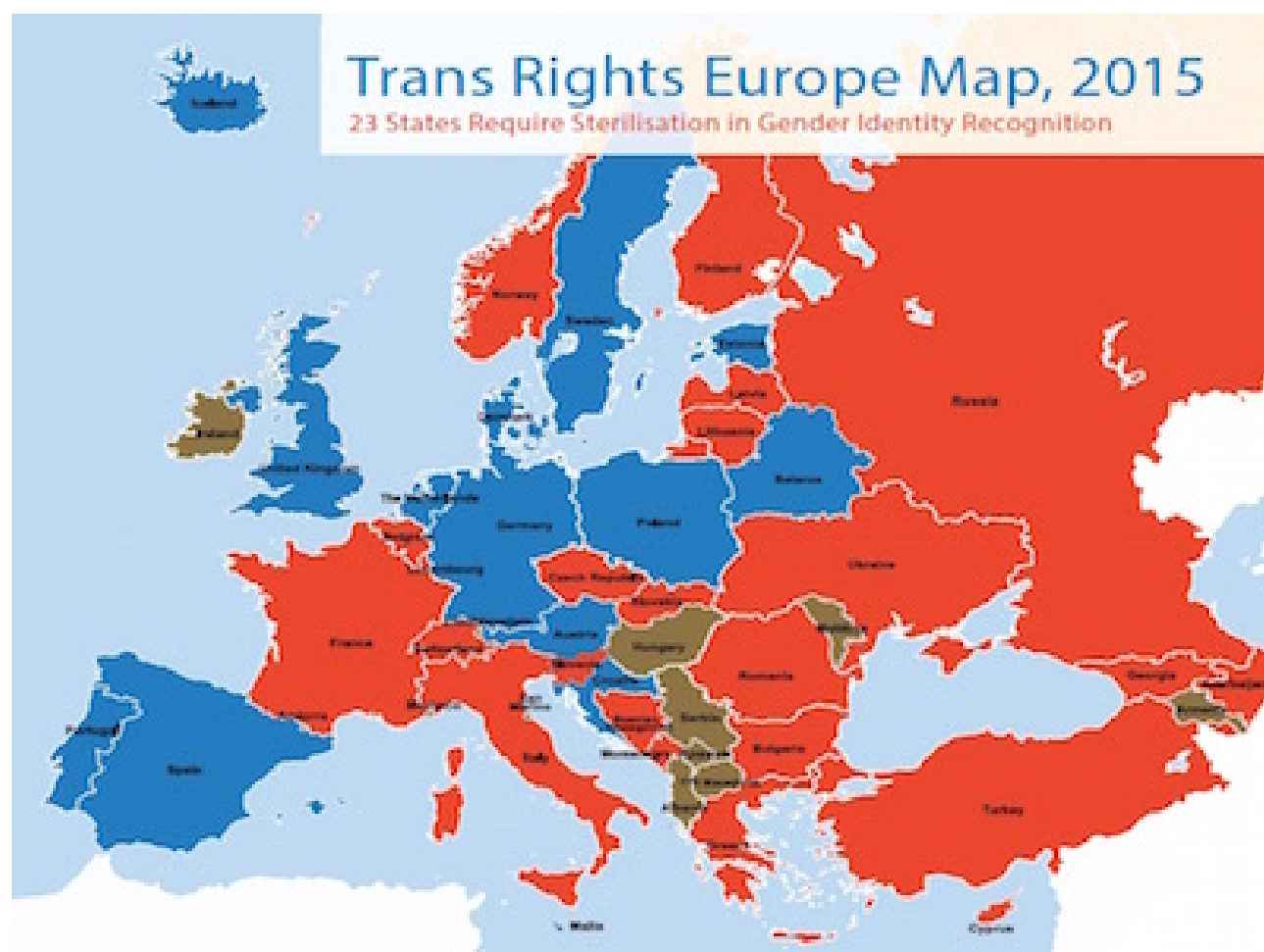


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Key Terms

Transgender or trans people: have a gender identity that is different to the gender assigned at birth. This includes people who intend to undergo, are undergoing, or have undergone gender reassignment as well as those who prefer or choose to present themselves differently to the expectations of the gender assigned to them at birth.

Gender identity: is understood to refer to each person's deeply felt internal and individual experience of gender, which may or may not correspond with the sex assigned at birth, including the personal sense of the body (which may involve, if freely chosen, modification of bodily appearance or function by medical, surgical or other means) and other expressions of gender, including dress, speech and mannerisms. (Yogyakarta Principles)

Legal Gender Recognition is the official recognition of a person's gender identity including the registered gender and name(s) in public registries and key documents. The European Court of Human Rights has repeatedly ruled on gender identity recognition and its conditions, strengthening the human rights of trans people.

Facts

Equality and Non-Discrimination

Trans people are disproportionately affected by unemployment and suffer from negative attitudes and discrimination in public and in private. Transgender people are protected against discrimination according to the European Court of Human Rights and EU-law. However, only 22 states have explicit legal protections.

Protection from Violence

There is no safe country for trans people. Since 2008 more than 90 murders of trans people have been documented in Europe. Nearly every trans person who is visible as transgender experiences harassment, abuse and violence. Only 13 states protect trans people against violence.

Legal Gender Recognition

Only 37 states in Europe have legal provisions to recognize a trans person's gender identity. Trans people's existence is *de facto* not recognized in 12 states as these provide for no recognition. 23 states in Europe require by law that trans people undergo sterilization before their gender identity is recognized.

Other requirements may include diagnosis of a mental disorder, medical treatment and invasive surgery, assessment of time lived in new gender identity, being single, divorced or above/ below a certain age. Such requirements violate a person's dignity, physical integrity, right to form a family and to be free from degrading and inhuman treatment.

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Country	Legal gender recognition								Asylum	Bias speech/ violence			Non-Discrimination						Family	Country		
	Existence of procedure	Name change	Change of gender on official documents to match gender identity	No Gender Identity Disorder/ diagnosis/ psychological opinion required	No compulsory medical intervention required	No compulsory sterilisation required	No compulsory divorce required	No age restrictions (not available for minors)	Law	Policy other positive measures	Hate crime law	Hate speech law	Policy tackling hatred	Constitution	Employment	Goods & services	Other spheres of life	Equality body mandate	Equality act/legislation		Law (gender expression)	Trans people can marry a person of the other gender
Albania																						Albania
Andorra																						Andorra
Armenia																						Armenia
Austria																						Austria
Azerbaijan																						Azerbaijan
Belarus																						Belarus
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UK**																						UK

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