

# Call for participants: The Power of Data: Collecting and using data to tackle LGBTI homelessness

***The Power of Data*** is a hands-on two-day training on building evidence of LGBTI homelessness and translating it into advocacy actions. It is specifically designed for LGBTI groups in Europe who are addressing LGBTI homelessness and have limited human and financial resources to build evidence and engage in research to support their work.

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The training is organised by ILGA-Europe and delivered by dedicated researchers from [Analysis Group](#).

It will take place in Brussels on 28 & 29 March 2025, with arrival on 27 March and departure on 30 March.

We know that data is key in the work on LGBTI homelessness. We need it to inform and support advocacy strategies and actions, campaigns, and alliance-building work. At the same time, very few groups can run full-scale research or outsource it.

Yet, organisations often already have access to unique data and evidence through their ongoing work and relationships with communities and allies. Leaning in on what is already in place, data gathering does not need to be a massive and expensive undertaking, and it can be done accessibly and creatively.

This training will equip LGBTI organisations working on LGBTI homelessness with accessible and fit-for-purpose ways to collect data and translate it into advocacy asks.

## What you will get from the training

Here is a glimpse at what you can expect over the two days:

- A learning journey, from formulating a research question to translating it into a survey, to understanding the subsequent data and linking it back to your advocacy goals
- Tips and tricks for in-house data analysis and report writing in support of your advocacy goals
- A half-day group session in which you will apply and develop skills in a collaborative setting guided by the trainers
- Networking and mutual learning with a group of 15 activists from LGBTI organisations working on LGBTI homelessness across Europe
- Signposting to further resources and the potential of more follow-up coaching after the training.

The programme will be shared with selected participants closer to the event.

## Practical details

- Training dates: 28 & 29 March, 2025
- Travel dates: arrival on 27 March, departure on 30 March. (Departure in the evening of 29 March is also possible provided that you attend the whole event)
- Language: English
- Location: Brussels
- Participation costs are covered by ILGA-Europe (see below)
- Participants are selected through an open competitive call. Number of participants: up to 15.

## Who is invited to apply

ILGA-Europe offers this training to LGBTI organisations and groups from across Europe.

For ***The Power of Data*** to be an enriching experience, our aim is to bring together a pool of diverse organisations and activists in terms of strategies, profiles, experiences, and geography. Thus, we invite a maximum of one person from an organisation to apply.

***The Power of Data*** training is right for your organisation if:

- It is an LGBTI organisation based and operating in Europe [1];
- Your organisation works on addressing LGBTI homelessness or has concrete plans that require using evidence on LGBTI homelessness, and needs to build its capacity in gathering and analysing data to advance this work;
- Your organisation has a clear vision of how the skills gained during the training will support your work on LGBTI homelessness;
- Your organisation has the capacity and plans to integrate the knowledge and skills gained in the training in its work;
- You, as the delegated participant, are supported by your organisation to dedicate time to the event, attending it in full, and to bring the knowledge back to the team.

As the delegated participant, you do not need to have in-depth skills in research or advocacy, but you need to hold in-depth knowledge of your organisation's work on LGBTI homelessness and its specific needs and activities around data gathering, and you should be in a position to bring the knowledge from the training back to your organisation to apply it in practice.

*[1] For this call Europe is considered to include the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.*

## How to apply

Please choose one representative from your organisation to apply.

Submit a completed [application form](#) by **December 16, 2024, 23:59 (CET)** to Nadzeya Husakouskaya at [nadzeya@ilga-europe.org](mailto:nadzeya@ilga-europe.org). Please indicate the title of the event (***The Power of Data***) in the subject line.

We will inform you about the outcomes of the selection by January 15, 2025 the latest.

**Accessibility note:** We aim at ensuring that this event is accessible for everyone in attendance. Please share your accessibility needs in the application form.

[Application form](#)[Download](#)

## Costs of participation

ILGA-Europe covers participation costs for all selected participants, specifically:

- **Accommodation** in shared rooms with breakfast, with check-in on 27 March and check-out on 30 March;
- **Travel** costs to and from Brussels. If you are selected, you will need to book your own travel within the approved amount. You will get these costs reimbursed after the event, upon full attendance. If your organisation is working without any funding and unable to pre-book tickets for you, you can be exempt from this requirement. More information will be shared with selected participants;
- **Visa** costs and compulsory insurance;
- **Joint meals:** lunches and coffee breaks on 28 and 29 March, and a joint dinner on 28 March;
- **Per diem** in cash at the event that will cover the rest of the meals and subsistence on 27-30 March.

**Can your organisation cover participation costs of its delegate fully or partially?** Please mention it in the application form. This will allow us funding more organisations to attend the training in case of high competition. Please note that ability to contribute by cost-sharing is not a selection criterion.

## Trainers and organisers

The training is organised by ILGA-Europe and delivered by a group of researchers from [Analysis Group](#), building on our partnership throughout 2023-2024.

ILGA-Europe partnered with Analysis Group to build the movement's knowledge and skills in gathering and using data in activism on LGBTI homelessness.

**Analysis Group** is one of the largest international economics consulting firms and a pro-bono partner of ILGA-Europe. From August 2023 to August 2024, Analysis Group joined ILGA-Europe's [No One Left Behind](#) programme on LGBTI homelessness as research experts and coaches, supporting five LGBTI organisations in their research and data gathering projects on LGBTI homelessness.

### Trainers:

- **Mario Luca** (he/him). Mario joined Analysis Group after completing his PhD in economics on extreme right voting and the refugee crisis in Italy. He specialises in empirical analysis for damage estimation and big data and machine learning applied to competition. Mario worked on multiple political projects and is currently coordinating the partnership with ILGA-Europe and AG Pride, the firm's LGBTI association, in Europe.
- **Giovanni Morzenti** (he/him) is an economist who specialises in antitrust policy, competition matters and litigation. He volunteered in the epilepsy ward of the Piccolo Cottolengo di Don Orione in Milan and at the Caritas soup kitchen in Bergamo, where homeless people could find a warm place to eat and programs to

access secure housing.

- **José Alfonso Muñoz-Alvarado** (he/him) is an economist consultant with a Ph.D. in Family and Labor Economics. He specialises on applying data analysis to support competition cases and market studies. Alfonso brings a collaborative approach to projects, handling data analysis and working closely with team members across disciplines.

**Coordinator: Nadzeya Husakouskaya** (they/them), Senior Programmes Officer, ILGA-Europe. Nadzeya leads No One Left Behind programmes at ILGA-Europe focusing on socio-economic justice.

## Contacts

If you have any questions about *The Power of Data*, please reach out to Nadzeya via [nadzeya@ilga-europe.org](mailto:nadzeya@ilga-europe.org).