



**2014  
EUROPEAN  
ELECTIONS**

# PLEDGE



**I PLEDGE TO STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY IN EUROPE AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS AND INTERSEX PEOPLE (LGBTI).**

**I PLEDGE TO ADVANCE LGBTI EQUALITY BY SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

**1. ADOPT AN EU ROADMAP ON LGBTI EQUALITY**

*Equip the EU with a comprehensive action plan to champion equality and to ensure it uses its full powers in an effective and coherent way, as it does to combat other forms of discrimination*

**2. ENFORCE HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE EU**

*Ensure the adoption of an internal human rights strategy and the creation of a watchdog mechanism to enable the EU to respond to human rights violations within its own borders and to hold Member States accountable to their human rights commitments*

**3. COMPLETE THE EU ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW**

*Actively work towards the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and the effective implementation of existing standards, including through continued EU financial programmes to enable effective action to make equality a reality in the EU*

**4. COMBAT HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC VIOLENCE**

*Actively work towards the extension of EU legislation to combat all forms of bias-motivated violence and to mobilise all EU agencies to protect victims of violence and to train law-enforcement professionals*

**5. PROMOTE AN INCLUSIVE DEFINITION OF FAMILY IN EU POLICIES**

*Ensure that EU legislation and policies are inclusive of LGBTI families within the scope of EU competences (such as freedom of movement and mutual recognition) and to promote respect and recognition of the rights of LGBTI families*

**6. TAKE A LEAD IN PROTECTING TRANS RIGHTS**

*Be a leader in calling for an end to requirements to legal gender recognition for trans people that clearly violate human rights, and to actively support the EU in continuing to lead on the depathologisation of trans identities*

**7. TAKE ACTION AGAINST SCHOOL BULLYING**

*Mobilise EU institutions and Member States to effectively address school bullying, including homophobic and transphobic bullying, through existing EU policies and programmes*

**8. TACKLE DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH**

*Mobilise EU institutions and Member States to effectively address barriers to the effective enjoyment of the right to health for LGBTI people through existing EU policies and programmes*

**9. ENSURE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR LGBTI ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

*Ensure that Member States correctly and fairly examine LGBTI people's asylum claims and to support EU agencies and national authorities in fully implementing EU asylum legislation*

**10. MAKE THE EU THE WORLD CHAMPION OF EQUALITY FOR LGBTI PEOPLE**

*Ensure that the human rights of LGBTI people outside of the EU remain a key priority in the EU's external policy, including in its enlargement and neighbourhood policies, in its positions at international organisations, and within its programmatic support to human rights defenders*
