

LGBTI Rights in Turkey

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Main Issues

- **Lack of Legal Protection** (from hate crimes and discrimination)
- **Hate Crimes** (highest number of transgender killings in Europe according to Transgender Europe)
- **Hate Speech** (half of the media coverage)
- **Right to Assembly and Demonstration** (all pride marches and weeks are banned)
- **No participation in decision making processes** (contrary to the response to the previous UPR cycle of Turkey)

Hate campaign is fueled by:

- Minister for Interior
- Prosecutors
- Court decisions including the Constitutional Court
- Turkish Human Rights and Equality Institution
- Ombudsman
- Directorate of Religious Affairs
- Pro-government media

Recommendations for Turkey

- Include protection on grounds of SOGIESC in **Turkish Penal Code Article 122, Turkish Penal Code Article 216, Law on Turkish Human Rights and Equality Institution Article 3 and Turkish Labour Law Article 5.**
- Provide LGBTI rights trainings for the law enforcement.
- Condemn hate speech and hate crimes towards LGBTIs and effectively investigate and prosecute legal cases in light of ECHR jurisprudence.
- **Lift the ban on LGBTI events in Ankara** and do not prohibit but **protect Pride Marches** and other demonstrations.
- Include LGBTI organisations within the **decision making** processes.