

The Frontline: Rainbow Map Red Alert

In this episode of *The Frontline*, we unpack the major headlines emerging from this year's Rainbow Map, the annual ranking of European countries based on their legal and policy environments for LGBTI people. And we ask what this means for the future of Europe.

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[Published on May 14](#), the annual ILGA-Europe Rainbow Map shows the worst combined drops in rankings for LGBTI rights in Europe since the map was first published.

Hungary has plunged seven spots to 37th place, following the European Union's first-ever Pride ban. Organisers have been criminalised, and authorities have been granted sweeping powers, including the use of facial recognition to identify and fine peaceful participants. Close behind, the United Kingdom has dropped six places to 22nd, after a Supreme Court ruling stripped key legal protections from trans people. Meanwhile, Georgia, once a hopeful EU candidate, has fallen seven places to 44th, after passing a harsh legislative package widely seen as mirroring Russian-style crackdowns on LGBTI expression.

With expert insights from ILGA-Europe's advocacy leads, Katrin Hugendubel, Belinda Dear, and Cianán Russell, we explore the most significant collective decline in the Rainbow Map's history. We ask: are Pride bans, court rulings like the UK's, and other laws erasing LGBTI human rights becoming a wider European trend? What does this all mean for everyone in Europe, not just LGBTI people? And is there any hope that this can turn around?