



## TEACHERS GUIDELINES AROUND THE GLOBE

### DEFINITIONS

**Equal Marriage:** Equal marriage is marriage that is legally recognised and treated the same for every couple, heterosexual and same-sex. Some countries do not have equal marriage but they have other forms of recognition for same-sex couples such as Civil Unions.

**Adoption:** Same-sex couples have the right to adopt in a very limited amount of countries.

**Trans Rights:** Trans rights vary in different parts of the world. Malta is one of the few countries in the world that its law is based upon self-determination, meaning that a person chooses how to identify without the need of a psychiatric evaluation. In some countries Trans persons can change their documents but only after having undergone sex reassignment surgery and hormonal treatment. In some other countries, Trans persons had/have to undergo forced sterilization.

### BEFORE STARTING

What do you understand by mental illness?  
(Intervene when funny remarks are made directed to mental illness and mentally ill people)

### SLIDE 1

Homosexuality was considered a mental illness for long years and was officially removed by WHO in 1990.

**Ask:** What do you think about the fact that homosexuality was considered a mental illness until the year 1990?

**At the 4th point:** What do you think the situation about LGBTIQ+ is around the world? Why?  
Give them few minutes to discuss.

### SLIDE 6

TGEU monitors how many trans people are killed annually. Most victims are transwomen killed by men. (<https://tgeu.org/tmm-update-trans-day-of-remembrance-2019/>)

### SLIDE 9

How do they feel that till this day LGBTIQ+ people are being sent to prison or killed?

### SLIDE 12

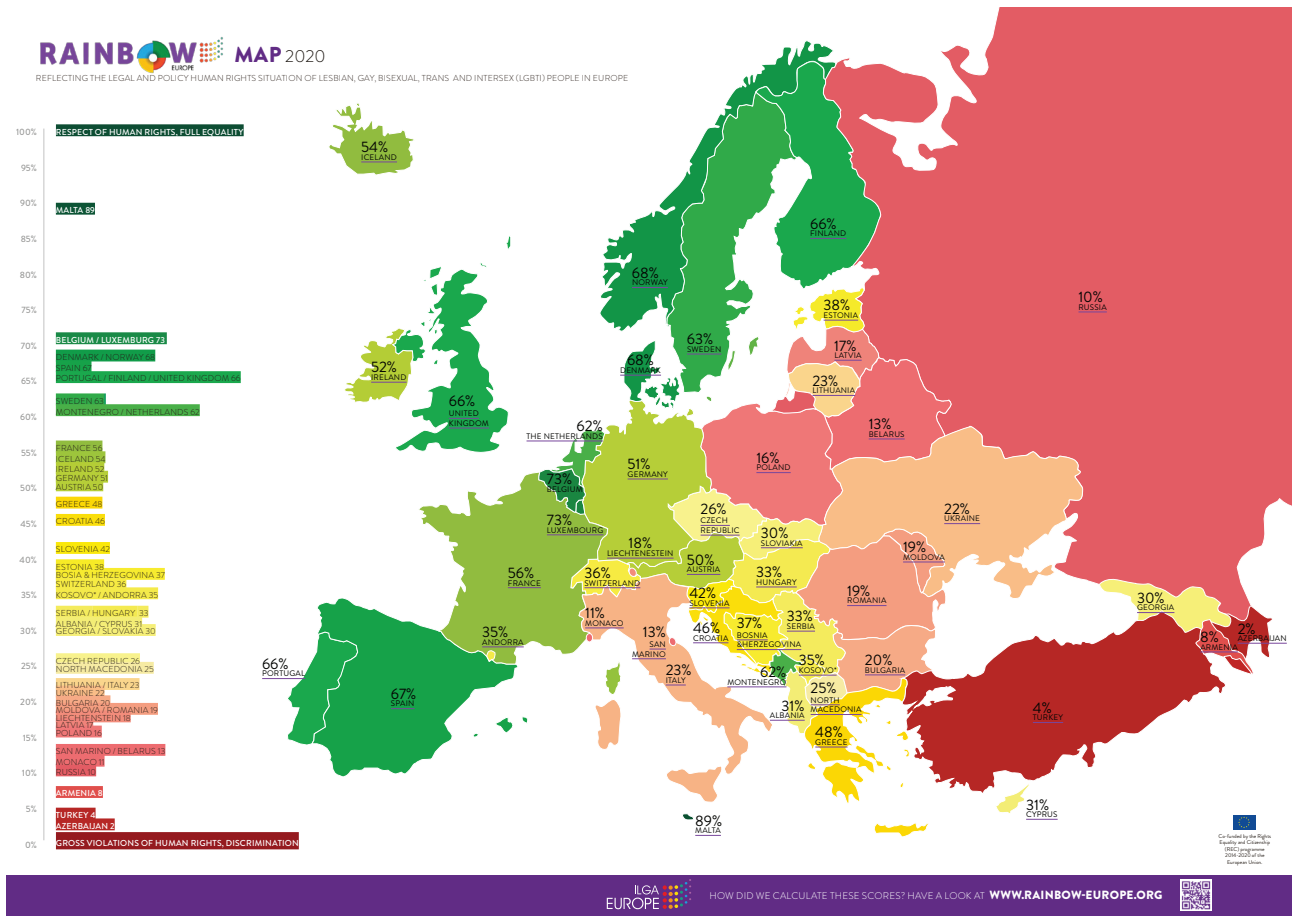
Third Gender people are usually people born male but they feel they are a woman in the Southern Asian region. Third Gender can incorporate intersex and trans people.

**SLIDE 13:**

Malta ranks first in ILGA-Europe’s Rainbow Index and Map (<https://www.ilga-europe.org/rainboweurope>). There is an obvious divide as can be seen on the ILGA Map between the laws in place in Western and Eastern European countries. Eastern European countries are more hostile towards LGBTIQ+ individuals. Countries such as Poland and Hungary are not only hostile but also started state sponsored targeting towards the LGBTIQ+ community.

LGBT free zones in Poland (<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/02/25/a-third-of-poland-declared-lgbt-free-zone/>)

Legal recognition of trans and intersex people removed in Hungary (<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/21/hungary-ends-legal-recognition-transgender-and-intersex-people>)



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