



International Conference

BREAKING THE BARRIERS: IMPROVING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF ANTI-LGBT HATE CRIMES

September 20 and 21, 2018

FRENCH INSTITUTE & RAINBOW HUB | SOFIA, BULGARIA

PROGRAMME



Day 0 - Wednesday, 19 September 2018

AFTERNOON	ARRIVALS
20.00-22.30	PRE-CONFERENCE DINNER AND NETWORKING <small>OPTIONAL</small> <i>Registration and payment required</i> LOCATION: RAKIA BAR RAKETA



Day 1 - Thursday, 20 September 2018

9.00-9.45	REGISTRATION
	<i>Refreshments will be provided</i> FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)
9.45-10.30	SESSION 1: OPENING
	<i>Welcome by organizers</i> – Simeon Vasilev (GLAS Foundation) <i>Introductory address</i> - Wester Meijdam (European Commission) FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)
10.30-11.00	SESSION 2: COUNTRY INTRODUCTION
	<i>Recent challenges to the protection of LGBTI people in Bulgaria</i> Denitsa Lyubenova, lawyer at LGBT organization “Deystvie” FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)
11.00-11.15	COMFORT BREAK
	<i>Refreshments will be provided</i> FRENCH INSTITUTE
11.15-12.45	SESSION 3: COME FORWARD REPORT LAUNCH
	<i>Key findings from the Come Forward project PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</i> Piotr Godzisz (Lambda Warsaw) & Giacomo Viggiani (University of Brescia) FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY) The <i>Come Forward</i> project brings new research results about the obstacles in the access to justice for victims of anti-LGBTI hate crimes in 10 European countries. Viggiani and Godzisz will present key findings related to laws, reporting and recording hate crime; victims’ rights and supporting victims.
12.45-13.45	LUNCH BREAK
	<i>Complimentary for all participants</i>

	LOCATION: SOFIA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
13.45-15.00	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4</p> <p><i>Session 4A: The “I” in LGBTI: What do we know about violence targeting intersex people? INTERVIEW AND DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Kitty Anderson & Tamás Dombos (Háttér Society)</p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)</p> <p>Kitty Anderson is a intersex rights activist. The goal of the session, held in a form of an interview, is to deepen the understanding of the topic of the violence on the ground of sex characteristics and discuss whether and how genital and neonatal mutilation on intersex babies can be considered hate crime.</p> <p><i>Session 4B: Comparative analysis of training experiences and training needs on anti-LGBT hate crime in Europe PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Speakers: Jose Antonio Langarita, Pilar Albertín Carbó, Núria Sadurní Balcells and Antonia Dorado Caballero (University of Girona)</p> <p>Chair: TBD</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 1</p> <p>The aim of the session is to present a comparative map of the practices and training needs of professionals working with LGBT hate crime victims in ten European countries, identified through a qualitative research with a total of 195 in-depth interviews.</p> <p><i>Session 4C: Knowing communities. How to approach and support LGBTI victims of hate crimes through an intersectional approach WORKSHOP</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Laura Franceschin (CEJI)</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 2</p> <p>The purpose of the workshop is to explain by practical exercises how the bias indicators work and how they could be applied to identify hate crimes as well as to encourage victims’ reports through inter-actor communication.</p>
15.00-15.15	<p>COMFORT BREAK</p> <p><i>Refreshments will be provided</i></p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE</p>



15.15-16.45	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5
	<p>Session 5A: The law is not enough: Anti-LGBTI hate crime in Croatia, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION</p> <p>Speakers: Mia Gonan (Zagreb Pride), Tina Stavrinaki (Racist Violence Recording Network, Greece), Tamás Dombos (Háttér Society) and representative of LGL-Lithuanian Gay League</p> <p>Chair: Paolo Leotti (GES-Cabinet of Social Studies)</p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)</p> <p>The goal of the session is to detect the reasons why the existence of an anti-hate crime legislation in a country is often not enough to tackle the problem and to overcome the barriers to reporting. Four case-studies (Croatia, Greece, Hungary and Lithuania) will be analysed to that end and tailored solutions will be suggested.</p> <p>Session 5B: Working with victims of anti-LGBT hate crimes in a nutshell (in Bulgarian only) WORKSHOP</p> <p>Facilitator: Gloria Filipova (BILITIS Resource Centre)</p> <p>LOCATION: LGBTI CENTRE – RAINBOW HUB</p> <p>The session aims at introducing the participants to the specific needs of LGBT victims of hate crime from the correct use of terminology to the best practices to avoid secondary victimisation. The session will be held in Bulgarian.</p> <p>Session 5C: Beyond reporting: Exploring victim-centred anti-hate crime NGO interventions WORKSHOP</p> <p>Facilitator: Nick Antjoule (Galop UK)</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 1</p> <p>The workshop will explore the needs of victims and consider NGO models to address these by empowering LGBT communities and repairing the harms resulting from hate crime victimization, as well as map operational practices used by NGOs.</p> <p>Session 5D: Police café SELF-ORGANIZED SPACE</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 2</p> <p>Police café will provide a space to chat about hate crime, diversity and community policing in an informal setting. Everyone's welcome, particularly police officers from various jurisdictions.</p>



17.00-18.30	SESSION 6 OPTIONAL
	<p><i>The legacy of Mikhail Stoyanov (in English and Bulgarian) FIELD TRIP</i></p> <p>Facilitators: Radoslav Stoyanov and Dimitar Bogdanov (GLAS Foundation)</p> <p><i>1.5 hr of walking</i></p> <p>LOCATION: BORISOVA GARDEN (STARTING POINTS – RAINBOW HUB OR FRENCH INSTITUTE)</p> <p>This optional session will bring participants to visit the place where Mikhail Stoyanov was murdered a decade ago. Participants will be able to commemorate Stoyanov and light candles. Facilitators will explain what happened and provide information about the outcome of the trial, which finished in 2017, with a landmark ruling.</p>
18.30-19.30	VISIT AT THE SOFIA LGBTI CENTRE (WINE RECEPTION)
	<p><i>Complimentary for all participants</i></p> <p>RAINBOW HUB</p>
19.00-21.30	MOVIE SCREENING
	<p><i>Side event with the Sofia Big Gay Film Club</i></p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)</p>
20.00-22.00	CONFERENCE DINNER OPTIONAL
	<p><i>Registration and payment required</i></p> <p>LOCATION: LAVANDA RESTAURANT</p>



Day 2 - Friday, 21 September 2018

9.00-9.30	REGISTRATION
	<i>Refreshments will be provided</i>
9.30-11.00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 7:
	<p><i>Session 7A: Leading the way in countering anti-LGBTI hate crime: Cases of Belgium, Spain and the UK PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Speakers: Kenneth Mills (Çavaria), representative of GES-Cabinet of Social Studies & representative of (Galop UK), Montserrat Escudé Serra (Mossos d'Esquadra)</p> <p>Chair: Mia Gonan (Zagreb Pride)</p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)</p> <p>The aim of the session is to present some examples of successful policies targeting hate crime against LGBT people and discuss whether and how they can be replicated in other contexts. For this purpose three countries will be analysed as case-studies: Belgium, Spain, and United Kingdom.</p> <p><i>Session 7B: Working with reporting centres and authorities (in Bulgarian only) WORKSHOP</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Monika Pisankaneva (BILITIS Resource Centre)</p> <p>LOCATION: LGBTI CENTRE – RAINBOW HUB</p> <p>The session relies on information and experiences from <i>Come Forward</i> to inform participants on how to approach reporting centres and Bulgarian authorities and so effectively help LGBT victims to file a report, access victim support services or ask for remedies.</p> <p><i>Session 7C: Hate crime laws in Europe</i></p> <p>Speakers: Natalie Alkiviadou (University of Central Lancashire Cyprus), Elena Mujoska Trpevska & Konstantin Bitrakov (Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts)</p> <p>Chair: Thanasis Theofilopoulos (Colour Youth)</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 1</p> <p>The goal of this comparative session is to reflect on what can be referred to as a 'hierarchy of hate,' with some forms of hate considered as being more important to deal with than others in Criminal Codes. The first presentation will look at examples of good practices on national levels which have superseded the lacking</p>

	<p>obligations imposed by the international and European level, while the second paper will analyse the legal situation in Macedonia, where the Criminal Code is undergoing changes.</p>
<p>11.00-11.15</p>	<p>COMFORT BREAK</p>
	<p><i>Refreshments will be provided</i></p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)</p>
<p>11.15-12.45</p>	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8:</p>
	<p><i>Session 8A: Action without laws? Anti-LGBTI hate crime in Bulgaria, Italy and Poland PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Speakers: Giacomo Viggiani (University of Brescia), Monika Pisankaneva (BILITIS Resource Centre) and Karolina Więckiewicz (Lambda Warsaw)</p> <p>Chair: Kenneth Mills (Çavaria)</p> <p>FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)</p> <p>While fighting anti-LGBT hate crime is always a complicated task, it can be even more challenging if the legal framework does not provide any recognition of homophobia, biphobia or transphobia as bias indicator. The goal of the session is to discuss how actions can be taken notwithstanding by analysing the three case-studies of Italy, Bulgaria and Poland.</p> <p><i>Session 8B: Community outreach: legal consciousness raising and enhancing the reporting of hate crimes. Good practices and ideas WORKSHOP</i></p> <p>Facilitators: Szelim Simándi & Bea Sándor (Háttér Society)</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 1</p> <p>The workshop focuses on effective community outreach and how to make people interested in taking in new information about bias-motivated crimes, as well as increasing the reporting of these to authorities.</p> <p><i>Session 8C: Justice Works: Strengthening Comprehensive Responses to Violence WORKSHOP</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Jordan Long (American Bar Association)</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH INSTITUTE – WORKSHOP ROOM 2</p> <p>Workshop attendees will reflect on the presentations and case studies, identifying activities that can be implemented in their own context, guided by an action planning worksheet that enables attendees to recognize elements that need to change to realize a more comprehensive response to violence at home.</p>



12.45-13.15	CLOSING COMMENTS AND WAYS FORWARD
	Piotr Godzisz (Lambda Warsaw) & Giacomo Viggiani (University of Brescia) FRENCH INSTITUTE (PLENARY)
13.15-13.30	COMFORT BREAK
	<i>Refreshments will be provided</i> FRENCH INSTITUTE
13.30-14.30	LUNCH <small>OPTIONAL</small>
	<i>Registration and payment required</i> LOCATION: MADE IN HOME RESTAURANT



Field visit

The field visit will be a way to address the issue of homophobic hate crime in a way that is different from sitting in a conference room. The trip will take participants to the area of Borisova Gardens park, a site of the 2008 murder of Mihail Stoyanov (see below). During the trip, the facilitator will describe the case and speak of Stoyanov's legacy today.

Individual consultations

We will provide a space for one-on-one consultations with experts for more specific questions that might come up during the panels or workshops.

Quiet space / Own work

You can use vacant rooms as a quiet space for own work / relax.

Self-organized spaces

If you would like to organize an informal meeting about a topic of interest that is relevant for the conference in one of the rooms, please let us know.

Informal activities

Accompanying the formal programme, there will also be some informal activities taking place throughout the Conference.



International Network for Hate Studies

The International Network for Hate Studies is a cross-jurisdictional and interdisciplinary organisation that aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge about the study of hate and hate crime. Run by academics and practitioners, it seeks to not only understand the root causes of hate and hate crime, but to understand ways in which it can be combated in society.

The Network has four key aims and objectives: information sharing, public policy engagement, collaboration in research and understanding hate.

If you work in the area of hate studies, and wish to be part of the Network, contribute to the Blog, attend one of our events or simply receive the latest news, publications and events straight into your inbox, join the network today!

Find us at: [@IntHateStudies](https://twitter.com/IntHateStudies) and internationalhatestudies.com.





Venues:

French Institute

3 Slaveykov square

Municipal Library

4 Slaveykov square

LGBTI Centre - Rainbow Hub

24 Lyuben Karavelov str., 1st floor

Rakia Bar Raketa

17 Yanko Sakazov" bld. (the entrance is from the park +359 2 444 6111)

Lavanda restaurant

12 Tsar Shishman str.

Made in Home restaurant

30 Angel Kanchev str.

Social media

You are encouraged to use social media to share information about the conference. You can freely post pictures and quotes from plenary sessions. If posting quotes or pictures from group sessions, please ask the quote author / photographed persons if this is OK.

Please use the hashtags **#ComeForward**, **#hatecrimeEU** and **#Stoyanov10**



About Come Forward

The project *Come Forward: Empowering and Supporting Victims of Anti-LGBT Hate Crimes* is implemented over two years between 2016 and 2018. It is developed by a consortium encompassing [22 partners](#) from 10 European countries. It aims at:

- increasing the number of dedicated front-line reporting centres by building capacity of civil society and official partners on local and national levels,
- improving the access to specialised support by building capacity of victim support service providers,
- sharing good practices,
- strengthening cross-border and multi-agency partnerships, and
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- raising awareness and empowering victims.

Over 1000 professionals from across Europe will be trained within the framework of the project by the end of 2018 with the use of a specially prepared training curriculum.

The project is co-funded by the European Commission's REC programme (JUST-REC-DISC-AG-2016-04-764731).



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