

Report on LGBTI Women in Sport

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TGEU, together with partner organisations [ILGA-Europe](#), [EuroCentralAsian Lesbian* Community \(EL*C\)](#), [Organisation Intersex International Europe \(OII Europe\)](#), and [European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation \(EGLSF\)](#), have just released a report on the experiences of LGBTI women in sports. The document is based on a submission made to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) earlier in 2021, with the objective to support the PACE in its formulation of the report on “The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport” and a consequent resolution.

The data and information we collected revealed the specific situations and barriers that LGBTI women face in sport, while discrimination and violence against them remains largely unknown or not visible.

What discrimination do trans women in sport face?

Trans women suffer violence and discrimination at different levels in the field of sports, such as invasive requirements for participation, exclusion from women’s teams, hostile gendered facilities, inappropriate questions, comments or stares, and even physical violence, while at the same time they are being targeted and further stigmatised by anti-gender and anti-trans forces.

What’s needed?

We urge decision-makers, stakeholders, and sports leaders at every level to take into account the needs of LGBTI women in sport and ensure the full respect of their fundamental rights.

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