



Equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual,
trans and intersex people
in Europe

Brussels, 18 April 2016

Letter of support to Kiev Pride 2016

Dear Friends,

ILGA-Europe, the European region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex (LGBTI) Association, has been a constant supporter of the *International Forum-Festival LGBT-Kyiv Pride* since its first edition in 2012. With this letter, we reiterate our full support for the organisation of the Kyiv Pride 2016, which will take place in Kyiv in June.

ILGA-Europe fully supports the LGBT community in Ukraine in their constitutional right to peaceful assembly. The right to freedom of assembly, as a human right, is guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 20), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Article 21) and the European Convention on Human Rights (Article 11).

In 2015, Ukraine demonstrated its commitment to strengthen human rights in the country through the adoption of the National Strategy on Human Rights. Ukraine also showed its will to further the rights of LGBTI people, by including them to the Action Plan to the National Strategy for 2016-2020. In line with these recent positive developments, ILGA-Europe expects the right to freedom of assembly of all, including of LGBTI people, to be respected and guaranteed. This especially applies to the upcoming Kyiv Pride.

ILGA-Europe confirms that it will be present during the festivities of Kyiv Pride 2016. We will monitor that the activities will be allowed to go ahead as planned and that the Ukrainian authorities will take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of participants during the events.

We wish you all the best with the preparation Kyiv Pride 2016 events and look forward to take part in the festivities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Paradis", written in a cursive style.

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