

LGBTI activists create a Twitter storm for EU infringement procedures against Poland over so called 'LGBT-free Zones'

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ILGA-Europe [launched](#) an-hour long Twitter Storm demonstration on February 11, calling on the European Commission to take infringement procedures against Poland, making the Polish-based hashtag #infringementNOW trend



An online action, created by Brussels-based ILGA-Europe in association with the Polish LGBTI rights organisation Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH), has been [supported](#) by many politicians, MEPs, diplomats, political party groups, NGOs and human rights defenders from all around the EU and the world.

Other words like #Polish and #Poland were also among the trending topics between 9 and 10 AM in Belgium, which coincided with the European Parliament's plenary sessions. The hashtag #infringementNOW had more than 2,000 mentions in an hour-long Twitter demonstration.

Trending in Belgium

Polish

40.4K Tweets

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#infringementnow

1,546 Tweets

The action was created to support to a 30-day long campaign by [KPH](#), which has been calling on the EU to initiate an infringement procedure against Poland for violating EU directives with so-called 'Family Charters' and 'LGBT Free Zones', which over 100 Polish local governments have adopted over the last two years.

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[Last September](#), ILGA-Europe, together with KPH and Poland's Fundacja Równo?ci (The Equality Foundation), submitted a legal complaint to the European Commission about so-called 'Family Charters' and 'LGBT Free Zones'. The complaint sets out how these declarations introduce discrimination against LGBTI people and thus breach the European Council Directive (2000/78/EC), establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation, as well as the Charter of Fundamental Rights Article 15 on Freedom to choose an occupation and right to engage in work, and Article 21 on non-discrimination.

The campaign is not over!

Until the European Commission takes infringement procedures against Poland, let's keep calling on it to take action. [Tweet this message](#), and ask your followers and other stakeholders to tweet it also:

Time 4 #infringementnow against Poland 4 violating fundamental rights of EU citizens & disregarding EU treaties with so-called 'LGBT-Free Zones' & 'Family Charters'. EC President @vonderleyen, what's holding the @EU_Commission back from taking action? @helenadalli @VeraJourova

You can find an image to include with your tweet [here](#).

For inspiration, take a look at what happened during our Twitter-storm demonstration:

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— Bart Staszewski (@BartStaszewski) [February 11, 2021](#)

? Madame [@vonderleyen](#), les "Zones sans LGBT" et autres "Chartes de la famille" en [#Pologne](#) ?? sont contraires aux droits fondamentaux et aux traités de l'[#UE](#) ??

?? Il est temps d'ouvrir une procédure d'infraction! [#InfringementNow](#) ?? <https://t.co/6yqianIDLg>

— Sébastien Tüller (@SebastienTULLER) [February 11, 2021](#)

[#Poland](#) is violating fundamental rights of EU citizens with so-called 'LGBT-Free Zones' & 'Family Charters'.

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— Annika Ojala (@ojala_annika) [February 11, 2021](#)

Human Rights organisations also joined the call

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— EPOA • EuroPride (@EuroPride) [February 11, 2021](#)

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— Young Feminist Europe (@YoungFeministEU) [February 11, 2021](#)

So-called 'LGBT-Free Zones' & 'Family Charters' in [#Poland](#) violate people's fundamental rights & disregard [#EU](#) treaties.

President [@vonderleyen](#) it's time for action.

It's time for [#infringementnow](#) on Poland. pic.twitter.com/owF1r3EPFb

— Amnesty EU (@AmnestyEU) [February 11, 2021](#)

Members of the European Parliament called the European Commission to take action.

The situation of the LGBTI* community in Poland is getting harder and harder as we speak.

No more time to waste while EU citizens' rights are under attack.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION, ACT NOW.

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— Terry Reintke (@TerryReintke) [February 11, 2021](#)

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— Irène Tolleret ????????! (@ITolleret) [February 11, 2021](#)

The polish government is harming and discriminating the LGBTI* community & fundamental rights for years. I am supporting the [#InfringementNow](#) campaign & calling the ?? to action ???????? [#loveislove](#) [@ILGAEurope](#), [@KPH_official](#), [@LGBTIIntergroup](#)

— Rasmus Andresen ???????? (@RasmusAndresen) [February 11, 2021](#)