

Being LGBT Life in the EU today: going to the police



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.



VIEWS FROM PROFESSIONALS

Under-reporting, under-recording of LGBT hate crime hinders ability to take action

Training & community relationships seen as important in improving police response

ISSUES

Low awareness of LGBT issues among professionals

Invisibility, negative attitudes and discrimination

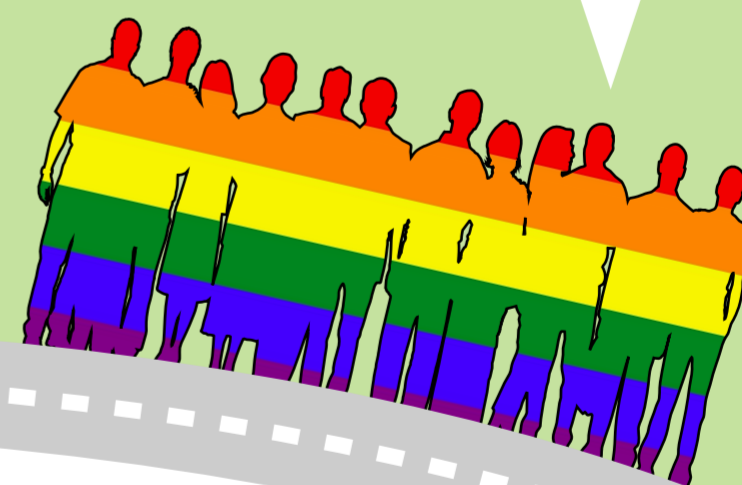
VIEWS FROM LGBT PEOPLE

Less than 1 in 5 of the most recent incidents of hate-motivated violence were brought to the attention of the police

Almost half who did not report to the police felt the police would do nothing

SOLUTIONS

- ① Strengthen capacity and awareness of police officers in confronting hate crime
- ② Ensure national hate crime laws cover LGBT hate crime
- ③ Raising awareness and provide training for police officers
- ④ Forge closer ties with civil society to build trust between LGBT communities and the police
- ⑤ Facilitate and improve reporting and recording of hate crime incidents



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>