

On the Agenda

Europe's LGBTIQ equality strategy

20 May 2021, 14h00 – 15h00 (CEST)

Zoom Webinar

ABOUT THE EVENT

The 17th of May is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. On 11 March, The European Parliament passed a resolution, initiated by the Renew Europe Group, declaring the entire EU to be an “LGBTIQ Freedom Zone” – a symbolic response to Poland’s “LGBT free-zones”. President von der Leyen has made a commitment to promote awareness and legal protection of LGBTIQ individuals during her mandate. As well as increased funding and programmes, in its recently published first-ever LGBTIQ Equality Strategy, the European Commission aims to extend the list of ‘EU crimes’ (Article 83 TFEU) to cover hate crime and hate speech, including when targeted at LGBTIQ people.

How can we create an environment for LGBTIQ people to live their lives in freedom and tolerance? Will the EU Commission’s proposals suffice to achieve these goals? What initiatives should the private sector take to fight discrimination and foster an inclusive workplace, thus helping to put an end to violence and hate crimes against the LGBTIQ community?



EVENT SCHEDULE

13h55 Participants connect to the Zoom event

14h00 Opening Remarks

Andrei Constantin, Programme Officer, European Liberal Forum

14h03 Introduction by the Moderator

Beatriz Rios, EU Affairs Reporter

14h08 First intervention

Ralf Gion Fröhlich, President, LGBTI Liberals of Europe

14h15 Second Intervention

Bianca Nijhof, Co-Chair, Workplace Pride

14h22 Moderated discussion

15h00 End of event