Join us for the 10th TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council this September

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Take part in the **10th TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council,** from **11–13 September, 2026** in **Ljubljana, Slovenia,** co-hosted by our members **Legebitra** and **TransAkcija.** Every two years, this landmark gathering brings together around 200 trans activists from across Europe and Central Asia to shape the direction of trans politics in the region while celebrating the strength, resilience, and diversity of our communities.

Transphoria: collectively resist and celebrate again and again

Our trans communities across Europe and Central Asia are facing increasing political attacks, repression, and attempts to roll back hard-won rights. At the same time, our communities continue to create spaces of joy, care, and resistance that sustain and strengthen our movement. In this context, the theme for this year's TGEU Council – *Transphoria: collectively resist and celebrate again and again* – captures both the urgency of the current moment and the enduring strength of our communities.

This theme brings these realities together:

- a call to collectively resist the backlash against trans rights through solidarity, shared strategies, and coordinated action
- and a reminder to celebrate again and again the power, creativity, and resilience that define our communities

The Council will offer space to hold, to strategise, to connect, and to honour the collective energy that keeps our movement alive and moving forward.

Draft programme for the TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council

We are delighted to share the draft programme for the upcoming Trans Council this September. Please note that the programme will be updated regularly as we approach the event.



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Fri 11 Sep

09:30 - 10:30	Opening Ceremony: Key note and Welcome address
10:30 - 11:00	Reflections: Tracing the thread – An intergenerational weaving of memory, meaning and movement futures
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:45	Plenary Panel 1: Nourishing trans rights in a new world order
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch



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Fri 11 Sep continued

14:00 - 15:30	Parallel Sessions Block 1 • Filling the gaps: addressing social and housing exclusion of trans people in Europe • Stronger together! Sharing & learning on trans-specific sexual and reproductive health and rights • 101 training on CJEU case law • Beyond the Playing Field: Why sport matters for trans rights
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:30	Parallel Session Block 2 1. Combating anti-trans legislation and policy: Lessons learnt 2. Exploring promising practices to protect the rights of LGBTIQ+ people deprived of liberty (60min) 3. Community Bloom: Weaving Soft Resistance 4. Litigation consultation with TGEU Consultant (20 mins slots, 1:1)
19:30	Dinner and Social event



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Sat 12 Sep

09:30 - 10:00	Reflections: Navigating civic space restrictions to advocate for trans rights in Central Asia
10:00 - 11:00	Plenary Panel 2: EU's neighbourhood as the new battleground: Trans people on the frontlines of the movement for democracy and European integration
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	Parallel Session Block 3 1. Trans asylum seekers navigating the Fortress Europe under CEAS 2. Transphoria Archives: Stories of Resistance and Celebration 3. Trans rights in the digital age: Resisting censorship, surveillance, and erasure 4. Litigation consultation with TGEU Consultant (20 mins slots, 1:1)
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch



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Sat 12 Sep continued

14:30 - 16:00	Parallel Session Block 4 1. Non-binary Futures: Needs & perspectives 2. Exchanging experiences with providing legal aid to trans*, intersex and non-binary people 3. From Survival to Power: Trans sex workers leading change 4. Societal polarisation and the health of trans and gender-diverse people
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:30	Parallel Session Block 5 1. Trans BPoC self organised space 2. Trans rights in militarised zones: Lessons from the Russia-Ukraine war and other regional conflicts 3. TGEU over 10 years 4. Autonomous resourcing for the future of trans movements
19:00	Dinner and Social event



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Sun 13 Sep

10:00 - 11:00	Plenary Panel 3: From care to capacity – Transforming solidarity into collective currency
11:00 - 11:30	Reflections: Tying together the TGEU Council 2026
11:30 - 12:00	Looking ahead to the next TGEU Council Closing address

download the draft programme

Registration

Be part of this historic moment for our movement! Register for the 10th TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council and join us in Ljubljana. The event will be held in English and Russian with interpretation and translation provided, and we will work to accommodate different individual accessibility needs gathered through the registration process.

Applications closed

Scholarships

We want all of our members to have the opportunity to be part of this important and celebratory gathering. TGEU will offer a limited number of scholarships for activists to attend.

Strong preference will be given to TGEU members (organisations and individual members) and to trans and queer people from under-represented groups and countries.

We especially encourage applications from trans people from further marginalised backgrounds, including Black people and people of colour, D/deaf and disabled people, people with a refugee or migration background, sex workers, trans women and gender non-conforming people, people living with HIV, and trans people from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Applications closed

Volunteer

Whether you'd like to help make the Council as accessible as possible, be a point of contact for participants through our Awareness team, or document and share what's happening at the Council through video, photography and social media we've got a role for you. There are several teams to get involved in, which cover a wide range of skills.

We will waive the registration fees for volunteers. However, you will need to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Applications closed

Contribute to the programme

To make the Council programme as inclusive and as representative of the movement as possible, we are inviting members to co-create the programme with us.

We welcome proposals from trans-led members of TGEU who want to bring their group's knowledge and talents into the spotlight. If you would like to contribute to the Council's programme and bring the theme to life, share your ideas with us via the form below. We especially encourage trans people from further marginalised backgrounds to submit proposals.

We will give priority to trans and queer activists from TGEU member organisations and underrepresented groups. If you aren't a member yet, you can find out more information about how, and why you should join TGEU over on our 'become a member' page.

Applications closed

Perform or exhibit your artistic work

Attending the Council? Are you trans and an artist? Would you like to present your work to the community? We're inviting all Council participants to submit a performance or exhibition proposal.

Feel free to be creative! Your proposals will be reviewed by TGEU's Board and staff. The selection will consider the Council's space, time, and budget capacity.

Applications closed

Frequently Asked Questions

I am not a member. Can I still register?

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While the Council is focussed on our members, we do welcome a limited number of activists who are not (yet) part of TGEU. You can still register for the Council, and simply let us know via the form.

We warmly encourage all participants to become members of TGEU. Being a TGEU member offers various benefits and opportunities, such as access to training, events, consultations and networking with groups from all over the region. Become a memberwn

How much does it cost to register for the Council?

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The cost of registration for the Council is 420€. This fee includes access to all sessions and meals provided during the event.

How much does accommodation cost and how can I book?

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Due to low availability, this year accommodation at the Council hotel venue will be provided only for scholars and participants with access needs. We encourage self-paying participants to book their own accommodation at a hotel of their choice. For early birds, we were able to secure 20 rooms at the Occidental Hotel with a 20% discount code. You can access the discount through this link. Our aim is to make the Council as accessible as possible, therefore self-playing participants have the option to book wheelchair accessible rooms through TGEU by contacting us at council@tgeu.org

I applied for a scholarship. What happens if I don't get one?

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We have full and partial scholarships available for a limited number of participants.

Our Board will review all scholarship applications carefully according to multiple criteria and your application will be given serious consideration.

However, we anticipate that there will be more applications than the number of scholarships we can grant. Alternatively, you may want to consider applying to become a volunteer. While we aren't able to cover the travel and accommodation costs for volunteers, we will waive your registration fees.

I have accessibility needs. How will my needs be taken care of?

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We are planning on covering a wide range of needs: step-free venue, wheelchair accessible venue, and rooms, diverse dietary needs, a quiet room, an access team, live-captioning, and interpretation ENG<>RU.

In the registration form, you will be invited to share your access needs. We can't guarantee that we'll be able to accommodate them all, but will try our best to accommodate the needs indicated in this registration form. Please state your needs when required and we will clearly communicate the support we will be able to provide in advance so that you can organise your stay at the Council.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us via email. Our team, supported by a Disability Advisor, will be happy to listen to your needs and talk through any concerns or questions with you to help you attend as fully as possible.

I need to get a visa. Can TGEU support me?

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Yes, we will! TGEU will provide letters of invitation and support participants throughout the visa process. If

you need a visa, please register for the Council by June at the latest. If you're unsure about whether you need a visa to travel to Slovenia and in the Schengen Area, please check here.

Please keep in mind that it's your responsibility to obtain a visa. You will receive a letter of invitation to the Council once your registration and payment have been processed.

For further information please contact: council@tgeu.org

I'm worried about COVID-19 and other infections. What measures will be in place?

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We're currently working on a health precautions plan with key measures to protect participants. This plan will be shared with all participants and potential participants ahead of the Council.