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This is your opportunity to show how you will support and protect the rights of LGBTI people as an elected member of the European Parliament.

# Come Out 4 Europe Pledge 2024

I, as a candidate for the European Parliament, pledge to be a firm supporter of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people's human rights and equality in the European Union and beyond.

I will:

- propose and advocate for EU policies and laws that provide explicit protection on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics, and that provide concrete responses to the needs of LGBTI people in all their diversity
- recognise that, in a context where LGBTI rights are used as scapegoats in wider attacks on democracy, I need to also actively engage on rule of law, democracy and inequality as part of my commitment
- Make sure the EU uses all its powers to hold Member States accountable for violations of the human rights of LGBTI people, and for ignoring their obligations under EU treaties, legislation and policies, and refusing to implement of existing legal protections
- act as a strong defender of LGBTI organisations and human rights defenders across Europe and beyond by actively challenging any restrictions to civil society space through working to secure sustainable and accessible EU funding for civil society, including LGBTI organisations
- advocate for the EU to be a champion for LGBTI Human Rights in Enlargement, Neighbourhood countries and Third Countries
- advocate for the adoption of an ambitious second EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy, and actively contribute to its effective implementation by mainstreaming LGBTI rights in EU internal and external policy-making.

**In order to work towards these commitments, I will:**

- meaningfully engage with, and seek out the input and strategic guidance of LGBTI civil society, who are best placed to know how to meet the needs of their communities
- use credible and responsible sources of information to ensure my work for LGBTI rights contributes to well-informed and constructive political discussions in Brussels and across the EU
- communicate about LGBTI rights and equality in a manner that brings people together and builds alliances and support, avoiding polarisation
- put the safety of the community above any other concerns and always follow the "do no harm" principle, including by keeping my work out of the public eye whenever necessary

**How you will deliver:**

If elected, how will you deliver on the commitments you have made in this pledge in your daily work?



**SIGN THE PLEDGE**