

The Frontline: Protesting Italy's surge in anti-LGBTI violence

A wave of anti-LGBTI attacks over the past month has sparked mass protests in Italy, as hate-fueled rhetoric from political leaders fuels an increasingly hostile climate. In this episode of *The Frontline*, we speak with leading activists about the growing crisis, the resilience of the LGBTI movement, and what the EU must do.

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Over the past month, Italy has seen a wave of LGBTI-phobic violence. There have been no less than four hate-motivated attacks in the last four weeks, while hate messages have appeared on the doors of the Cassero LGBTQIA+ centre in Bologna.

The attacks have prompted large protests in both Rome and Milan, demanding the government to take urgent action. But all this is taking place at a time when openly LGBT-phobic rhetoric is used by Italy's leaders, while legislative protection for LGBTI people in Italy is seriously lacking.

In this episode of *The Frontline*, we talk with activists from Italy to discuss the alarming rise in hate attacks and how the government is failing to acknowledge the anti-LGBTI motives of the attackers, while at the same time creating a fertile ground for such attacks.

Joining us to explore ways forward for the LGBTI movement, and what the EU should be doing, are Roberto Muzzetta from [Arcigay](#), the largest LGBTI organisation in Italy, and Silvia Magino from [Associazione Quore](#), which works with the community in Turin, and Rosario Coco, President of [Gaynet](#), and Italy-wide association working on training and communication on LGBTI issues.

Tune in now to stay informed on the situation in Italy, the actions activists are taking in response, and their demands, as the country's leadership continues to politicise anti-LGBTI sentiment within the European Union.