

LGBT+ rights in Russia



Issue 1 — Gender Transition Ban

- Bill passed on July 14, 2023,
- Prohibits gender marker changes and surgical transition,
- Transgender individuals barred from adoption and foster parenting.

Issue 1 — Recommendation

- Implement comprehensive legislation that recognises and protects the rights of transgender individuals, ensuring their legal recognition, access to gender-affirming healthcare, and the right to live free from discrimination.

Issue 2 — Impact of "LGBT+ propaganda" law

- Adopted in 2013, intensified in 2022,
- Prohibits demonstration of LGBT+ content in: dating apps, books, films,
- Fines of up to 4000 EUR for individuals.

Issue 2 — Recommendation

- Repeal the "LGBT+ Propaganda" law and replace it with inclusive anti-discrimination legislation that upholds freedom of expression and protects the rights of LGBT+ individuals.

Issue 3 — Vulnerability of transgender prisoners

- ▶ Transgender inmates face solitary confinement,
- ▶ Mental health impact,
- ▶ Lack of guidelines.

Issue 3 — Recommendation

- ▶ Continue the good practice of sending transgender prisoners to serve their sentence based on their interests and recognise it by law.

Issue 4 — "Foreign agents" legislation

- ▶ Adopted in 2012, intensified in 2020,
- ▶ More than 770 entities designated,
- ▶ Including key LGBT+ organisations and activists.

Issue 4 — Recommendation

- Repeal the "foreign agents" legislation to remove its discriminatory impact on civil society organisations and activists.

Thank you
for your attention

