

LUXEMBOURG

ASYLUM

In response to the European Parliament's adoption of measures addressing the vulnerability of people in reception contexts based on their sexual orientation or gender expression, the Luxembourg Refugee Collective (LFR) released a [press statement](#) in April. The LFR emphasised the systemic failure to detect vulnerabilities early on, noting that individuals who have endured violations affecting their physical and psychological integrity often struggle to articulate their distress and trauma. The collective called for comprehensive initial and ongoing training for staff to enhance the identification of vulnerabilities and ensure that applicants for international protection receive appropriate care and procedural safeguards.

Since December 2023, all single men seeking asylum have been entitled to a vulnerability assessment interview, marking a significant step forward in addressing the needs of vulnerable individuals, including those based on sexual orientation or gender expression. In line with the ongoing reform of the European asylum system, the Office National de l'Accueil (ONA) has been working to improve current procedures. Centre LGBTQI+ Cigale has been invited by the ONA to provide training on LGBTI issues to their staff and has continued training social workers at reception centres operated by the Luxembourg Red Cross, one of the most prominent organisations assisting asylum seekers.

EDUCATION

In May, the drag character Tatta Tom was invited to give a reading at the Lycée technique agricole. Following the event, a member of parliament from the right-wing conservative party ADR harshly [criticised](#) the school's invitation and the presence of queer topics in schools in general.

In July, a public [petition](#) (No. 3.198) calling for the exclusion of LGBTI themes from educational programmes for minors gained the [support](#) of over 9,000 people. In response, civil society organisations and individuals launched counter-petitions opposing the exclusion of LGBTI content. These were combined by the Luxembourg Parliament's Petitions Commission into a single petition (No. 3281). The counter-petition [quickly gained momentum](#), collecting 4,500 signatures on its first day and surpassing the anti-LGBTI petition within two weeks.

EMPLOYMENT

The Ministry of Family, Integration, and the Greater Region, in cooperation with the Centre LGBTQI+ Cigale, the Centre for Equal Treatment, the Rosa Lëtzebuerg association, developed a [guide](#) to help bridge the gap between trans people and their employers. This guide equips employers with key information to better understand trans identities and implement inclusive policies,

while also offering trans people support in communicating their needs within the workplace.

The Musée National de la Résistance et des Droits Humains opened the temporary exhibition "[Vergessene Opfer. Victimes oubliées](#)" with a panel discussion. The exhibition was dedicated to the fates of the forgotten victims of the Holocaust such as LGBTI people, people of colour, Sinti and Roma people, disabled people and Jehovah's Witnesses.

EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

In July, Luxembourg Pride marked its 25th anniversary, featuring a supporting programme with over 24 different activities. The festival was attended by six members of the government, including Deputy Prime Minister Xavier Bettel and Minister for Equality and Diversity Yuriko Backes.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

In April, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Diversity released an [evaluation](#) of Luxembourg's national action plan on LGBTI rights. The evaluation highlighted progress but also notable hardships for trans and intersex people, as well as for the development of key legislation against conversion therapy. Furthermore, the evaluation underscored that representatives of LGBTI organisations noted challenges in monitoring the progress of the plan on LGBTI rights.

This year, the Ministry for Equality and Diversity provided financial support to three organisations through conventions. In June, support was granted to Intersex & Transgender Luxembourg (ITGL), followed by a commitment to queer-feminist film art in August for Queer Loox. Finally, in September, the Laboratoire d'Etudes Queer, sur le Genre et les Féminismes (LEQGF) received funding for their research on discrimination mechanisms.

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

During Pride Week, the President of the Luxembourg Parliament [received](#) the board of the National LGBTQI+ Association Rosa Lëtzebuerg and the managing director of its Rainbow Centre to discuss the most pressing concerns of the LGBTI community in Luxembourg. The President of Parliament asked Rosa Lëtzebuerg to offer further training for the employees of the parliamentary administration over the next year.

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL LIFE

In January, Rosa Lëtzebuerg's Rainbow Centre published the first issue of the Queer.Lu print and online magazine with a launch event. The magazine is intended to be a platform for the LGBTI

community in Luxembourg to discuss activities, opinions and ideas. With the support of the Ministry for Equality and Diversity, the magazine is published quarterly and is available free of charge.

The national LGBTIQ+ action plan is currently being revised by the Ministry of Equality and Diversity (MEGA), with a strong focus on collaboration with civil society actors. MEGA has involved LGBTI associations across the country through working groups, ensuring diverse perspectives are included in the process.



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