



Press Release

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Lunacek's report on LGBT roadmap was adopted by the European Parliament

Today the European Parliament voted in favour of a non-binding [recommendation on a roadmap against homophobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity](#).

Rainbow Rose is very happy with the outcome of today's vote in the European Parliament (394 votes in favour, 176 against) despite an attempt by conservatives and religious fundamentalists to water down the report, as they successfully did to MEP Estrela's report on sexual and reproductive health and rights on December 2013.

LGBT people still face discrimination in Europe in different fields and this report is calling for action to prevent this situation. It fully respects the competencies of Member states, as it is based on the EU's obligation to mainstream equality and non-discrimination in all its legislation and policies (Article 8 and 10 TFEU).

Aurelien Mazuy, President of Rainbow Rose said: "This is a new and clear message from the European Parliament to the Commission that the EU now has to act as a champion of LGBT equality in Europe, also monitoring the situation in all Member States".

"It is an important vote, and we have to denounce the intense lobbying which has been done by conservative groups to reject the report. It will be interesting to have a closer look at those MEPs who supported the alternative motion and remind them during the campaign for the next European elections (103 votes from EPP¹ out of 149 with a massive support from the French EPP delegation).

"Rainbow Rose had been consulted by the S&D Group in the last weeks to discuss the issues at stake in this report, and we were glad to see an unambiguous commitment from the whole Group to vote in favour of the report and a strong commitment to make life of LGBT people better in the European Union.

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Notes for editors:

1. Rainbow Rose is the network for the LGBT groups of the socialist, social democratic and labour parties across Europe.

¹ Page 58 of the [votes](#)

2. Rainbow Rose is affiliated to the Party of European Socialists and works with the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats in the European Parliament
3. You can find more about Rainbow Rose on [Facebook](#)
4. Video of Rainbow Rose at S&D group can be seen [here](#)