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## Become a member

Becoming a member of Transgender Europe is one way to get involved. As a member of TGEU, you receive information about our events, campaigns, and opportunities over our dedicated members-only mailing list. You also have the opportunity of being invited to participate in our trainings, events, and conferences, and benefit from receiving our publications, resources, and other support for your work.

## Stay informed

As an individual, there are many ways to stay informed about the work which TGEU is currently carrying out in Europe, as well as the work of our member organisations.

- Subscribe to TGEU's newsletter to receive quarterly updates in your inbox.
- Join the Trans-Info-Europe mailing list to receive and share information on trans-related issues from around Europe.
- Join our public Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trans.info.europe/> to keep in touch with individuals, organisations, and activists who work on or care for human rights of trans people.

For more information on becoming a member, visit [www.tgeu.org/get-involved](http://www.tgeu.org/get-involved) or e-mail [membership@tgeu.org](mailto:membership@tgeu.org)

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TRANS RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS



**TGEU**  
Transgender Europe

# ABOUT TGEU

TGEU is a European umbrella organisation founded in 2005, working for the full equality of all trans people in Europe. Our vision is a Europe free from discrimination where every person can live freely according to their gender identity or expression without interference. Today, TGEU has over 90 member organisations in 42 countries. The biennial General Assembly elects the Executive Board and a Steering Committee, which govern the organisation.

## Why we are here

In European societies people are sometimes perceived as either men or women. People whose gender identity or gender expression differs from these socially accepted norms fall between the cracks.

Trans people either permanently, or during transition, challenge these norms. As a result, they may face ridicule, discrimination, unemployment, social exclusion, and violence at the hands of individuals and institutions. TGEU was founded as a response to this reality, to **strengthen the trans movement**, and to **provide a consistent voice** at a European level. **Because trans rights are human rights.**

We use **transgender** or **trans** as an umbrella term for people whose gender identity or expression differs from the sex assigned to them at birth.

## WHAT WE DO

*TGEU works so that all trans people can enjoy their human rights and equality. Through advocacy, research, collaboration, empowerment, and campaigning.*

### Advocacy & campaigning

TGEU raises awareness at the Council of Europe and European Union by providing expertise and advocating for improvements of trans persons' human rights. Our campaigns shed light on the situation of trans people, support our advocacy efforts, and give a voice to the trans movement in Europe.

### Research

TGEU facilitates and supports research to help overcome trans invisibility, provide data for better public policies, and to prevent and tackle discrimination. Since 2008, our research project "Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide" provides data about the situation of trans people around the globe. TGEU also carries out research on legal gender recognition, non-discrimination, health, and hate-crime.

### Capacity building & empowerment

TGEU supports the European trans community through trainings, seminars, and information provision on a variety of topics such as; legal gender recognition, advocacy, health, and capacity building. Every second year, the European Transgender Council brings together trans activists and allies to exchange experiences, network, learn, and shape trans policy together.

### Networking & alliances

TGEU cooperates with and in solidarity with different actors for the advancement of human rights and a vibrant civil society in Europe.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 22 countries in Europe require forced sterilisation for identity recognition of a trans person. **Over the past 10 years, TGEU has engaged in reforms of gender recognition laws in 37 countries, making legal gender recognition accessible to trans persons.**
- Trans identities are still listed as mental illnesses in the International Classification of Diseases of the World Health Organisation (WHO). **TGEU works for the depathologisation of trans people to ensure that trans identities are no longer considered as mental health disorders.**
- Nearly every visible trans person experiences harassment, abuse, and violence in public. Still, only 13 countries in Europe protect trans people against violence. **Through the Pro-Trans project, TGEU has developed the first multilingual tool to monitor transphobic hate crimes and violence.**
- 1933 murders of trans people have been reported over 7 years (2008-2015) worldwide. Many murders go unreported, so this figure shows only the tip of the iceberg. **The Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide project systematically monitors and documents data to provide a comprehensive and comparative overview of the human rights situation of trans persons worldwide.**