

# Being LGBT

## Life in the EU today: governments at work

Fear, isolation and discrimination are common for Europe's lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community.

FRA asked LGBT people and professionals about their views about the challenges of being LGBT.



### VIEWES FROM PROFESSIONALS

Lack of awareness about LGBT issues among public officials & prejudices major barriers

Commitment to EU policies an important driver for LGBT equality

### ISSUES

Low awareness of LGBT issues among professionals

Invisibility, negative attitudes and discrimination

### VIEWES FROM LGBT PEOPLE

Almost half consider offensive language about LGBT people by politicians to be widespread

Half avoid public spaces like parks for fear of being assaulted, threatened or harassed

### SOLUTIONS

- ① Strengthen EU and national action to promote diversity and respect
- ② Raise awareness among and provide training for public officials
- ③ Forge closer ties with civil society to help support professional groups



#### Sources:

The EU LGBT survey asked over 93,000 LGBT people across the EU about their experiences of discrimination and hate crime.

The public authorities survey asked over 1,000 public officials in 19 Member States about their views on LGBT policies.

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/project/2011/surveying-lgbt-people-and-authorities>