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WE ALL SHARE THE SAME DREAMS

A campaign to raise awareness and acceptance
of LGBTI people across the EU



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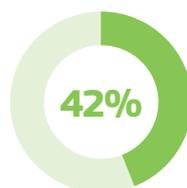


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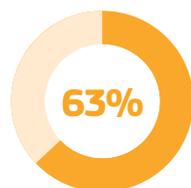
WHY THE CAMPAIGN?



1 in 3 LGBTI people have been
attacked or threatened with
violence because of their sexuality.



Nearly half of LGBTI people
have experienced some form of
harassment at work.



63%
of LGBTI people are rarely or
never open about themselves.



47%
of LGBTI people have experienced
discrimination in the last year.

The 2015 Eurobarometer on discrimination shows that almost **60% of EU citizens see discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity as widespread. At the same time, 71% of respondents support equal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex people (LGBTI).**

According to a recent study by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, two-thirds of respondents conceal their sexual orientation. The vast majority of participants recall harassment against LGBTI students during their time in school. Many describe school as "hell." 91% say they witnessed students being poorly treated just because they were perceived as gay. Half of all respondents avoid certain places – public buildings, squares or public transportation – for fear of being harassed, threatened or attacked on account of their sexual orientation.

Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights LGBT Survey 2012
<http://fra.europa.eu/DVS/DVT/lgbt.php>

"I feel strong enough to deal with street harassment now, but I feel upset about having to justify my lifestyle to every doctor. It is alarming that medical staff have absolutely no awareness about LGBT needs, not even gynecologists."

30-year-old lesbian, Czech Republic

"I had an experience at work in terms of discrimination: A colleague told me he respected me but thought I was abnormal ... in a few words, my sexual orientation was against nature in his opinion."

28-year-old lesbian, Italy

"I experience so much discrimination, harassment and violence that it has become my daily life."

25-year-old transgender bisexual, Lithuania

LIST OF ACTIONS BY THE COMMISSION TO ADVANCE LGBTI EQUALITY

In December 2015 Vera Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality presented the Commission's List of Actions to advance LGBTI equality¹ at the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council. These are to be implemented during the period 2016-2019 and include:

- Improving rights and ensuring legal protection of LGBTI people and their families in key areas of EU competence
- Reaching citizens, fostering diversity and non-discrimination
- Supporting key actors responsible to promote and advance equal rights for LGBTI people in the EU

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/lgbti_actionlist_en.pdf





This is my classmate,
she is lesbian

And we both share the
dream of saving lives

For many citizens living in the EU, discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity is a daily reality.

The European Commission stands against discrimination.

Together with legal protection against acts of discrimination, we also work to raise awareness of the issues and challenges that LGBTI people face. We promote equality **for all EU citizens** by sharing good practice between countries, providing support to civil society organisations and supporting data collection and research activities.

In 2016 the Commission is running an awareness campaign to promote LGBTI equality. Our aim is to show that all EU citizens are equal. We want to show Europe that no matter whom we love or who we are, we all share the same dreams.

We hope that you will join us in showing that you want discrimination to be a thing of the past, by sharing your dreams.

ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

“We all Share the Same Dreams” is the theme of the European Commission campaign aiming to raise awareness and increase the social acceptance of LGBTI people. The campaign promotes principle of equality through featuring LGBTI and straight people sharing the same dreams. The campaign focuses on the things that unite us rather than divide us and underlines that hopes and dreams are universal to us all.

The social media campaign will make use of Facebook and Twitter to reach across Europe.

We expect the campaign to create a movement that will start to change attitudes and promote equality and non-discrimination.

WHAT CAN I DO?

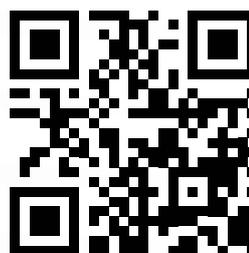
We all share the same dreams. To tackle discrimination, we can show that we are united in our opposition to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and that we share the principle of equality **for all**.

You can find out more about this campaign by visiting the website at www.ec.europa.eu/lgbti

Support and follow our campaign on social media: we want you to **#ShareYourDream**.

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