Legislation which protects LGB people from discrimination and reaffirms equality and human rights of LGB people

Legislation and practices which discriminate against and/or violate the human rights of LGB people

Country	Anti-discrimination legislation refers to sexual orientation			Criminal law (hate speech/crime) refers to sexual orientation	Partnership recognition of same-sex couples			Parenting rights of same-sex couples			Violation of freedom of assembly	Violation of freedom of association/ expression	Unequal age of consent	Same-sex acts illegal
	Constitution	Employment, goods & services	Employment		marriage	registered partnership	cohabitation	joint adoption	second parent adoption	fertility treatment				
Albania		⚖	⚖											
Andorra			⚖	🚫		⚭		👪	👪					
Armenia			⚖											
Austria			⚖			⚭	🏠							
Azerbaijan														
Belarus											⛔			
Belgium		⚖	⚖	🚫	⚭⚭		🏠	👪	👪	👪				
Bosnia&Herz.		⚖												
Bulgaria		⚖	⚖											
Croatia		⚖	⚖	🚫			🏠							
Cyprus													👫	
Czech Rep.		⚖	⚖			⚭	🏠							
Denmark		⚖	⚖	🚫		⚭	🏠		👪	👪				
Estonia			⚖											
Finland		⚖	⚖	🚫		⚭			👪	👪				
France		⚖	⚖	🚫		⚭	🏠							
Georgia		⚖	⚖											
Germany		⚖	⚖			⚭	🏠		👪					
Greece			⚖				🏠						👫	
Hungary		⚖	⚖	🚫		⚭	🏠							
Iceland		⚖	⚖	🚫		⚭		👪	👪	👪				
Ireland		⚖	⚖	🚫										
Italy														
Kosovo*	📖	⚖	⚖											
Latvia			⚖								⛔			
Liechtenstein														
Lithuania		⚖	⚖	🚫							⛔			
Luxembourg			⚖			⚭					⛔			
FYR Macedonia											⛔			
Malta														
Moldova											⛔			
Monaco														
Montenegro		⚖	⚖											
Netherlands		⚖	⚖	🚫	⚭⚭	⚭	🏠	👪	👪	👪				
Norway		⚖	⚖		⚭⚭		🏠	👪	👪	👪				
Poland			⚖								⛔			
Portugal	📖	⚖	⚖	🚫			🏠							
Romania		⚖	⚖											
Russia											⛔	⬛		
San Marino		⚖	⚖								⛔			
Serbia		⚖	⚖								⛔			
Slovakia		⚖	⚖											
Slovenia		⚖	⚖			⚭								
Spain	📖	⚖	⚖	🚫	⚭⚭			👪	👪	👪				
Sweden	📖	⚖	⚖		⚭⚭		🏠	👪	👪	👪				
Switzerland		⚖	⚖			⚭								
Turkey												⬛		
Ukraine		⚖	⚖	🚫		⚭	🏠	👪	👪	👪	⛔	⬛		
UK														
Vatican City														

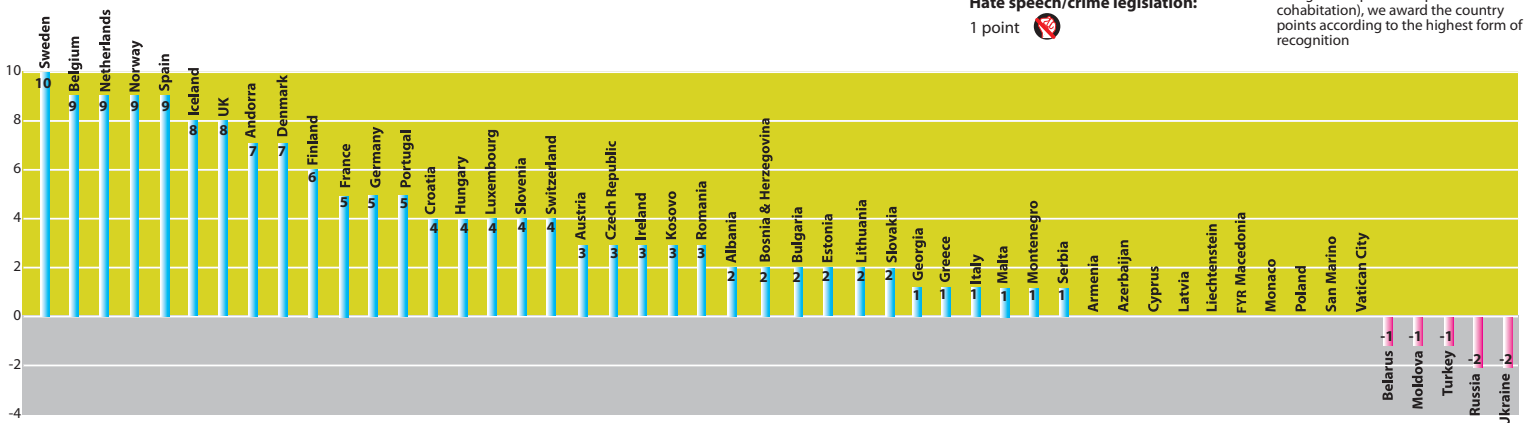| Territory														
Åland Islands		⚖	⚖			⚭								
Faroe Islands		⚖	⚖											
Gibraltar													👫	
Greenland		⚖	⚖			⚭								
Guernsey														
Jersey		⚖	⚖											
North Cyprus														🚫

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Rainbow Europe County Index

The Rainbow Europe Country Index rates each European country on its legislation affecting the human rights of LGB people. The Rainbow Index is based on the legislation and practices reflected in our Rainbow Europe map. The rating places a country on a scale between 10 (maximum positive score) and -4 (maximum negative score) and is an average of total possible positive and negative points. Positive points are awarded to a country which has legislation protecting from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation; recognising same-sex partnership; parenting rights of same-sex partners; and cover homophobia in hate speech/crime legislation. The negative points are awarded to the countries which have law banning same-sex sexual acts; have unequal age of consent; and violated the rights of LGB people to peaceful assembly and freedom of association during the last 10 years.

How do we award the points?

Positive points:

Anti-discrimination legislation:
3 points 📖 ⚖ ⚖
2 points ⚖ ⚖
1 point ⚖

Partnership recognition*:
3 points ⚭⚭
2 points ⚭
1 point 🏠

Parenting:
1 point 👪
1 point 👪
1 point 👪

Hate speech/crime legislation:
1 point 🚫

Negative points:

Same-sex acts illegal:
-1 point 🚫

Unequal age of consent:
-1 point 👫

Violation of freedom of assembly:
-1 point ⛔

Violation of freedom of association/ expression:
-1 point ⬛

* In case a country has various forms of recognition (marriage and registered partnership, marriage and cohabitation or registered partnership and cohabitation), we award the country points according to the highest form of recognition

Country Index chart values (points):

Sweden 10, Belgium 9, Netherlands 9, Norway 9, Spain 9, Iceland 8, UK 8, Andorra 7, Denmark 7, Finland 6, France 5, Germany 5, Portugal 5, Croatia 4, Hungary 4, Luxembourg 4, Slovenia 4, Switzerland 4, Austria 3, Czech Republic 3, Ireland 3, Kosovo 3, Romania 3, Albania 2, Bosnia & Herzegovina 2, Bulgaria 2, Estonia 2, Lithuania 2, Slovakia 2, Georgia 1, Greece 1, Italy 1, Malta 1, Montenegro 1, Serbia 1, Armenia 0, Azerbaijan 0, Cyprus 0, Latvia 0, Liechtenstein 0, FYR Macedonia 0, Monaco 0, Poland 0, San Marino 0, Vatican City 0, Belarus -1, Moldova -1, Turkey -1, Russia -2, Ukraine -2