

LUXEMBOURG

BIAS-MOTIVATED SPEECH

Hate speech against LGBTIQ+ people was on the rise this year, particularly during Luxembourg Pride week, in what civil society views as the instrumentalisation of LGBTIQ+ people for political gain. Two MPs and several other members of the Alternative Democratic Reform Party (ADR) criticised the parliament's support for Pride week, sparking countless hateful comments online.

Hate speech also targeted a drag story time event in the public library in Esch, including threats of violence.

In July, Centre LGBTIQ+Cigale, together with Rosa Lëtzebuerg and eight other associations, launched a platform statement against right-wing hatred and hostility.

BODILY INTEGRITY

CSOs also continued to lobby for a ban on non-consensual medical interventions performed on intersex children. The working group, gathering representatives of the ministries of justice, health and family have not reached an agreement on the scope of a possible ban.

EDUCATION

The University of Luxembourg signed an agreement with Centre LGBTIQ+ Cigale to support, train, and empower LGBTIQ+ staff and students.

EMPLOYMENT

Luxembourg ranked first in the LGBT Worldwide Workplace Index, published in July.

FAMILY

In July, the parliament extended parental leave to non-gestational parents in same-sex couples. Leave was previously only available for fathers in a heterosexual couple or if the second parent in a same-sex couple proceeded with adoption.

The new Constitution, which entered into force on 1 July, enshrines that everyone has the right to start a family.

FOREIGN POLICY

Luxembourg joined the European Commission's infringement proceedings against Hungary in April.

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

Luxembourg Pride Week took place in July this year. Roughly 3,500 people joined the Equality March on 8 July.

HEALTH

Civil society continued to lobby for a complete lifting of the blood donation restrictions on men who have sex with men (MSM) and women who have had sex with MSM. The Minister of Health supports the reform, but no policy changes were made this year, despite the blood shortage announced in January.

HOUSING

Some LGBTIQ+ people continued to face housing insecurity as a consequence of family rejection and unemployment.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

On May 17, Rosa Lëtzebuerg inaugurated the Rainbow Centre. This queer cultural centre is subsidised by the Ministry of Family, Integration, and the Greater Region.

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL LIFE

Centre LGBTIQ+ Cigale's "Marc Grand" library entered the national network of libraries as the only one specialised on queer topics in Luxembourg.

In 2023, Rosa Lëtzebuerg launched the Queer Archive Luxembourg to document contemporary queer life in Luxembourg. In this context, parts of the exhibition 'LGBTIQ+ History in Luxembourg,' which originated from a project of the Queer Archive, were displayed in Berlin.

In the final agreement released on October 17, the government coalition incorporated 6 out of 37 of Rosa Lëtzebuerg's election demands, published before the elections.

These included the establishment of a Ministry for Gender Equality and Diversity, automatic recognition of same-sex parents in cases of assisted reproduction or surrogacy abroad, a ban on 'conversion practices,' and enabling full blood donation for men who have sex with men. However, Rosa Lëtzebuerg expressed disappointment with the new coalition government's reluctance toward broader reform.



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