**EU contribution to the Report on Health of the** **Independent Expert on protection**

**against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity**

**Introduction**

The role of the EU in the field of health is guided by Article 168 of the TFEU which stipulates “*a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities*”, and enumerates the specific health areas in which the EU can provide an added value. By doing so for complementing national policies to improve public health, prevent physical and mental illness and diseases the EU, according to article 168, should respect the responsibilities of the Member States for their health policies, organization, delivery of health services and medical care, and the management of health services and medical care and the allocation of the resources assigned to them.

**EU’s contribution**

*Research: understanding the health care needs of LGTBI and GNC persons*

Eurostat collects certain indicators linked with health based on survey and administrative data. Administrative data sources stem from national registers and does not contain information that would allow data disaggregation by LGBTI aspects. Systematic collection of data disaggregated by LGBTI population could be difficult as sexual orientation is a sensitive issue and there are legal restrictions in a few MSs to do so. However, everybody needs to be equally treated in the health services and receive the adequate non-discriminatory treatment following his/her fully informed consent.

See health-related questions of the LGBTI survey of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights Agency, available at: <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2020/eu-lgbti-survey-results>

See the deliverables of the Health4LGBTI project, available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/health/social-determinants/projects/european-parliament-projects_en#fragment2>

List of EUROSTAT health indicators and data:

Regarding HIV/AIDS:

* Death due to AIDS (HIV-disease), by sex - <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tps00143/bookmark/table?lang=en&bookmarkId=75a9252d-20af-47fb-b680-f22320d36e8e>

For suicide:

* Death due to suicide, by sex - <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tps00122/default/table?lang=en>
* Suicide death rate by age group - <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tps00202/default/table?lang=en>
* Suicides involving railways (ERA data) - <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tran_sf_railsu/default/table?lang=en>

Alcohol consumption:

* Frequency of alcohol consumption by sex, age and educational attainment level

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/hlth_ehis_al1e/default/table?lang=en>

* Frequency of alcohol consumption by sex, age and income quintile

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/hlth_ehis_al1i/default/table?lang=en>

Live births and crude birth rate

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tps00204/default/table?lang=en>

Total Fertility rate:

 <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tps00199/default/table?lang=en>

Abortion:

 <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/demo_fabortind/default/table?lang=en>

For Out-of-pocket expenditures (source: WHO)

* Out-of-pocket expenditures - <https://gateway.euro.who.int/en/indicators/h2020_29-out-of-pocket-expenditures/>
* <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/SDG_03_41__custom_1989051/default/table?lang=en>

*What steps have been taken to research and understand the health care needs of LGTBI and GNC persons of all ages at the national level?*

In 2016-2018, the Health4LGBTI pilot project funded by the European Parliament contributed to improve the understanding of how best to reduce specific health inequalities experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) persons. The searched into health needs and challenges faced by LGBTI persons and key barriers faced by health professionals when providing care for LGBTI persons, and developed a training package for increasing the knowledge, attitudes and skills of healthcare professionals when providing healthcare to LGBTI persons.

The project outputs are available on the Europe website for further dissemination and information at <https://ec.europa.eu/health/social-determinants/projects/european-parliament-projects_en#health4lgbti-reducing-health-inequalities-experienced-by-lgbti-people>.

In November 2020, the Commission adopted the under the flagship objective a Union for Equality, the new LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and committed to support health research of relevance to LGBTI persons, including the trans and intersex communities, through Horizon Europe.

For more details please visit: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/lgbtiq_strategy_2020-2025_en.pdf>

*Inclusion: LGTBI and GNC persons in the decision-making process*

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights launched its second survey on LGBTI in 2019 and published the results in the Report “A long way to go for LGBTI equality” published in May 2020. Results are available at: <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2020/eu-lgbti-survey-results>, and for the main health features the attached presentation focusing on health related questions.

The European Institute on Gender Equality also provides in its report “the Gender Equality Index 2021: Health” information about the LGBTI persons regarding violence experienced by them, suicide and mental health problems and discrimination by healthcare or social services. See the at <https://eige.europa.eu/publications/gender-equality-index-2021-health>

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control provides some information regarding HIV/AIDS homosexual transmission in the report “HIV/AIDS surveillance in Europe 2021 (2020 data)” available at <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/hiv-aids-surveillance-europe-2021-2020-data>

Finally, the progress made towards SDG goals is the EU context is described in Sustainable development in the European Union - Monitoring report 2021 available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3217494/12878705/KS-03-21-096-EN-N.pdf/8f9812e6-1aaa-7823-928f-03d8dd74df4f?t=1623741433852>