

Working with the police and challenging hate crime in Europe

2008-2011



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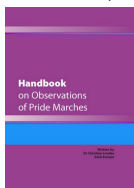
Violence against LGBT: the context

- Our experience as LGBT activists: a worrying and visible level of violence at pride events;
- The number of homophobic and transphobic attacks seems to be increasing, regardless of the global legal context of the countries;
- National, European and international institutions have not yet developed inclusive monitoring systems about bias violence;
- Only a minority of European States have legislations explicitly tackling LGBT hate incidents (FRA report on the legal situation, 2008).



Existing ILGA-Europe actions

- Lobbying in European institutions and at national level on the need to combat bias violence;
- Documentation (including Human Rights Violation Fund) and submissions to various institutions;
- Relevant publications, used by our membership or other NGOs:



Initial application, time and budgetary frame

- A project submitted to the Dutch government in 2008, and accepted in July (Ministry of Education, Culture and Science);
- A 4 years project: from April 2008 to April 2012;
- The project is also supported by EU budget.



Actions funded in the frame of the project

ILGA-Europe's global strategy on hate crime	Working with the police
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued and consistent advocacy at national, European and international level (including EU, CoE, OSCE). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of tools to help our membership and LGBT organisations to engage with the police: research, training, protocol on cooperation methodology.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promotion of partnership work with our membership, other LGBT organisations (EGPA) and other potential partners (police organisations...); - Raising awareness on our political priorities at national, EU and other European institutions; - Promotion of inclusive policies in the field of policing, promotion of inclusive legislation in the field of hate crime. 	



2008-2009: the first steps...

- December 2008, a first meeting with LGBT stakeholders: the Paris Seminar organised by ILGA-Europe and SOS-Homophobie;
- Identification of a number of key issues about dealing with the violence;
- December 2009, a second meeting: the round table on Engagement between the police and LGBT communities;
- A scoping research on engagement with police forces: identifying the needs of LGBT communities and the facilitating factors of existing practices.



**Engagement between the police and the LGBT communities:
Round Table – 12 and 13 December 2009**

- Addressing the diversity of political and societal contexts in Europe, and their impact on the actions of LGBT organisations;
- Analysing examples of existing engagement strategies between LGBT organisations and police forces;
- The specific role of LGBT police associations: visibility in the management and confidence building with the community;
- Identifying the needs in terms of training and advocacy: monitoring strategies; support to victims – from reporting to prosecution.



2010-2011: coming steps...

- Consolidating a network of partner organisations, facilitate the flow of information, documentation and actions;
- Offering training sessions to membership and LGBT stakeholders, developing our strategy to also target police organisations;
- Spreading the training tools we'll design for the events directly funded by the project: European institution as a target;
- A final conference to communicate in a broader way on the outcomes of the project (2011).



A broader picture: the “Dutch project” and ILGA-Europe’s strategy against violence

- How to use the project’s activities to improve our advocacy strategies at all level – including on-going developments: OSCE, CoE;
- The need of a research to identify the grounds for a hate crime legislation in the EU;
- Police forces, police authorities and other public services: wide fields open to LGBT equality mainstreaming implementation;
- Participation by LGBT communities to policy-making: a necessity...





Thank you!
