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TGEU documents loss in trans rights with new interactive Trans Rights Map

On the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia, [TGEU](#) is launching an interactive version of its [Trans Rights Map](#) in English and Russian, which illustrates the legal situation of 54 countries in Europe and Central Asia.

This year's Trans Rights Map documents an alarming loss in rights when compared to 2020. While progressive countries in the region have slowed down in increasing protections for trans people, moderate countries have often stalled progress altogether. Worse yet, a growing number of countries have been aggressively removing rights from trans people.

On the positive side, eight European States now allow a person to adapt key documents based on self-determination, with procedures that are human rights compliant. Still, recognition for non-binary people is only possible in two States: Iceland and Malta. Considering that the Fundamental Rights Agency found that 62% of trans respondents to the [LGBTI II Survey \(2019\)](#) did not identify exclusively as one gender, the absence of non-binary recognition fails the majority of the trans community.

Ten States still require a person to be sterilised in order to have their gender legally recognised. Amongst those, five are European Union member States: Czech Republic, Finland, Latvia, Romania, and Slovakia. Alarmingly, two countries have actively removed (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan) or even banned legal gender recognition (Hungary).

“During a global pandemic, governments need to live up to their international human rights obligations towards marginalised groups. Trans people need rights now more than ever. This calls for more effort; not less. Rights such as having documents reflecting one's identity and being protected against discrimination in employment are not luxuries. They cannot wait until after the pandemic,” comments Masen Davis, TGEU Executive Director.

Jonas Hamm, TGEU Policy Officer, adds that, “governments must take immediate action and ensure trans people's human rights are recognised and protected. The EU and the Council of Europe need to hold their member States accountable to their human rights standards.”

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About TGEU

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