Dear TGEU members and trans activists,

The Steering Committee and Staff of TGEU together with our members, Cavaria, TransInfoPunt and Genres Pluriels, our local hosts, are busy preparing for the upcoming European Transgender Council and welcoming you to the beautiful city of Antwerp, Belgium from June 28 to July 1st, 2018.

We have also begun preparations for the Council in 2020, and are looking for groups who are interested in hosting the 8th European Transgender Council, preferably in Spring or early Summer.

What is the European Transgender Council?

The European Transgender Council is the largest gathering of trans activists in Europe and Central Asia. With more than 250 trans activists, the Council is both a political gathering, and a celebration of the trans community.

Hosting the European Transgender Council is an opportunity to host one of the most important meetings for the trans community and strengthen dialogue with local decision makers and engaging in advocacy work.

Role of the Organising Team

The organising team will handle all the logistics and organisation in the host city (such as finding and booking a place to host the event and accommodation). The organising team will as well be responsible of obtaining financing for the Council.

The local organisers should be a group (registered or not), with the full support of one registered organisation.

The organising team should be rooted in the local trans community and ensure that trans and queer local people are at the center of the organisation, from the team itself to volunteers. The organising team will also ensure that most of the paid services, like catering, are offered to the community.

Financing of the Council

TGEU will not be able to cover all the costs of the Council. The organising team will need to come up with a viable plan for obtaining funding and plan the anticipated costs of the Council, such as for food, venue, and logistics which will fit in the registration fees.

These fees need to be kept as low as possible to ensure accessibility to the Council.

TGEU will be able to provide technical assistance in obtaining funding, and will take the full responsibility of securing funding for international scholarships.

The venue and accommodation

The event could take place in the city or further in the countryside as long as the venue and some accommodation options are fully accessible for wheelchair users and adapted for D/deaf and disabled participants.

Non-traditional or alternative venues are also welcome, especially if they allow the registration fees to be lower (universities, holiday camps, warehouse, experiential venues, rooftop, etc.).

Support provided by TGEU

TGEU's Steering Committee and Staff will provide support to the organising team throughout the process. The development of the contents of the Council, i.e. the format and agenda, publishing calls or making invitations (e.g. for speakers, facilitators, workshop holders), will be the responsibility of TGEU's team. TGEU will also publicise the event through its networks. In addition, organisers from earlier Councils can be contacted to share their experience and to assist with advice and information.

Selection process

Please send us the attached application form by e-mail to co-chair@tgeu.org no later than **June 1, 2018**.

After June 1, all candidates will get the opportunity to discuss their application with TGEU. Only complete and realistically feasible applications will be accepted. Finalized applications will be sent to the TGEU membership in mid-June 2018.

At the 2018 Council in Antwerp, all candidates will have the opportunity to present their proposal to the participants, and TGEU's membership will then take a vote. Please respect that in order to give every group a fair chance regardless of their financial resources, groups applying to organise the Council may not hand out goodies, gifts, or similar material before the voting takes place.

If you have any questions about applying or the selection process, do not hesitate to send us an email at co-chair@tgeu.org.