

Project name: Enough of the brutal reality – let's protect the rights of LGBTIQ people

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- FRI – The Norwegian Organization for Sexual and Gender Diversity
- Queer Sport Split

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Project summary:

"Enough of the brutal reality - let's protect the rights of LGBTIQ people" is a project of Zagreb Pride, whose main goal is to combat and combat violence and discrimination against LGBTIQ people in Croatia. It is known that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ) people are often still victims of physical, verbal, and psychological violence and harassment. Also, LGBTIQs are often victims of discrimination, in public, at school or college, in the workplace or in the family. Due to distrust of the police and the judiciary, much of the violence and discrimination experienced goes unreported and never goes to court, and some are not even documented in the reports of civil society organizations.

A large field survey conducted by Zagreb Pride in 2019 showed that as many as 64 percent of respondents experienced some form of violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and / or sexual characteristics. One third of LGBTIQ people, out of fear of discrimination or violence, adjust their behavior by hiding their identities or avoiding showing tenderness and intimacy towards a loved one.

The project aims to empower, inform and encourage LGBTIQ people to report experienced violence and discrimination, but also to actively advocate for their rights. At the same time, in order for the applications to be properly processed, it is necessary to work on strengthening the capacity, knowledge and skills of organizations working for LGBTIQ rights, to educate activists on how to approach the victims, to whom and in what way to forward their statements, cooperate with the police and the judiciary. Therefore, an important part of the work within the project "Enough of the brutal reality" is cooperation and mutual exchange of knowledge, mutual education. It is especially important for us to strengthen the capacities of LGBTIQ groups outside Zagreb, especially in Dalmatia. We will also work together to advocate for institutions and political parties so that they too, are better prepared to protect the rights of LGBTIQ people. An annual report on the state of LGBTIQ human rights in Croatia will be prepared and published, and criminal charges for hate speech and hate crimes will be filed.

AND finally, it is important to raise the awareness of the general public about the negative experiences of LGBTIQ people and the community, and we will conduct trainings for journalists, and report in detail to the media on the cases we monitor.

Experts from the FRI (Foreningen for kjønns- og seksualitetsmangfold), a Norwegian organization for sexual and gender diversity, are also participating in the project as partners.