



Press Release

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Equal rights for all in Malta

Rainbow Rose would like to congratulate Prime Minister Joseph Muscat and Labour government of Malta on the adoption of civil unions, giving equal rights to all couples, including adoption.

This is a breakthrough for LGBT people on the island and represents yet another PES-affiliated party bringing equal marriage to their country. All Rainbow Rose activists would have loved to join supporters of equal marriage and LGBT Labour Malta activists on St George's Square to celebrate this special day.

The bill grants full legal equality with opposite-sex couples and includes equal provisions for same-sex couples to adopt children. Taking adoption as an excuse, the opposition has abstained to vote this step towards equality.

Aurélien Mazuy, President of Rainbow Rose, said *"This is another proof of commitment from the Labour Government in Malta towards equality for all. A lot of work has been done on LGBT issues by Joseph Muscat and his Government. It is impressive to see how fast Maltese society is moving forward. It demonstrates how Party of European Socialists (PES) parties are committed to equality for LGBT people across Europe. Only a vote for PES parties will guarantee that LGBT people's rights are promoted and defended."*

The government of Malta says it will now turn to other pressing issues including anti-discrimination legislation in the provision of goods and services, improving healthcare for trans and intersex people and addressing transphobic and homophobic hate-crime and bullying in schools. Rainbow Rose fully supports this strong commitment and acknowledges the important role of LGBT Labour Malta in it.

In a further demonstration of the commitment of the Labour government in Malta has to equal rights for LGBT people Malta will next month co-host a conference in May promoting the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, (IDAHO) in the capital Valetta.

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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.

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](#) or its [website](#)