing the report on findings	2 / copy	500 copies	1000	1000	
Press release	free	1	free	free	
Overall:			5000	5000	