

PUSHING FOR PROGRESS: *Addressing Challenges and Shaping the Future of LGBTI Equality in Europe*

09.00 OPENING SEGMENT

The conference will begin with high-level speeches from ministers and international representatives including from the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Council of Europe. They will set the scene and reflect on the state of LGBTI equality across the region.

- Welcome and opening speeches
- Testimonies: Voices from LGBTI persons
- Panel: Pushing for Progress - conversation with Nordic Ministers for Equality. Moderated by Karen Ellemann, Secretary-General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

10.45 PLENARY I – ADVANCING LGBTI STRATEGY IN EUROPE: CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES

This session will explore the current state of LGBTI rights in Europe, highlighting challenges and obstacles. Experts and international organisations will share research, policy insights, and advocacy experiences.

- ▶ ILGA Europe present their latest mapping
- ▶ Key note speeches
- ▶ Panel: Anti-democratic backlash and core challenges for the LGBTI community
- ▶ Testimonies: Voices from LGBTI persons

12.10 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Participants is asked to pre-register for a breakout session during registration for the IDAHOT+ Forum.

1. Living conditions for LGBTI people in rural areas
2. Challenges and opportunities for LGBTI persons in a digital age
3. Dynamics of violence, honour, and control within families
4. A pathway to advancing LGBTI-inclusive education

13.10 LUNCH BREAK

14.10 PLENARY II – PUSHING FOR PROGRESS

This session will focus on strategies and initiatives driving LGBTI equality forward across Europe. Speakers will highlight successful advocacy efforts, policy developments, and collaborative approaches that have made a tangible impact, offering inspiration and practical ideas for advancing rights and inclusion.

- ▶ Key note speeches
- ▶ Panel: Pushing for Progress – strategic ways forward

15.30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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1. Inclusion in the labour market for LGBTI persons
2. Recognizing the life of intersex persons
3. Speech workshop: How to build arguments in times of change

16.40 CLOSING SEGMENTS

The Forum will close with remarks from key speakers, summarising the main outcomes of the day and reinforcing commitments to advancing LGBTI equality. This session will include the handover of the hosting role to the United Kingdom, calling for continued collaboration, policy innovation, and advocacy to ensure LGBTI rights and equality across Europe.

- ▶ Key note speeches
- ▶ Testimonies: Voices from LGBTI persons
- ▶ Closing remarks and handover to the United Kingdom by the Danish Minister for Gender Equality

17.20 OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 13TH EUROPEAN IDAHOT+ Forum

17.30-23.00: SOCIAL PROGRAMME – RAINBOATS TOUR AND CASUAL DINNER

Participants are invited to a Rainboat tour of Copenhagen with storytelling of the city's LGBTI history. The boat tour will drop off participants at restaurant *Pakkens Bryghus* for a casual dinner.