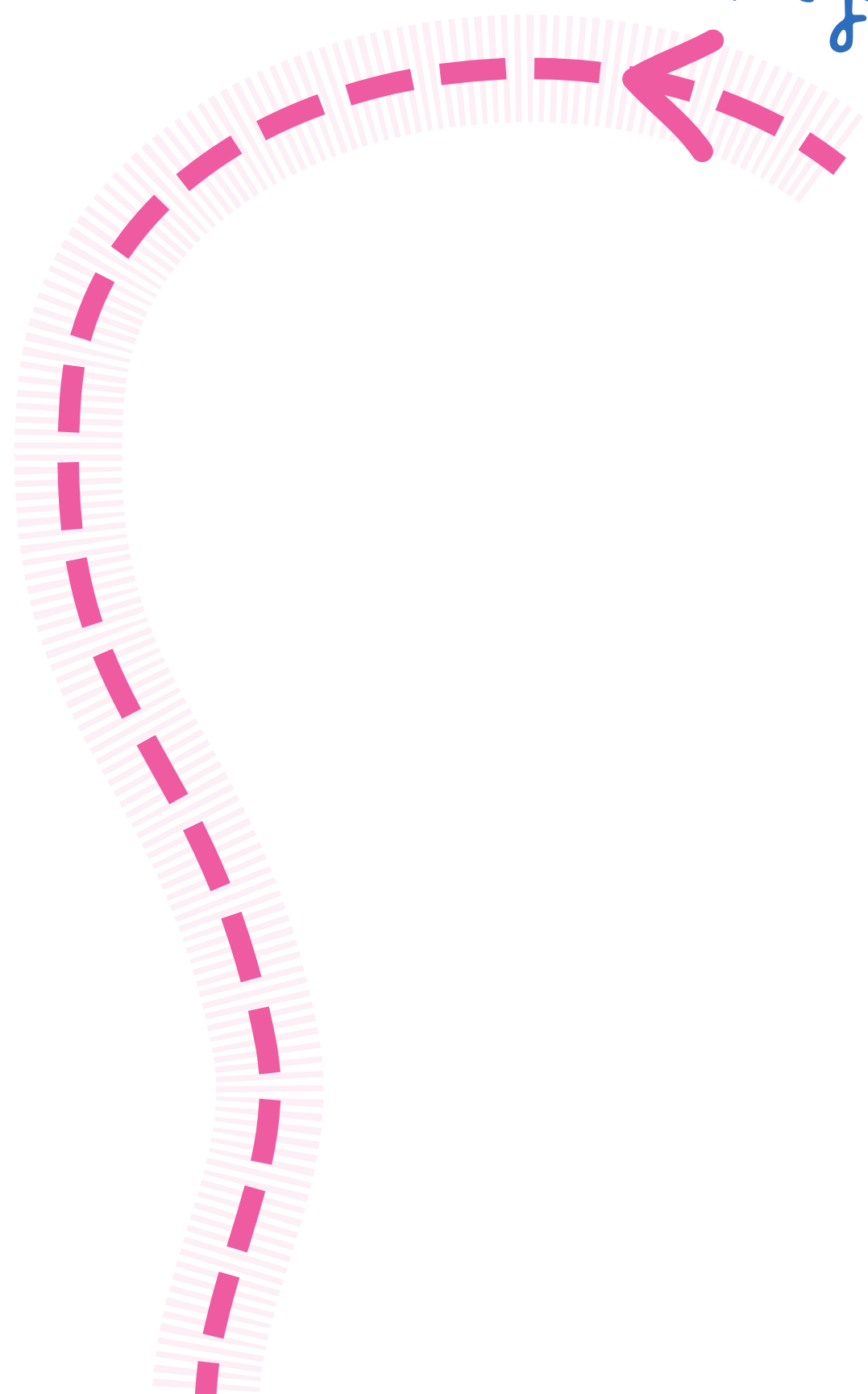




let's start  
the journey!



# TORINO EUROPRIDE 2027 CANDIDATE CITY

BIDBOOK *(enjoy it in  
full-screen mode!)*

# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT EPOA?

and EuroPride, of course



Torino Pride has been part of EPOA for 7 years now, and we think we are increasingly experiencing its strength. EPOA enables **political, cultural** but also **practical** exchanges among organizations fighting for LGBTQIA+ rights throughout Europe.



**And, considering the times we are living in, it is getting more and more important.**

Being part of EPOA allows us to give **media coverage**, on an international scale, to issues that would otherwise risk being “caged” within the borders of individual states. The international gaze of activists from all over Europe and the media strength of EuroPride are often the **necessary leverage at a local level** to obtain attention and rights.



Belgrade 2022 is one of the **most meaningful examples** of what it is possible to achieve when working together

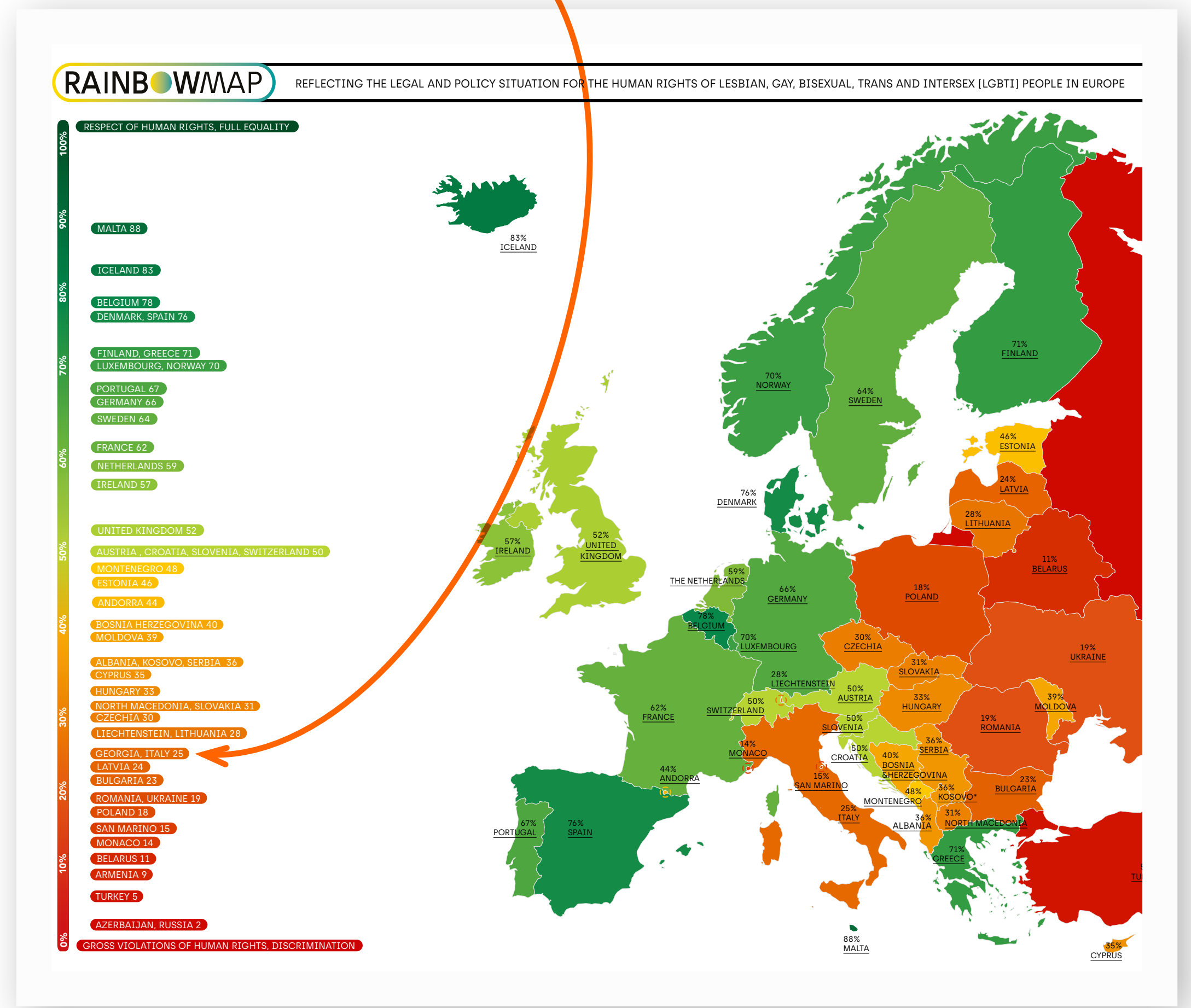
# WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ITALY?

Year after year, Italy keeps remaining in the **lower part** of the ILGA-Europe chart. While Brussels has recently voted to include abortion among the fundamental rights of the EU and France has included abortion in its constitution, in Italy **law 194** (on the right to termination of pregnancy) **is repeatedly under attack by national and regional politics.**

In Italy, the Senate Justice Commission has just given the green light to the bill that will make surrogacy a **universal crime.**

ITALY IS NOW **HERE.**  
(IT'S THE 35<sup>TH</sup> POSITION!  
LAST YEAR IT WAS 34<sup>TH</sup>)

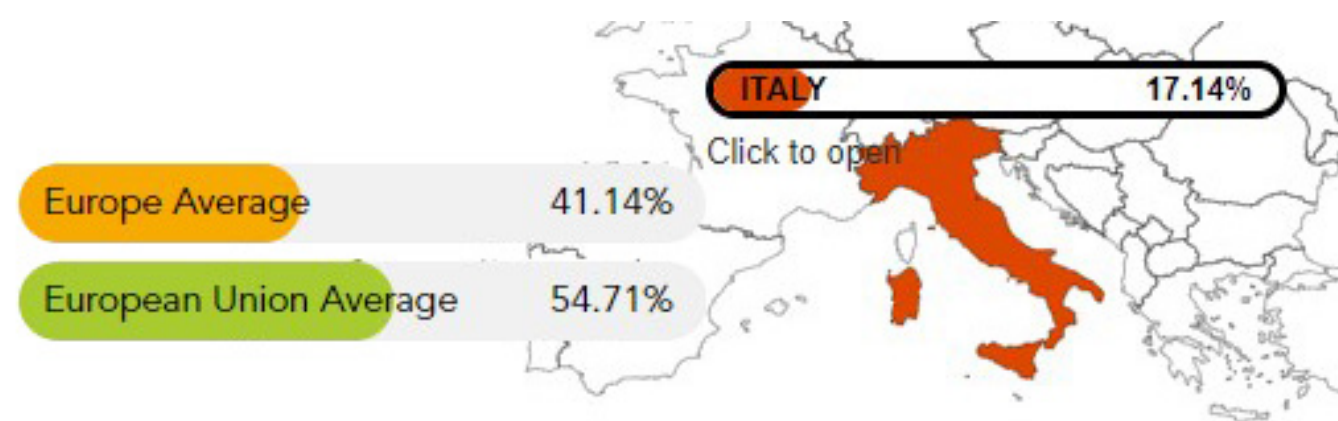
2024 - Italy - 35th Position 25.41%



# WHY IS EUROPRIDE SO IMPORTANT FOR ITALY?

(#1)

## THE SITUATION FOR RAINBOW FAMILIES



All over Italy we are witnessing a gradual **demolition** of every effort to safeguard the **rights of children** of LGBTQIA+ parents.

Italy is the only EU founding member state (and the only country in Western Europe) to **neither recognise equal marriage**, the right to **adoption** for same-sex couples (or single parents), nor allow **recognition of a child at birth** for same-sex parents.

So far, all we have is the inadequate law on civil unions (2016) that does **NOT** include any children's rights or the right to adoption. These children are denied their right to inheritance, to health, to education.

**NOT EVEN CHILDREN BORN THROUGH SURROGACY ABROAD ARE REGISTERED, THUS DENYING THEM ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP (THEY ARE FOREIGNERS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY!).**

“A new bill [...] wants to criminalise surrogacy with **fines up to one million euro** and penalties up to **two years in prison**. The Lega party has proposed an increase up to 2 million euros and 10 years.”

(Alessia Crocini, President of Famiglie Arcobaleno, Human Rights Conference, Thessaloniki, 2024)

[CLICK HERE TO READ ALESSIA'S WHOLE SPEECH](#) →



“love is what makes a family”

# WHY IS EUROPRIDE SO IMPORTANT FOR ITALY?

(#2)

## THE SITUATION FOR TRANS\* PEOPLE

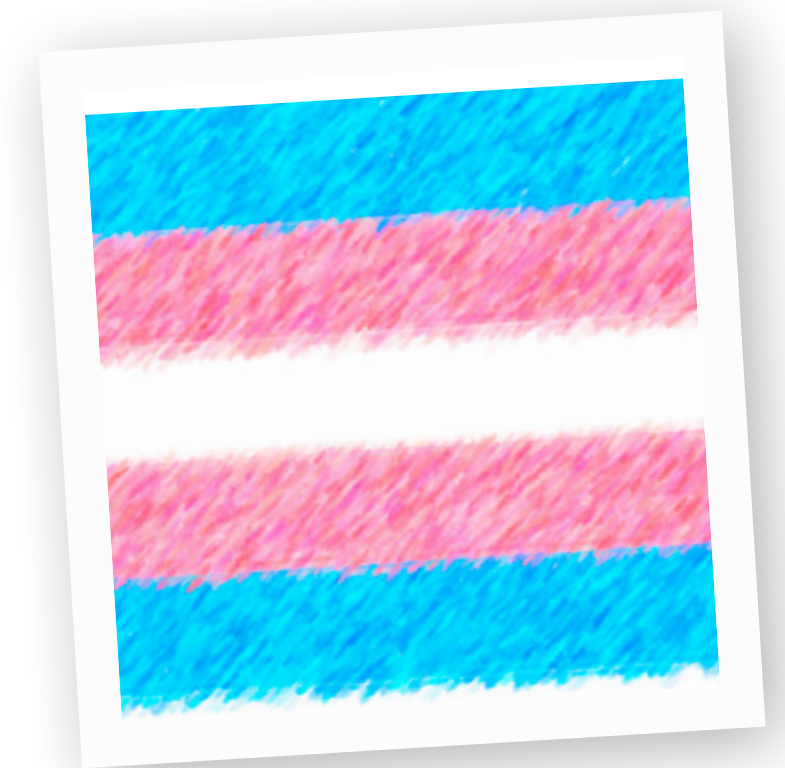
It is estimated that trans\* people in Italy are between 1% and 4 % of the adult population today. This means that about 500,000 people are covered by a law (no. 164, regulating gender affirmation pathways) from **1982**, thus **very old, outdated and lacking in many ways**.

The pathways are very long and complex, highly medicalized and, meanwhile, people are living with **misaligned documents**, facing great difficulties at school, and accessing work, the right to vote and the right to healthcare.

Access to pathways in public health is **increasingly difficult**, and private costs are extremely high.

THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO PREVENT TRANSITION FOR MINORS WITH **INSPECTIONS IN HOSPITALS** AND HAS SET UP AN EXPERT GROUP TO QUESTION THE PATHWAY FOR ADULTS AS WELL.

For example, the possibility of alias career is **not a right established by law** but it is left to the discretion of schools or workplaces



75% of trans women in Italy felt discriminated in 2023\*

\* (FRA - EU LGBTIQ Survey III)

# WHY IS EUROPRIDE SO IMPORTANT FOR ITALY?

(#3)

LAW AGAINST LGBTQIA+ PHOBIA

## TO CUT A LONG STORY SHORT:

- # In Italy **51%** of LGBTQIA+ people experienced **harassment** in 2023\* \*(FRA - EU LGBTIQ Survey III)
- # Italy **ranks first in Europe** for the number of trans people killed, 48 cases recorded since 2008.\*\* \*\* (Trans Murder Monitoring - TGEU)
- # Italy is among nine EU States **who did not sign** EU LGBTQIA+ rights text on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

These numbers are alarming, but **there is still no law against LGBTQIA+phobia in Italy.**

(AND IN 2021 THE BILL ON THE MATTER WAS **DEFEATED** IN THE SENATE.)  
GET SOME ANTI-EMETIC AND WATCH HERE **How...** →

## WHY IS EUROPRIDE SO IMPORTANT FOR ITALY? (#4)

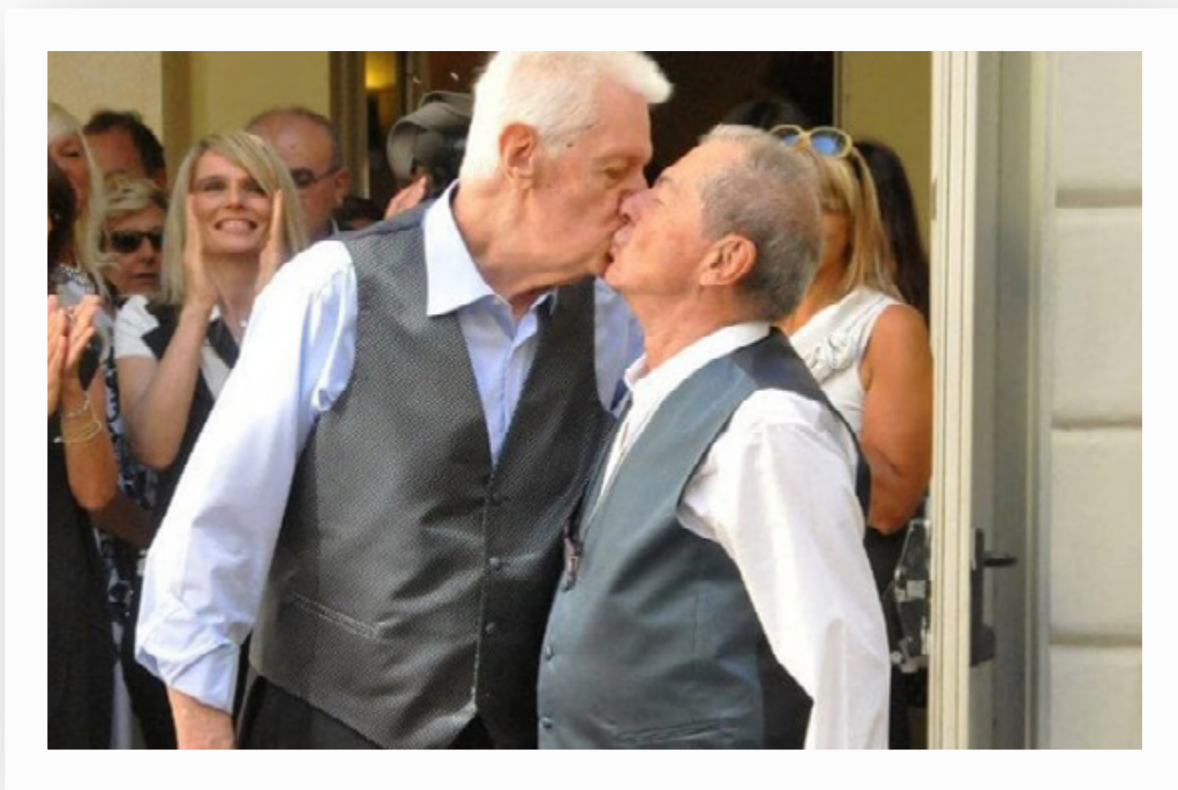
LACKING  
EQUALITY  
MARRIAGE

Through a long and **bumpy path**, in 2016 civil unions were eventually approved in Italy. Since then, egalitarian marriage has disappeared from the political agenda because institutions believe that the LGBTQIA+ community has no right to demand anything more than civil unions.

**Italian civil unions are second-class marriages, in other words: discrimination.**

AS AN EXAMPLE, THE  
NON-BIOLOGICAL PARENT  
CANNOT ADOPT THE  
PARTNER'S CHILD

In 2002, Franco Grillini presented the bill on **PACS**, (Civil Covenants of Solidarity). but the Berlusconi government stalled the issue. In 2007, the then-Family Minister Rosy Bindi's proposal on **DICOS**, (Rights and Duties of Permanently Cohabiting Persons), which would provide for the recognition of new rights for unmarried heterosexual and homosexual couples, **also foundered**.



GIANNI + FRANCO:  
THE FIRST CIVIL UNION IN TORINO

## WHY IS EUROPRIDE SO IMPORTANT FOR ITALY? (#5)

### LGBTQIA+ MIGRANTS

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Meloni's Government has invested in increasing the number of Permanence and Repatriation Centres and the **duration of stay** (inside them) of migrants arriving in Italy.

In particular, **requesting international protection** for individuals persecuted in their home countries because of their gender identity or sexual orientation **will become more difficult**.

In 2023, the Lega Party proposed to reform the Consolidated Law On Immigration to **cut out sexual orientation and gender identity** as reasons to request special protection.

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IT IS NOW ESTABLISHED, BY ALL NGOs THAT THIS IS A FORM OF **IMPRISONMENT**. NOT HAVING COMMITTED ANY CRIME, THIS DETENTION IS COMPLETELY **UNACCEPTABLE**.

For example, since the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, many LGBTQIA+ refugees have arrived in Italy and have been supported by our associations. When governments are lacking we are always there!



# WHY IS EUROPRIDE SO IMPORTANT FOR ITALY?

(#6)

ANTI-GENDER MOVEMENTS

In Italy, anti-gender movements such as *Pro Vita & Famiglia*, derived from the French *Manif pour Tous*, have gained strong legitimacy with the establishment of the far-right government.

These movements **hinder sex education and the promotion of LGBTQIA+ topics in schools**, thus impeding the fight against homotransphobic **bullying**. They also slow down our fight to ban **reparative therapies** that still cause so much pain to LGBTQIA+ people.

(In Italy, 65% of LGBTQIA+ people have experienced bullying at school.\*)

\* (FRA - EU LGBTIQ Survey III)

"Stop confusing children's sexual identities in schools. Stop gender and alias careers"



# So, HOW WAS TORINO CHOSEN?

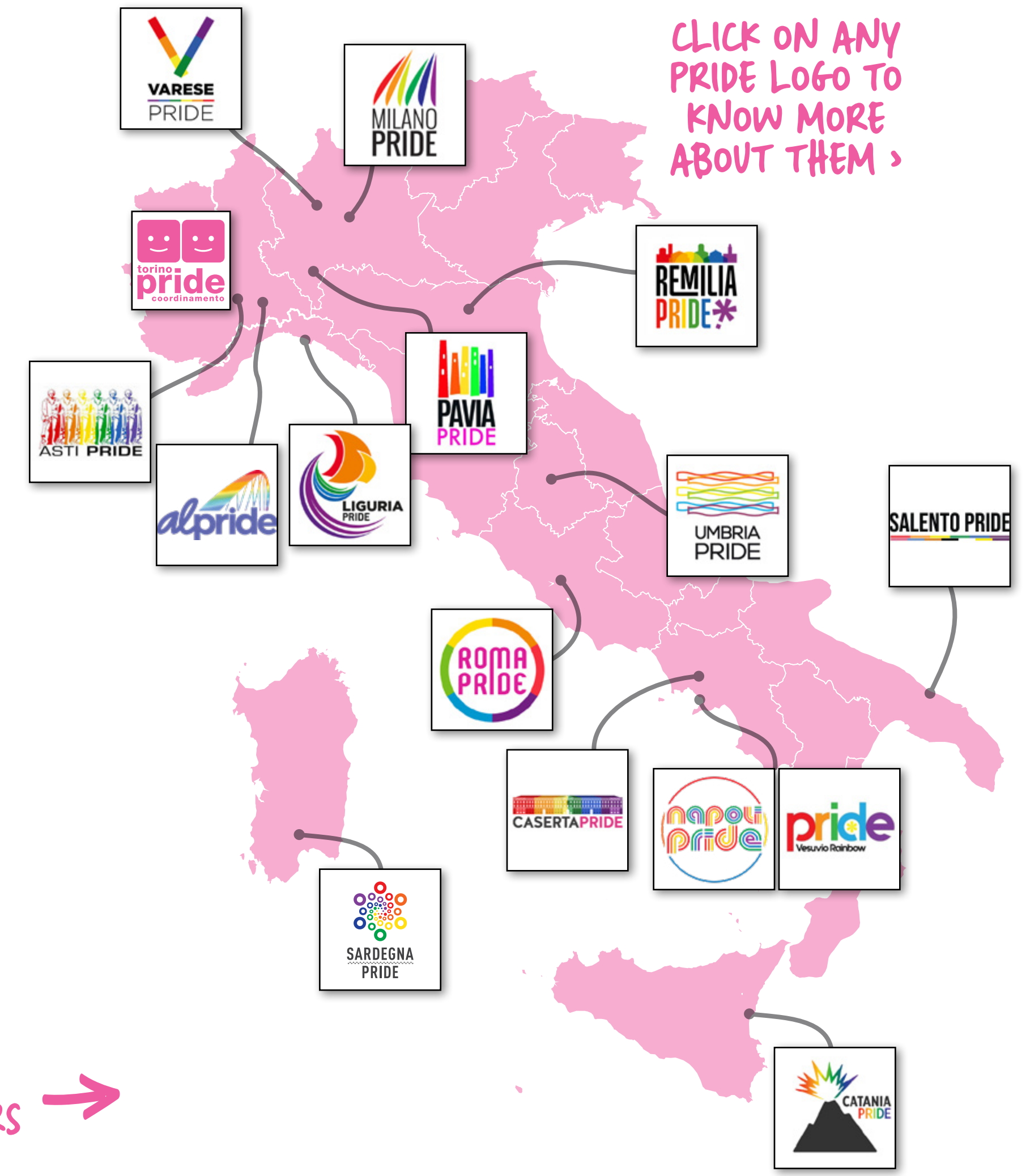
(I mean, with all these cities...)

Pride is the event that, more than any other, includes and represents everyone. **Individuality gives way to sharing.**

Precisely for this reason, the **decision to candidate** Torino for EuroPride 2027 has been enthusiastically welcomed by Italian Prides who have pledged to collaborate and support the candidacy.

The Pride coordinations of Alessandria, Asti, Caserta, Catania, Liguria, Milano, Napoli, Pavia, Reggio Emilia, Roma, Salento, Sardegna, Umbria, Varese, Vesuvio **stand alongside Torino.**

This would be the first time in Italy that an international-level Pride has not been held in the capital city.



CLICK ON ANY PRIDE LOGO TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM >

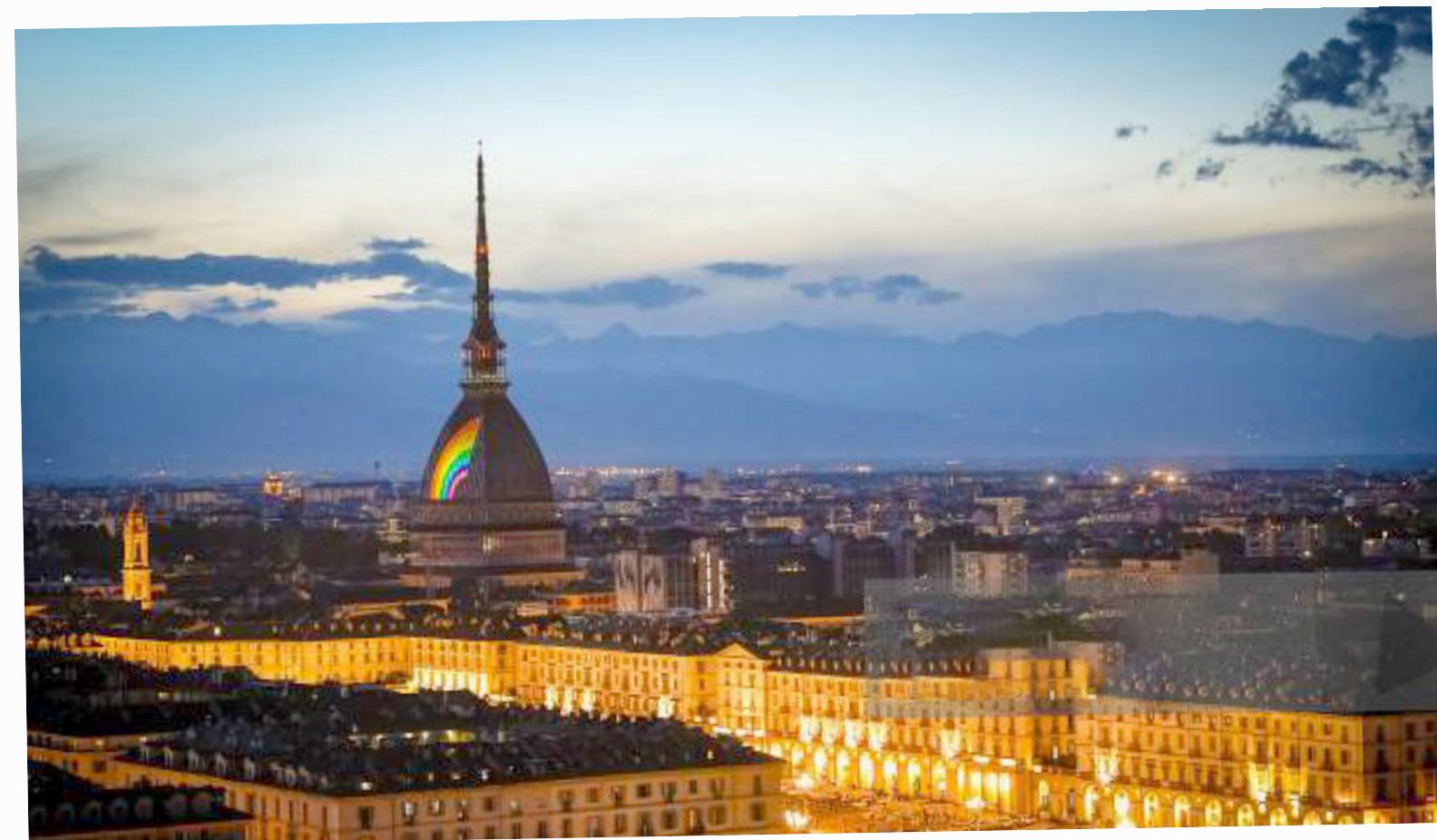
CLICK HERE TO READ ENDORSEMENT LETTERS →

SOME SITUATIONS IN TORINO ARE DEFINITELY CONVENIENT (to host EuroPride)

Torino would be a good place to host EuroPride for many reasons, but it is first and foremost for political ones: the Piedmont Region (*right-wing government*) and the City of Torino (*left-wing government*) have both decided to **support the bid together**.

Also thanks to the daily political work done by Coordinamento Torino Pride, our city is used to putting **rights in the spotlight**.

We have managed to build a very important **institutional network** over the years (as you can see from the number of letters of support).



THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IN ITALY, HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING TO THE PRIDE WITH A TRUCK FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. (THE ONLY CASE IN ITALY) AND DEVOTES A WEEKLY PAGE TO THE RAINBOW WORLD.



THERE'S  
A SOLID  
HISTORICAL  
BACKGROUND  
(in LGBTQIA+ rights)



1972: first protest at the Italian Sexology Congress in Sanremo

- # Italy's **first gay rights movement** (F.U.O.R.I.) was born in Torino in 1971.
- # In 1986 Ottavio Mai and Giovanni Minerba founded an international queer-themed film festival "**From Sodom to Hollywood**," the longest-lived in Europe and one of the most important in the world.
- # In 2001, the City of Torino established **a specific office for LGBTQIA+ issues**, the first in Italy.
- # Plans are underway to open **Italy's first LGBTQIA+ Museum** in Torino.



Today it's named Lovers Film Festival and directed by **Vladimir Luxuria**, **first transgender person** to be elected to the Parliament of a European state.

Lovers  
Film Festival

CLICK TO KNOW MORE  
ABOUT LOVERS FILM FESTIVAL →

WE ACTUALLY  
COMMIT TO  
STUFF!

(and are proud of it)

# In 2018, the Mayor of Torino **registered the birth certificates** of children of three same-sex couples at the civil registry office. This is the first time in Italy that a mayor has made this choice (and taken the risk) without a court order.

The City halted registrations in March 2022 as Mayor Stefano Lo Russo received pressure from the national government.

# In 2011 **Torino hosted ILGA Europe's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**, attended by 250 delegates.

# In 2019, **ToHousing opened in Torino**. It is a social co-housing specifically dedicated to LGBTQIA+ people in need and extremely vulnerable. So far, it is the largest of its kind in Italy.



# In order to meet some of the needs of the LGBTQIA+ population, **CasArcobaleno** was founded in Torino in 2014.



# In 2022 **Torino hosted EPOA's 29<sup>th</sup> AGM**, attended by 170 delegates from across Europe and North Africa.



CLICK ON LOGOS TO KNOW MORE >

# SO, WHO WOULD BE THE ACTUAL ORGANIZER?

(of 2027 EuroPride, obviously)

Coordinamento Torino Pride is an **umbrella organization** that brings together all the major LGBTQIA+ (and not) associations, committed to promoting rights and fighting homotransphobia and gender discrimination.

It was **born in 2006**, when Prides **were not yet spread all over Italy**, with the purpose to host that year's edition of the National Pride.

TORINO PRIDE IS MADE UP OF 19 ASSOCIATIONS. AMONG OTHER EVENTS, IT ALSO ORGANIZES **STAR.T - TRANS\* VISIBILITY NIGHT!** (MARCH) AND THE **TRANS\* MARCH** (NOVEMBER)

These days there is not a "National Pride" in Italy anymore. Every year, more and more cities organize their local pride. Last year **150k people** participated to the march in Torino.



CLICK ON OUR LOGO TO KNOW MORE →

## AND WITH WHAT SUPPORT?

We are very **proud of the network** we have managed to build over the years, which is underlined by **the support we have received** since our candidacy to host EuroPride 2027 became known.

National press, tourism promotion and cultural institutions immediately made themselves available to collaborate and **opened their doors** to help make the best EuroPride possible.

Many others will join in the future, but the results achieved so far are, once again, testimony to **how important EuroPrides are for our community.**

[CLICK HERE TO READ SUPPORT LETTERS](#) →



Torino Pride, despite its very strict policy in **seeking sponsorships**, is confident that the fundraising activity for a fantastic EuroPride 2027 will not be complicated.

Unlike the local governments, it is crystal clear that the **Italian government will not be supportive.**

ONE MORE REASON TO  
HOST EUROPRIDE!

We will keep trying to involve the major Italian multinational corporations that do not support our cause yet (and when they do, it is often just **pinkwashing**). We believe the time has truly come to work together at a European level so that this can change, once and for all.

[CLICK HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR SPONSORSHIP POLICY](#) →

# WAIT, WITH WHAT MONEY?

As shown by the **figures**, Torino Pride's resources are solid. Moreover, the preparatory work we are doing for the EuroPride 2027 candidacy proposal has already produced meaningful results.

There are many more sponsors that could come forward once Torino Pride declares they are in the running for EuroPride 2027.

## TORINO PRIDE'S LAST 3 YEARS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

EXPENDITURES	2021	2022	2023
raw material and goods	€ 5,500.00	41,131.00	5,373.13
purchase of services	€ 20,000.00	47,846.00	3,273.03
purchase of goods	€ 20,500.00	103,445.00	19,194.89
different management outputs	€ 5,500.00	18,803.00	28,589.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 51,500.00</b>	<b>211,225.00</b>	<b>56,430.14</b>

INCOMES	2021	2022	2023
membership fees	€ 800.00	550.00	799.02
mutual activity	€ -	35.00	
founders' donations	€ -	-	300.00
donations	€ 49,000.00	85,757.00	26,045.51
sponsorships	€ 30,000.00	75,864.00	26,998.00
sale of services	€ 700.00	676.00	-
public contributions	€ 3,000.00	7,000.00	10,500.00
other sales	€ 1,000.00	1,000.00	8,034.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 84,500.00</b>	<b>170,882.00</b>	<b>72,676.71</b>

<b>Budgetary surplus/deficit</b>	€ <b>33,000.00</b>	<b>-40,343.00</b>	<b>16,246.57</b>
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# LET'S TALK NUMBERS

At present, the City of Torino has set aside € 150,000 and the Regional Government is working to allocate € 250,000. In addition, a large national sponsor such as IREN has already approved of € 50,000 contribution. So far, the total amounts to € 450,000.

Beyond classic scholarships: it also contains funds for people from the Mediterranean Area and Middle East Countries.

The long-term collaboration with Lovers Film Festival gives us the chance to plan events like a film exhibition about the history of LGBTQIA+ movements in Europe.

## TORINO EUROPRIDE 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	
EPOA LICENSE	€ 10,000
HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE	€ 65,000
PRIDE VILLAGE	€ 40,000
VILLAGE STAFF	€ 20,000
STAGES, SOUND AND LIGHTS	€ 120,000
STAGE STAFF	€ 30,000
PERFORMERS	€ 70,000
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS	€ 35,000
APPROACHING EVENTS	€ 35,000
VENUE RENTALS	€ 20,000
INSURANCE	€ 10,000
TRAVELS	€ 35,000
ACCOMMODATION	€ 40,000
SECURITY	€ 25,000
CATERING	€ 20,000
SOLIDARITY FUND/SCHOLARSHIPS	€ 20,000
SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROGRAM	€ 25,000
CINEMA EVENTS	€ 30,000
CLEANING AND SANITATION	€ 10,000
	<b>€ 660,000</b>

INCOMES	
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT	€ 250,000
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	€ 150,000
SPONSORS	€ 200,000
MERCHANDISE SALES	€ 25,000
PARTICIPATION FEES	€ 35,000
	<b>€ 660,000</b>

Meant to produce meetings in schools about the importance of Pride and EuroPride (in Italy LGBTQIA+ topics are not welcomed by the education system).

# MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

In order to seek public and private sponsors, the organizing committee will use professionals who will operate in compliance with the **Torino Pride code of ethics**

Should Torino be assigned EuroPride 2027, we would set up a **specific EuroPride Committee** that will be able to make use of professional figures, including a Marketing & Communications Coordinator.

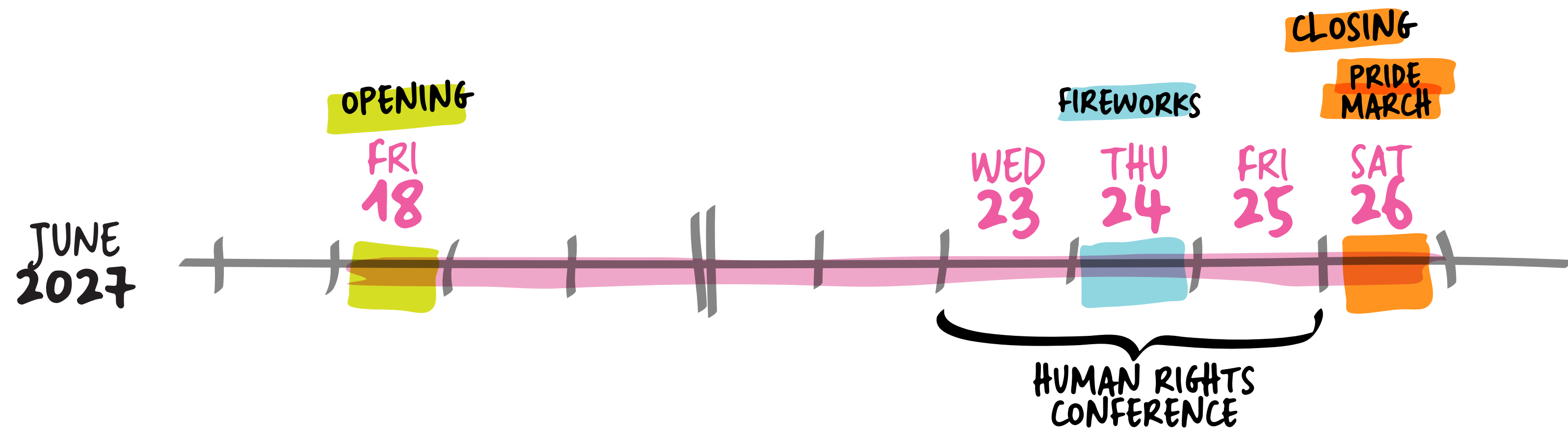
Torino Pride relies on many volunteers, and our primary goal will be to engage **bilingual people** and schedule **English classes** for others, that can make them available to support all activities.

The **marketing plan** will be prepared in 2025, to be operational from the beginning of 2026. It will include:

- # a bilingual website that will gather all the information about the progress of EuroPride 2027 promotional activities
- # a mobile app with real-time info
- # social management activities involving influencers
- # PR missions at various European events in 2025 and 2026 (such as Lisbon EuroPride, Amsterdam WorldPride)
- # participation to Prides in Italy and Europe
- # local, national and international press office
- # strategic partnerships with tourism promotion companies that will facilitate participation to the **main European tourism fairs** in 2025-2027

SUCH AS ITB (BERLIN), FITUR (MADRID), IFTM TOP (PARIS) AND WTM (LONDON)

# WHEN WOULD IT ALL TAKE PLACE?



The EuroPride week would be in **June 2027** between **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**, when the Opening Ceremony would take place, and **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**, with the EuroPride March and the Closing Ceremony.

All the events would be totally safe and free of charge. Our undivided attention would be on welcoming young people and those with access needs in some way. All events would be accessible and inclusive: as we always do, we would take every measure to **get rid of barriers**.

Should Torino host EuroPride 2027, we have already arranged with other Italian Prides that **no other march would be overlapping.**

CLICK TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR ATTENTION TO DISABILITY ISSUES →

# WHAT ABOUT THE MARCH?

JUNE 2027

FRI 18

PRIDE MARCH

SAT 26

The EuroPride 2027 march would cross the very centre of Torino, along its most beautiful and important streets, ending at the main stage, in Piazza Vittorio Veneto, the largest square with arcades in Europe. As usual, the march would be organized with the utmost attention to people with **disabilities** and with extreme attention to its **eco-sustainability**.

Stages are **electric** only; **water** is made available to participants who bring their own bottles; for any non-sustainable truck in the parade we take care of **CO2 compensation** by planting trees throughout the city.



# HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

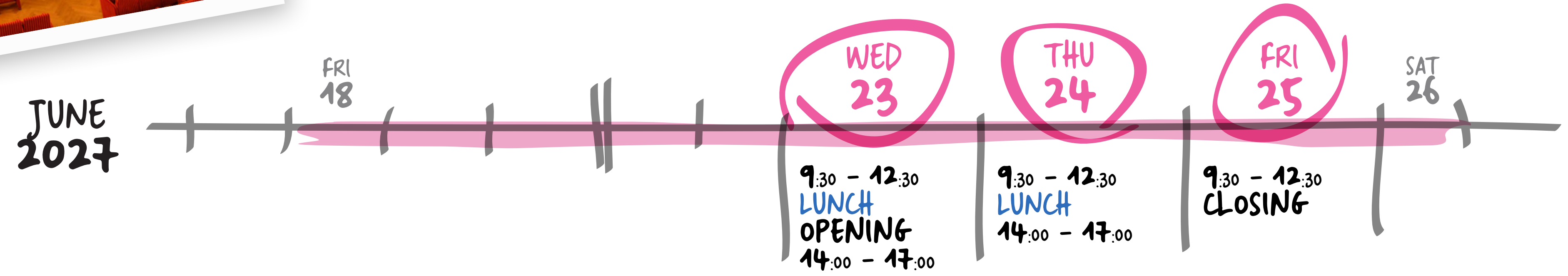


Our vision for the **three-day** Human Rights Conference would involve meetings, round tables, workshops and in-depth insights on important topics for the LGBTQIA+ community, **also including general political issues** that inevitably impact us all.

The keynote speakers would be **prominent personalities** of our community who have distinguished themselves, in Italy and Europe, for their commitment to fighting all forms of discrimination.

All this in a **very meaningful location** for Torino, two steps away from the central square.

Teatro Carignano, among the landmarks of the City, is one of the most outstanding examples of a theatre in the Italian style. Its origins date back to the **late 16th century** when Torino was transforming and expanding



WHAT  
WE  
MUST  
TALK  
ABOUT  
(#1)

## THE ITALIAN CHALLENGE

This topic, which will be explored in a couple of panels, will see representatives of the major Italian LGBTQIA+ and Pride organizations participate and discuss how to **address Italy's serious discriminatory drift**. The aim is to identify useful tools and actions together.

## AGE IS ALWAYS AN ASSET

We would explore **younger and elder** LGBTQIA+ people's needs and requirements, throughout the various phases of life. Seeing comparison as a resource and source of growth for our rapidly evolving community.

## LGBTQIA+ MIGRATIONS

This topic aims to delve into the dynamics that lead LGBTQIA+ people to become migrants, both within their own country and without, going in depth on **European reception systems** and on the dialogue between organizations across Europe in an attempt to create standards and common guidelines.

[MORE ABOUT MIGRANTS](#) →

## SPORTS: ISSUE OR RESOURCE?

During the Paris Olympics we once again witnessed **how problematic sport and its rules can be**, especially for Trans or non-binary people. On the other hand, it is an extraordinary chance to bring visibility and inclusion to the entire community. We would open the debate with experts and athletes, involving the most important sports federations.



WHAT  
WE  
URGE  
TO TALK  
ABOUT  
(#2)



## CONSEQUENCES OF ARMED CONFLICTS ON LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE

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Hoping that in 2027 the world will be on a path to global peace, in this focus we would address the different positions but mainly the **effects** that armed conflicts have always had **on LGBTQIA+ people** in every part of the world.



## HEALTHCARE AND LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE

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It is now scientifically established how discriminatory practices and a queerphobic environment affect the health of LGBTQIA+ people on various levels. We would address the causes and effects that lead our community to have **mental health** problems, often unrecognised, and **difficulties in accessing health systems** due to shame or rejection. The differences between European healthcare systems cannot keep being an obstacle or generate forced migrations in search of a welcoming environment.

MORE ABOUT INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE →



## FINDING JOY!

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If the **minority stress model** is showing us the effects of discrimination and stigma on LGBTQIA+ people and it's warning us about the **risks of exclusion and marginalization**, new research studies study are investigating the exciting potential of the so-called minority joy; the focus wants to explore this inspiring new perspective and discuss how positive identity-related factors can help LGBTQIA+ people finding joy, resilience and social support.

# THE FIREWORKS SHOW

what a fortunate coincidence!

THE PICTORESQUE BONFIRE AND THE HISTORICAL REENACTMENT ARE SOME OF THEM

JUNE 2027

FRI 18

FIREWORKS

THU 24

SAT 26

As this is not a national bank holiday, but it is limited to Torino, celebrations do not affect accommodation in town, they just add to the great experience.

**St. John's Day (patron saint of Torino)** is on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The city celebrates with **four days of events** all around the historic centre, the Po River and Valentino Park. During the celebrations, some museums are even offering free (or 1 euro) admission or extraordinary guided tours.

Not only breathtaking, but also environmentally friendly fireworks, thanks to reduced noise levels and compostable materials.





# AND WHILE WAITING FOR THE EUROPRIDE WEEK...

*we intend to plan several events throughout the months preceding June, and connect them to EuroPride.*

## NOVEMBER 2026 The Trans March

Since 2014, the Torino Pride Coordination has developed multiple editions of Trans March with the aim of promoting the rights, visibility and understanding of transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary people.



## JAN – FEB 2027 Il Treno della Memoria

Since 2018, together with the Treno della Memoria association, we have run a training program for educators, focusing on the tragic history of the LGBTQIA+ movement in Berlin during Nazi times. The goal is to provide participants with useful tools to act and interact without homotransphobia. Every year a student section of Treno della Memoria takes part in the Pride March with their truck.



## MARCH 2027 STAR.T

The event was created with the aim of giving visibility to the achievements of trans\* people and it takes place on Transgender Day of Visibility. At the event, awards are given to trans\* people who, through their personal experience, work or activism, have made a valuable contribution to the visibility of the trans\* community.



**APRIL 2027**

## **Lovers Film Festival**

Torino Pride and Lovers Film Festival have built an extremely good and fruitful collaboration throughout the years.

EuroPride 2027 would be the perfect chance to exploit it by organizing specifically themed film reviews and other cultural events.

The great press coverage that the Festival has would definitely be a plus.



**MAY 2027**

## **IDAHOBIT IDAHOBIT**

Since its foundation in 2006, Torino Pride has celebrated May 17<sup>th</sup> with various initiatives and events that would certainly benefit from EuroPride international resonance and stronger media coverage.

## **The Family Festival**



**FAMIGLIE ARCOBALENO**  
ASSOCIAZIONE GENITORI OMOSESSUALI

This party is organized by the Rainbow Families Association and aims to share a day of celebration with our children and with all those who recognise diversity as an asset. Lots of families of all shapes and colours, groups and associations have lunch together, to send a message of inclusion, and to try to break down those walls behind which hatred and prejudices hide.

# "ITALIA CONNECTION"

in the goood way... :-)

Since 2013 in Italy there has been an informal network called **OndaPride** ("Pride Wave") which **brings together** all the Italian pride events.

Torino's candidacy for EuroPride 2027 is inevitably connected to all the Italian Prides in EPOA and discussions are underway for the organization of **preparatory events throughout 2026 and 2027** to be produced in collaboration between Torino Pride and the main Italian Prides. Creating political and social events in collaboration with EPOA and the EuroPride events would undoubtedly increase everyone's awareness.

EACH PRIDE IS A UNIQUE MOMENT IN TERMS OF COMPOSITION, IDENTITY AND METHODS, WHICH MAY CHANGE FROM TERRITORY TO TERRITORY, BUT ALL ARE LINKED IN A GREAT WAVE THAT ENVELOPS AND CROSSES ITALY.



YES,  
WE  
ALSO  
PARTY!

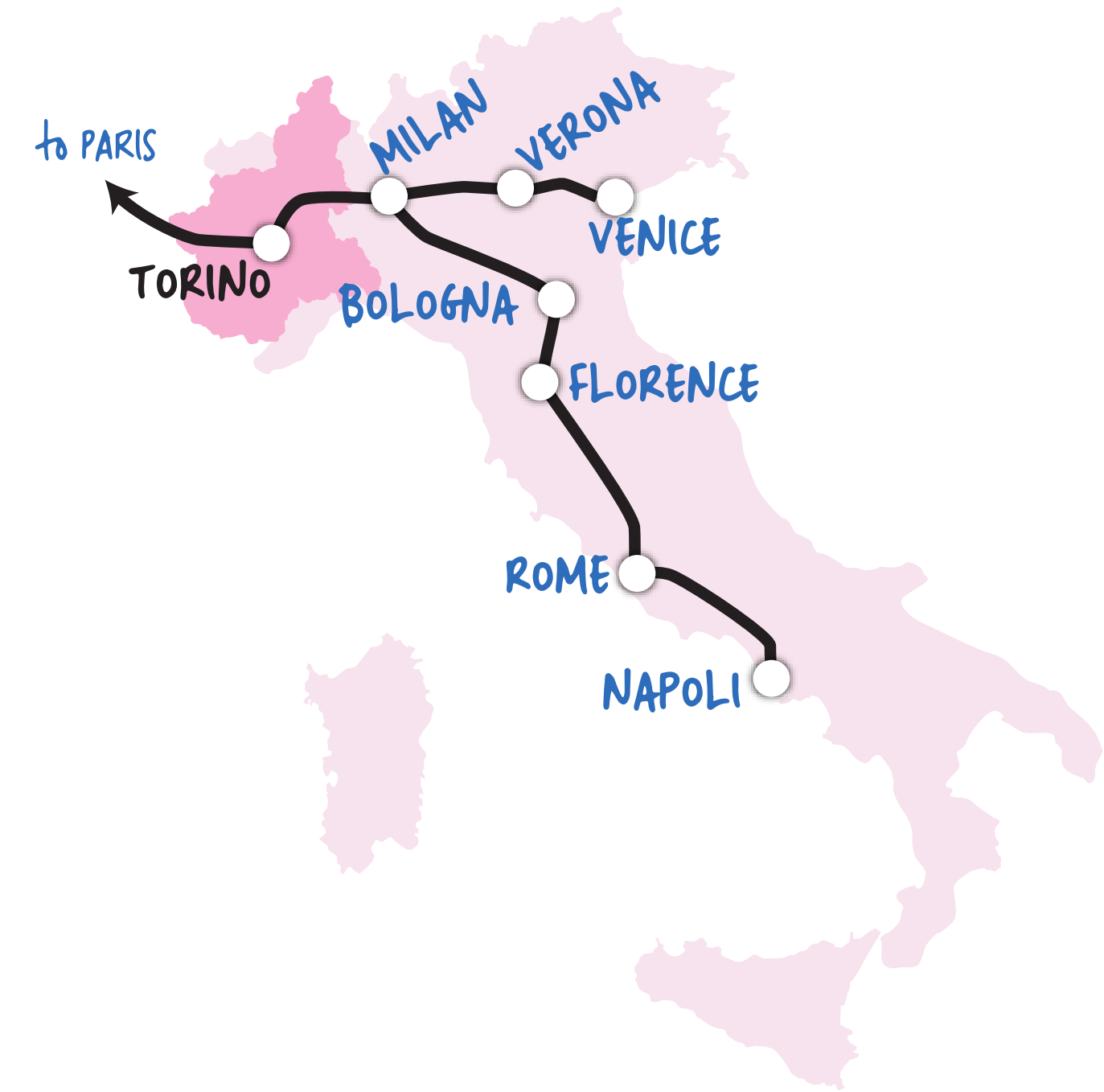
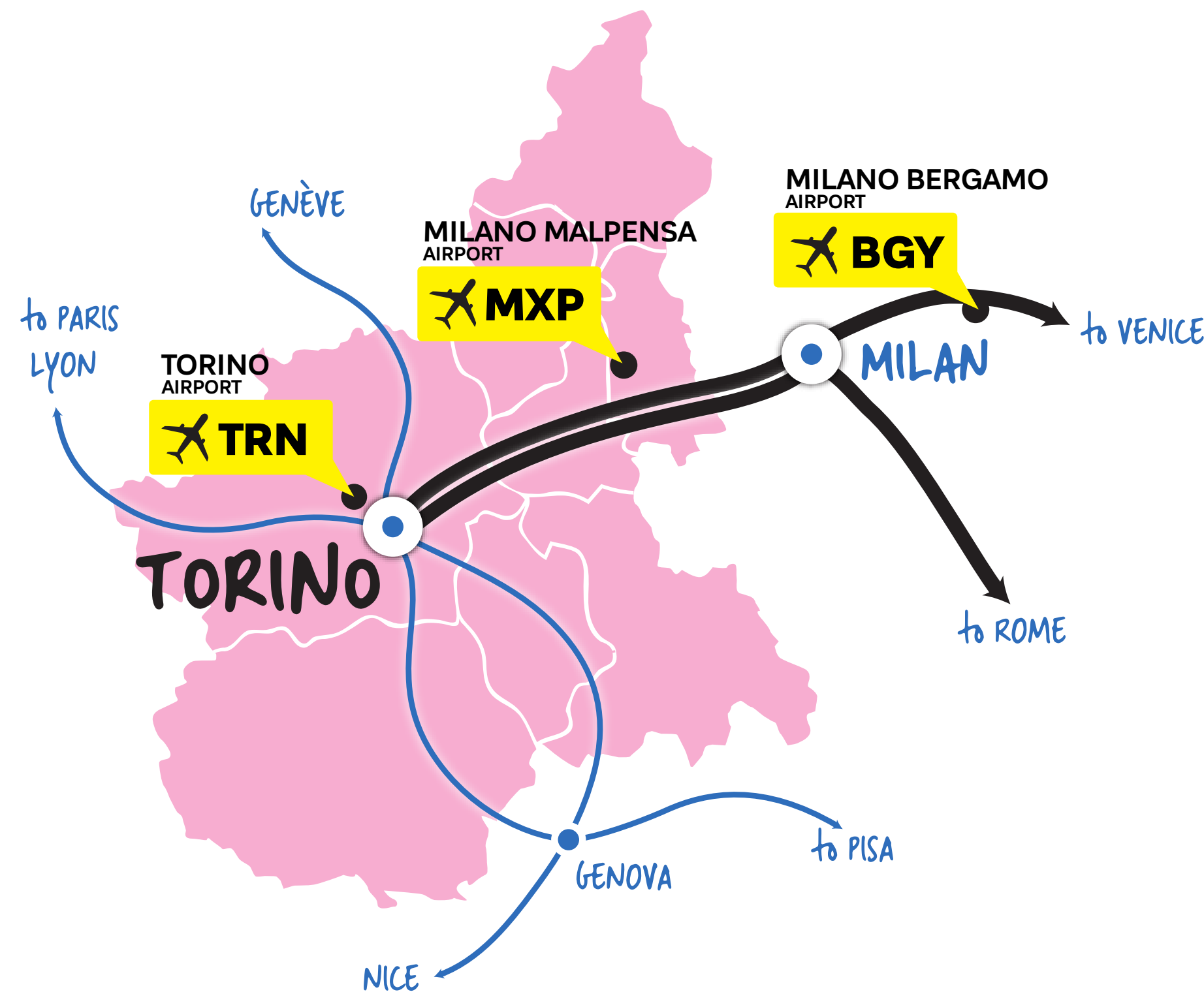
Torino is a city that has seen many changes over a short period of time. Today queer nightlife and LGBTQIA+ **events have multiplied** under the banner of inclusiveness.

For EuroPride 2027, we plan to set up a **Pride Village in the very heart of the city**, that will host a wide variety of musical and theatrical entertainment, performances and art exhibition and will give visibility to our community and associations.

Torino EuroPride 2027 will be able to count on **two large stages**, in two strategic locations, which will be the set for the many initiatives during the EuroPride period, including the **Opening and Closing Ceremonies**.



# HOW DO YOU REACH TORINO?



**Torino International Airport (TRN)** is connected daily with the main cities in Europe. It is 30 mins. from city centre and connected by train and bus.

DIRECT FLIGHTS (TRN) →




**Milano Malpensa (MXP)** and **Milano Bergamo (BGY)** Airports are connected to Torino via shuttle buses.

DIRECT FLIGHTS (MXP) →

DIRECT FLIGHTS (BGY) →



Torino is on the **fast-train line** Paris-Milan-Rome-Napoli.

-  MILAN (45')
-  FLORENCE (2h 45')
-  VENICE (3h 30')
-  ROME (5h 20')

# WHERE CAN YOU STAY?



Recently, Torino has invested heavily in tourism: there is now a wide variety of accommodation **suitable for all budgets**: from luxurious four-star hotels, to more affordable three or two-star ones.

YOU CAN EVEN CHECK THEIR ACCESSIBILITY HERE! →



We are currently discussing with the City of Torino the **creation of a campsite near the city centre** that can satisfy the needs of young people or those with low spending budgets.



## CURIO:

One of the oldest hotels in Italy is still in business in the historic center of Torino. It opened more than 300 years ago in the then Via del Senato. Many illustrious people have stayed in this early 18<sup>th</sup> century palace: from **Napoleon Bonaparte** (in June 1800), to **Giuseppe Verdi** as a deputy of the Kingdom of Italy, when he came to Torino to meet the Savoy family. However, the most famous guest of all was **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** who celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday here on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1771.

# EVER HEARD OF TORINO?

So you were neither at AGM 2022, nor at Eurovision, you naughties! :-)

Lively and elegant, Torino is a city that looks to the future without forgetting its past. Building on a long tradition of innovation in design and manufacturing, Torino is positioning itself again as a point of reference thanks to UNESCO's recognition as 'Creative Design City'.

FROM 1861 TO 1865

The **first Capital of Italy** invites you to discover its ancient and modern history, through palaces and museums, parks and avenues, rivers and hills, restaurants and historic cafés, the long stylish arcades and the multi-ethnic neighbourhoods. Enjoy **the great events** and the many little pleasures in a balanced mixture of rational **Roman town layout**, measured **Baroque pomp** and **contemporary architecture**.

Torino has proven great ability in organizing major international events:

- 2006 Winter Olympic Games
- 2022 Eurovision Song Contest
- 2021/2025 Nitto ATP Finals



TORINO MUST BE DISCOVERED STEP BY STEP STROLLING ALONG ITS STREETS AND PIAZZAS; THAT IS WHY THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS 'TO SEE', 'TO DO', 'TO TASTE' AND 'TO KNOW'.

ANY  
CHANCE  
FOR  
TOURISM  
BEYOND  
EUROPRIDE?



## IN TOWN

IT'S SECOND  
IN THE WORLD!

Among the numerous attractions, some of the world's top museums like the National Museum of Cinema, the **Egyptian Museum**, the National Automobile Museum, the Royal Museums, the Chocolate Museum, the Oriental Art Museum, the Gallery of Modern Arts, the Gallerie di Italia, the Pinacoteca Agnelli and the Sandretto – Re Rebaudengo and Merz Foundations, to name a few.

## A STONE'S THROW FROM THE CITY

the Royal Residences like: Reggia di Venaria with its incredible gardens, Palazzina di Caccia di Stupinigi, il Castello di Rivoli (Contemporary Art Museum), Basilica di Superga...

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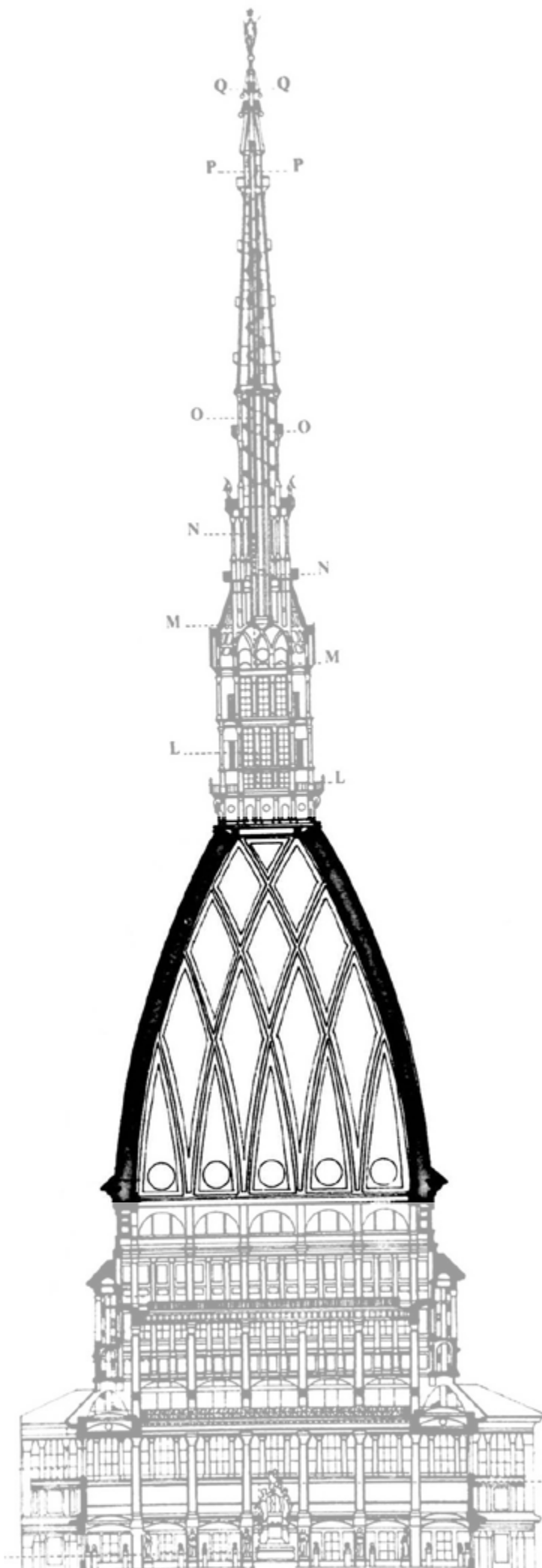


LIGURIA SHORES





OH, RIGHT!  
WE ALSO  
HAVE  
A LOGO...



As some of you might already know from AGM 2022, we are very fond of our landmark monument, the Mole Antonelliana. So, once again, it inspired us to create the EuroPride 2027 logo. This time, we took a different point of view, turning it into colourful rainbow streaks reaching for the sky.



**TORINO**  
**EURO**  
**PRIDE**  
CANDIDATE  
CITY 2027



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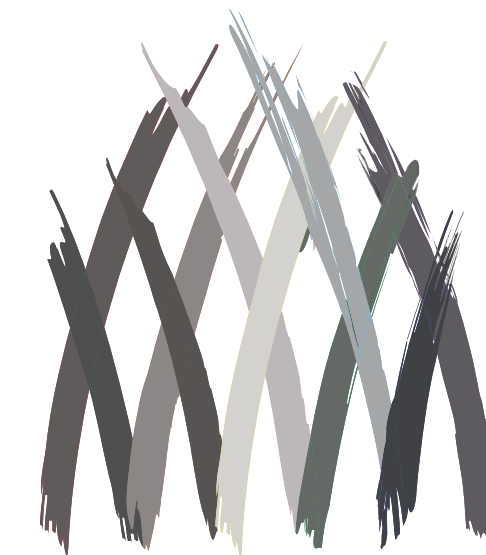
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The choice of the theme has created intense discussions among Torino Pride members.

We are facing times of intense international change as well as a period of Italian and European political instability and uncertainty.

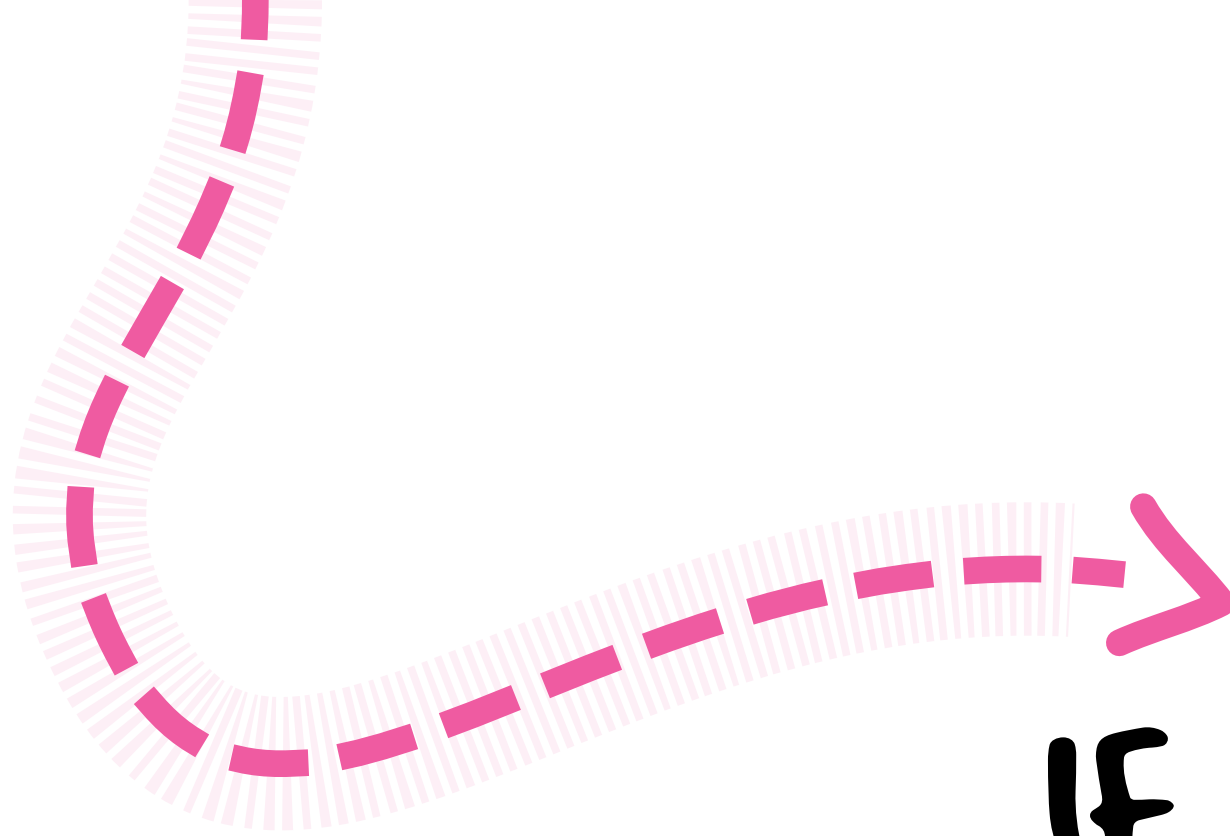
In addition, the forthcoming USA elections will most probably reverberate greatly across Europe, the exact consequences of which we will find out immediately after our AGM in Porto.

But one thing's for sure and goes beyond all this: **we are all**



**lives worth fighting for**

2027 TORINO  
**EUROPRIDE**



AND  
IF YOU THINK  
THIS BIDBOOK  
IS NOT  
RAINBOW  
ENOUGH,  
HERE'S A  
UNICORN!



# TORINO EUROPRIDE 2027 CANDIDATE CITY

ITALIAN PRIDES  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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## TO THE EUROPEAN PRIDE ORGANIZERS' ASSOCIATION

### Letter of support for Europride 2027 in Turin (Italy)

*Tessere Le Identità* is the association organizing the Pride in our town Alessandria, where we also operate every day to support and increase awareness about the needs of our community. Therefore, we are fully aware of the importance of visibility through events and the annual Pride parade. This is particularly important in Italy, which is currently led by an extreme-right Govern that is bringing our country steps behind in terms of civil rights of LGBT+ community and where the number of homo-transphobia crimes are increasing at an alarming rate.

For this reason, we feel that it is really important that Europride 2027 will be host in Italy, to push changes in our country, while showing at the same time to the European people and politicians that the presence of extreme-right Govern will not silent the voice of our community. We also think that Turin is the ideal city for hosting the Europride: in the last decade, Turin has become a significant actor in Italy for promoting the rights of the LGBT+ community, with many initiatives and projects, including the 29th General Annual Meeting of EPOA in 2022. Coordinamento Torino Pride promoted Pride parades for years, being an example for all of us, and their organizational skills are clear. We are convinced that they will organize a great event, and we are committed to giving them our full support.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Marco Monti

President of Tessere Le Identità

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Dear  
EUROPEAN PRIDE ORGANIZERS ASSOCIATION

Subject: support for Turin's candidacy for EuroPride 2027.

As the Organizing Association of the Pride of a small town a few kilometers from the capital of Piemonte, we are proud to support the candidacy of the city of Torino as host of the 2027 edition of Europride.

Torino, through the Coordinamento Torino Pride, is historically a point of reference for the whole of Italy for the fight against discrimination and for the promotion of the civil rights of the LGBTIQ+ community. Not only through the organization of one of the longest-running Pride in our country but also for the many initiatives put in place for the entire LGBTIQ+ community.

We are therefore sure that they will be able to organize in the best possible way, if, as we hope, the choice falls on the city of Torino, such an important event as the 2027 edition of EuroPride.

The choice of an Italian city, moreover, in this historical moment, would give an unequivocal signal to the conservative and populist political forces now in government of Italy. A government that since its inauguration (October 2022) has immediately decisively attacked the Italian LGBTIQ+ community.

Torino and the Torino Pride Coordination are, in our opinion, the best choice to ensure EuroPride 2027 an excellent success in terms of organization and in terms of political content.

Thanking you for your attention, we offer our best regards.

Asti, 08-23-2004

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**Letter of support for Torino's bid to host Europride 2027**

Rain Arcigay Caserta ODV wholeheartedly supports the candidacy of Turin to host Europride 2027. Within the Italian landscape, Turin stands out as a vibrant and inclusive city, making it an ideal choice for hosting an international event of such significance. The city is well-equipped with the necessary infrastructure, a welcoming community, and a strategic location at the heart of Europe, all of which contribute to its suitability as a host city for this major event.

Moreover, given the current political climate in our country, which is marked by considerable challenges, selecting Turin as the host for Europride 2027 would be a powerful statement. It would not only highlight Italy's commitment to LGBTQIA+ rights but also serve as a significant opportunity to promote these rights on a global scale. Hosting Europride in Turin would be a crucial step towards fostering greater visibility, acceptance, and progress for the LGBTQIA+ community, both within Italy and across Europe.

Sincerely,  
Raoul Piccirillo  
President, Rain Arcigay Caserta

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Catania, August 27th, 2024

**Dear Board of Europride,**

It is with strong conviction that our organization, Arcigay Pegaso Catania, supports Torino Pride's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027.

As you are certainly aware, it is a difficult and crucial moment for the LGBTQIA+ population in Italy, a moment that has seen us fall to 36th place in the latest Ilga Europe's Rainbow Map. Our government has stepped up attacks on trans kids and same-sex families.

We would like to say that it is only a phase, but the reality is that for too long in Italy there has been no progress regarding civil rights. We are the only country in Western Europe that still does not have equal marriage.

Faced with this situation, we are sure that EuroPride would be an extraordinary opportunity to react. Our country needs to rediscover the values that led us to be a founding member of the European Union. As an association operating in Southern Italy, we are affected even more deeply by the regression that Italy is experiencing.

Catania was one of the first Italian cities to organize a pride march. So we joyfully support Turin's proposal and make our experience in organizing pride and mobilizing the southern Italian community completely available.

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To the Board of the European Pride Organisers Association

Genoa, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

Esteemed Commission,

We, as Liguria Pride, members of EPOA since 2022, want to give our support to TORINO PRIDE as candidate to host EUROPRIDE in Italy in 2027.

As you surely know, Italy is currently governed by a right-wing majority; next elections will be only in 2027 and in the meantime the rights of women and LGBTQIA+ community are under attack. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and her supporters are openly against Rainbow Families which means that only one (the biological one) of the two parents will be recognised by Italian Law, and now they are trying to make surrogacy as a "Universal Crime".

In this context we are sure, that many other rights will be soon under attack and we think that organizing an EUROPRIDE in Italy would be really significant in terms of support of our rights and to show that we exist and we need the same rights as all other citizens of this Country.

We trust the organizational skills of TORINO PRIDE, as they organized one of the most participate Pride in Italy for many years; further, last year they successfully hosted the annual AGM.

In addition, we are really close to Turin and this can be a great opportunity to contribute to the organization and the management of another EUROPRIDE here, in Italy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter

LIGURIA PRIDE

Alvaro Manuella



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To whom it may concern

**Object: letter of support for Torino's bid to host Europride 2027**

We are pleased to be writing a letter to endorse the bid of the city of Turin to host Europride in the year 2027.

We had the chance to appreciate the professionalism, skills and commitment of the team of Torino Pride throughout the years and also on the occasion of the AGM hosted in Turin in 2022.

We are confident that the project of Torino Pride will satisfy the high standards set for Europride and that the team will execute it accurately and precisely.

Therefore, CIG Arcigay Milano, as one of the main pride organizers in Italy and as member of EPOA, fully and strongly supports the project to host such an important event in the city of Turin in 2027.

Alice Redaelli  
President, CIG Arcigay Milano

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Napoli, August 21/08/2024

**Letter of support for Europride 2027 in Turin**

Dear Board of Europride,  
it is with great pleasure that Antinoo Arcigay Napoli supports and endorses Torino Pride's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027.

Turin has assumed great importance for Italian LGBT+ culture since the 1970s: in Turin, in fact, in 1971, the activist and bookseller Angelo Pezzana, together with other militants, founded the F.U.O.R.I. (Italian Revolutionary Homosexual Unitary Front), the first large Italian gay association. It is important to remember that the association also published a magazine of the same name with which very important LGBT+ intellectuals, such as Mario Mieli, Mariasilvia Spolato and Alfredo Cohen, collaborated.

In 1976, the gay activist Felix Cossolo founded the magazine Lambda in Turin which became a reference newspaper for the Italian gay liberation movement until it closed in 1982.

The movement of gay believers also originated in Turin thanks to the activist Ferruccio Castellano and in the province of Turin, at the ecumenical center of Agape, the first national conference "Faith and homosexuality" was organized in 1980.

In more recent years, Turin has stood out for the cultural activities promoted by the Sandro Penna Foundation and the Fuori Foundation and above all for the LGBT+ Film Festival - Lovers Film Festival (born as Torino gay and Lesbian Film Festival) founded by Ottavio Mai and Giovanni Minerba in 1986 which is the oldest LGBT+ film festival in Europe.

In short, for many years Turin has become an important hub for the promotion of LGBT+ rights in Italy also thanks to the sensitivity demonstrated by the city's municipal administration: for example, during the mayoralty of Chiara

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Appendino, the militant Alessandro Giusta, former President of Arcigay Turin, was appointed Councilor for Families.

The Antinoo Arcigay Committee of Naples, a defense of freedom and civility for forty years, a continuous point of reference for the entire Italian LGBT+ community and in particular for the South, both in terms of the cultural activities promoted and implemented over the years and for regarding the provision of important services relating to health and the defense and protection of the rights of LGBT+ people, considers Turin the ideal candidate to host an event of international importance for the LGBT+ community, especially in this historical moment characterized by a worrying statement by far-right political parties that express, even in Italy, a dangerous and violent anti-LGBT rhetoric, exposing LGBT people and their families to stigma, discrimination and exclusion.

Antinoo Arcigay Napoli, founded in 1984, is one of the longest-standing Italian LGBT+ associations and since 1996 has organized Napoli Pride, the oldest pride in southern Italy, where in 2013 the "Onda Pride" was born, the system that puts every year the various Italian prides. Since 2018 it has also organized Vesuvio Pride in the metropolitan area of Naples.

Kind regards and good work.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Pavia, 7 October 2023

Dear Turin Pride Committee,

Pavia Pride intends to endorse, as far as it is within our possibilities, Turin's candidacy to host Europride 2027.

As a Pride which has been celebrated in a provincial territory since 2015, we can offer our knowledge on the needs and experiences of the LGBTI community, which are peculiar to decentralised and peripheral territories. In these areas, the phenomenon of homobitransphobia specifically records spaces of action and expression, therefore the fight against it must be carried on according to specific criteria, taking into account the difference of places, dynamics and contexts in comparison with large cities.

Even with respect to the Pride itself, the visibility of those who participate in the parade has not only a collective meaning, as happens in large cities, but also an individual, personal meaning. This puts easy social recognition at stake and implies the specific visibility of each individual person.

We believe that Turin's candidacy is a very important opportunity, because the city has a historical identity strongly linked to labour, workers' struggles and social rights, all issues that are interwoven with the struggles that Pride represents and spreads. Turin's candidacy is all the more important in a historical phase that is very difficult for Italy, both from a political point of view - due to daily attacks by the government and the parliamentary majority on our rights, and from a social point of view - inequalities are alarmingly increasing and, with them, the vulnerability of so many people, even in our community.

We consider this candidacy as an important and necessary challenge: we are ready to give our support and contribution.

Best regards,

Davide Podavini  
Presidente  
Coming-Aut LGBTI+ Community Center



Reggio Emilia, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TO THE EUROPEAN PRIDE ORGANIZERS' ASSOCIATION  
Letter of support for Europride 2027 in Turin (Italy)**

Dear colleagues,

As the association organizing a pride in a small Italian town, Reggio Emilia, where we operate on a daily basis to support our community among legal and social struggles, we are fully aware of the importance of standing our ground and show ourselves as the fabulous persons we represent.

This is especially true right now, in a country that seems to have lost its way, giving space to a government that does not represent us, nor our shared democratic values that are the basis for the European Union.

It is therefore important to us that our flags fly high in the face of this nation, allowing us to retake the public discourse in our hands, especially in terms of trans\* rights, immigrants' lives, and for our families' sake.

We are therefore very much convinced that the bid to host the Europride 2027 in Turin by Coordinamento Torino Pride represents a fundamental opportunity to achieve an important change in this country, thus fueling civil rights progress in the rest of Europe, because when one country takes a step forward, we all win.

The Coordinamento Torino Pride has been promoting pride events for years, being an example for all of us, and their organizational skills are undeniable. We are convinced that Turin will put together a great event, and we are committed to giving them our full support.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, we are,

Yours Faithfully,

Jacopo Vanzini  
Presidente  
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**Dear Board of Europride**

It is with great pleasure that Circolo di Cultura Omosessuale Mario Mieli – APS supports and endorses Torino Pride's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027.

For many years now, Turin has become a significant hub in Italy for promoting the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community, with numerous initiatives and projects, including the resounding success of the 29th General Annual Meeting of EPOA in 2022.

Thanks to its rich cultural history and openness to diversity, Turin is the ideal choice to host an event of such relevance for the Italian, European, and international LGBTQIA+ community.

We believe that hosting EuroPride in Turin and witnessing the return of the event to Italy would be an extraordinary opportunity for our country, especially considering the critical situation we are facing due to the ongoing attacks by the far-right government currently in power. Notably, in Turin last May, an assembly of mayors gathered to oppose discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and to advocate for the recognition of LGBTQ+ couples' children. This assembly faced strong opposition from the Italian government.

We are confident that the organizing committee of Turin Pride, with its experience and dedication, will be able to put together a spectacular EuroPride 2027. In this regard, we would be delighted to collaborate in every way and in any form with Turin Pride to ensure the event's complete success, drawing from our decades of experience in organizing Rome Pride, as well as EuroPride in 2011.

With best regards, We remain at your disposal.

**Rome, 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023**

**Mario Colamarino**  
**President of the Circolo di Cultura Omosessuale Mario**  
**Mieli – Chairman for Rome Pride**

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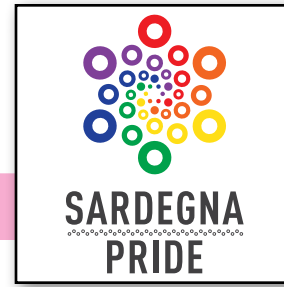
we are very excited and full of joy to tell that we will support Torino Pride for the candidacy for hosting Euro Pride in Turin during the year 2027.

We will be happy to cooperate and to create a bridge between north west and south est Italy. Salento has a deep connection with Turin since ever and we truly admire all the process of growing that Torino Pride had in the latest years. We are ready to give support and to be an active part in this process.

All the best

Salento Pride APS

Stefano Todisco aka Tobia Lamare



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Dear friends,

Sardegna Pride has always been very close to Torino Pride and immediately shared Torino Pride's intention to apply to host Europride 2027.

We firmly believe that it is very important that our country can host another edition of Europride, following the successful one in Rome in 2011. Moreover, Turin has always been one of the most active cities on the LGBTQIA+ rights front and we think it is perfectly capable to organize a great and successful event for the whole Italian and European LGBTQIA+ community.

Thanks to its rich cultural history and openness to diversity, Torino is the ideal choice to host an event of such relevance for the Italian, European, and international LGBTQIA+ community.

We are, therefore, available now to collaborate to help Torino Pride create an extraordinary Europride in 2027.

Cagliari, 31 luglio 2024

Associazione ARC OdV / Sardegna Pride



Coordinamento Torino Pride  
segreteria@torinopride.it

Perugia, 26 September 2023

Dear friends,

We received with great interest the news that Coordinamento Torino Pride is willing to candidate the city of Turin to host the next **Europride 2027**. As member of EPOA and part of the vast LGBTQIA+ community and Pride organizers in Italy, we hereby express our strong support for this candidacy.

We firmly believe that it is very important that our country can host another edition of Europride, following the successful one in Rome in 2011. Moreover, Turin has always been one of the most active cities on the LGBTQIA+ rights front and we think it is perfectly capable to organize a great and successful event for the whole Italian and European LGBTQIA+ community.

Omphalos and Umbria Pride are ready to support Coordinamento Torino Pride on this important journey.

Best Regards

  
Stefano Bucaioni  
President  
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**Letter of endorsement for  
Turin's bid to host EuroPride 2027**

Dear EPOA members, dear EPOA board,

We are writing to express our full support and endorsement for the candidacy of Torino Pride to host the Europride 2027 in Italy, in Turin. We are proud to support this project and we are ready to contribute with our experience, enthusiasm and resources to make it a success.

We believe that Coordinamento Torino Pride is the ideal candidate for this important event, as it has a long history of organizing successful and inclusive Pride parades and festivals in the city of Turin and in the Piedmont region, involving thousands of people from different backgrounds and identities. Torino Pride has also shown a strong commitment to building an international network with other Pride organizations in Europe, as demonstrated by its membership in the European Pride Organizers Association (EPOA) and by hosting the Annual General Meeting of EPOA in October 2022, with the participation of 180 European delegates.

We are convinced that hosting the Europride 2027 in Italy, in Turin, would be a great opportunity to raise awareness and visibility for the rights and dignity of LGBTQI+ people in our country and in Europe. Italy is still lagging behind in terms of legal recognition and social acceptance of LGBTQI+ people, and we face many challenges and obstacles every day. We hope that an event like this could help to change the situation and to create a more inclusive and respectful society for everyone.

Turin also hosted an assembly of several Italian mayors for the recognition of same-sex families, opposed by the current Italian government. The mayor of our city also participated in this assembly, demonstrating the full inclusion of the city of Turin for the political participation of the LGBTQI+ community outside of the large metropolitan areas.

We believe hosting EuroPride 2027 in Turin would have tremendous value. It would empower LGBTQI+ voices across the continent and help further rights in a region where challenges still exist. Turin Pride has a proven track record of coalition-building and organizing large-scale events that inspire and drive progress.

At a time when LGBTQI+ rights face obstacles in some countries, Turin's bid represents an exciting opportunity. Welcoming Europe's largest Pride to Italy reaffirms its commitment to inclusion and equality. On behalf of our members, we strongly endorse Turin as the host city of Europride 2027. We are committed to assisting in any way that could help Coordinamento Torino Pride deliver an impactful EuroPride 2027.

Sincerely,  
*Giovanni Boschini*  
Presidente Arcigay Varese

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# TORINO EUROPRIDE 2027 CANDIDATE CITY

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The Mayor

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that the City of Turin expresses its wholehearted support for the candidacy to host the 2027 edition of Europride, put forward by Torino Pride Network.

Our Administration considers actions against discrimination and for the recognition of rights important and strategic, as demonstrated by the many activities carried out by our Institution, especially through the LGBT Service and its connections to other Italian Municipalities gathered in the Ready Network. The official participation of our Municipality in the Europride of Thessaloniki, formalized in an official resolution of the Municipal Council, represents only the last and most recent act of support of this direction.

The opportunity to host the Europride celebrations in 2027 would represent for Turin Municipality a further important national and international acknowledgement as an inclusive city open to differences and as a promoter of the fight against homo-lesbian-bi-transphobia and gender discrimination, making it a point of reference for the LGBTQIA+ community also at the European level.

As City Government we are aware of the importance of creating synergies with other Institutions in the Metropolitan and Regional area, and with economic, social and cultural operators, in order to properly welcome the large number of participants coming from the rest of Europe and also from the rest of the world. The experience our City has in managing large international events makes us confident that we can create similar conditions for Europride too.

Given the undeniable socio-political importance of the event, the City of Turin, in case of a successful candidacy, therefore undertakes to support Europride 2027 with a contribution of 150.000,00 euros and with the full availability of its offices and services to promote the best success of the initiative.

Sincerely,

Stefano Lo Russo

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Dear Board of Europride,

Thank you for sharing this initiative with the Metropolitan City of Turin which contributes to recognizing the central role of Turin in supporting the fight against discrimination of LGBTQIA+ people and in promoting actions that support the promotion of gender equality against all forms of discrimination, and social, political and economic exclusion.

An institution such as ours can only adopt the principles contained in article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, recognizing each individual's full freedom of opinion and expression, supporting the creation of a great demonstration of pride, visibility and struggle in our city, as an important signal for a more welcoming and inclusive Turin, respecting the dignity and self-determination of every person.

I therefore confirm the Metropolitan City of Turin's full support for the candidacy of the Torino Pride Coordination to host Europride 2027 in our city.

With best regards,

La Consigliera delegata  
Rossana Schillaci

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Politecnico di Torino

STEFANO PAOLO CORGNATI  
Rector

To the attention of:  
Coordinamento Torino Pride

Subject: Endorsement of the Coordinamento Torino Pride candidacy to host Europride 2027

Dear Organizers,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to express and provide the wholehearted support of Politecnico di Torino for the candidacy of the Coordinamento Torino Pride Board to host the 2027 Europride event.

Supporting the Coordinamento Torino Pride Board to host such an important event represents the obvious follow-up to intense activities and strong commitment to raise awareness on LGBTQIA+ issues and rights, started many years ago and carried out with perseverance. More recently, in 2022 the Annual General Meeting of the European Pride Organisers Association was hosted in Turin, under the coordination of the Coordinamento Torino Pride Board.

Turin, as one of Italy's most important industrial and manufacturing cities for more than a century, has undergone profound transformations in recent decades and today can be represented as a multifaceted city, where the values of inclusion, sustainability and innovation are reflected in daily life.

While maintaining its industrial vocation, Turin has successfully embraced the challenges of the new millennium, turning its attention to tertiary services, becoming an important financial hub, and most importantly a centre of excellence in the field of technology and innovation, supported by high quality research institutions, including Politecnico di Torino which belongs to the top 16% of universities globally in the QS World University Ranking.

In the field of major entertainment and sporting events, starting with the 2006 Winter Olympics, Turin has steadily demonstrated its organisational and attraction capabilities, once again this year with the organisation of the Nitto ATP Finals and the Davis Cup.

On its part, Politecnico di Torino is totally committed to offering its collaborative support to the Coordinamento Torino Pride Board, in the hope that an event as relevant and powerful as Europride 2027 can take place in our city, involving the entire community at a National and European level and testifying to our University's adherence to the fight against discrimination towards the LGBTQIA+ community.

Best regards,

Prof. Stefano Paolo CORGNATI  
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Torino, 02/08/2024 prot. n. 10/AD

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EPOA  
European Pride Organisers Association

Subject: Torino Pride's candidacy to host Europride 2027

Dear EPOA - European Pride Organisers Association,

As the Chief Executive Officer of GTT it is of an immense pleasure to send you this letter in support of the Candidacy of Torino Pride for a big event like the Europride planned in 2027.

Our city is an ideal location to host such stunning venues you are organizing. Events like Europride indeed require not only good air connectivity, but also an efficient urban transport network, and a wide range of accommodation.

Our Company, in accordance to its inclusion policies, and thanks to the support of the City of Turin, issued the card "aliases" dedicated to transgender or no binary people that could be utilized on public transport using the name that best represents their identity, even if different from the legal ones.

The city itself is indeed able to respond to the mobility needs and the utmost hospitality services, that the Europride 2027 delegates might require.

GTT is proud to support this candidacy, since Europride perfectly aligns with our development projects aimed at supporting our territory.

We are aware that hosting big events like this represents a growing opportunity for Turin and its surroundings, thanks to the positive economic impact of both event in the tourism sector; in addition to offering promotional visibility to our wonderful city and region

GTT will provide the proper cooperation for the support and best outcome of these international events.

In the event of victory, GTT may possibly provide space and communication to support the Torino Pride.  
Sincerely yours.

Gruppo Torinese Trasporti S.p.A.  
Serena Lancione  
L. Amministratore Delegato  
(Serena Lancione)

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Caselle Torinese, July 16, 2024

EPOA-European Pride Organisers Association

Subject: Torino Pride's candidacy to host Europride 2027

Dear EPOA - European Pride Organisers Association,

as Chief Executive Officer of Torino Airport it is my pleasure to send you this letter in order to support the Candidacy of Torino Pride for a big events such as the Europride planned in 2027.

Our city is an ideal location to host such stunning venues you are organizing. Such events like Europride requires indeed not only good air connectivity, but also an efficient urban transport network, and a wide range of hotel accommodations. Thanks to its improved air connectivity, Torino Airport is able to respond to the need of air mobility that international delegations might have, in order to reach the city of Torino. The city itself is able indeed to respond to the needs of mobility that Europride 2027 delegates may have, as well as being able to provide with high level hospitality services.

Torino Airport is proud to support this candidacy, since Europride perfectly align with our development projects aimed at supporting our territory.

We are aware that hosting big events like this represents a growing opportunity for Torino and its surroundings, thanks to the economic impact of both events in tourism sector; moreover, they are a great occasion for giving great visibility in terms of promotion to our wonderful city and region.

Our premises will be able to provide all possible hospitality at the highest levels of quality, and welcome your delegations being an opportunity for us to underlining our commitment to our territory.

Torino Airport will provide the proper cooperation for the best outcome of these international events.

In the event of victory, Torino Airport may possibly provide space and communication to support the Torino Pride.

Sincerely yours,

Andrea Andorno  
Chief Executive Officer



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Turin, 08/07/2024

**Subject: Iren's willingness to support Euro Pride 2027**

Dear coordinators,

it is with great pleasure that Iren Group confirms its enthusiasm and support for the candidature of the Turin Pride to host the 2027 edition of Euro Pride.

In fact, we believe that supporting the initiative is part of a broader strategy that not only embraces our corporate values, but also allows us to give our contribution to, and take an active part in bringing about collective change. We strongly believe that celebrating differences enriches communities and allows us to build a more inclusive future at the scale of every person; for us, this is also synonymous with sustainability.

We are therefore happy to announce that, should the candidature be confirmed and the Turin Pride actually host Euro Pride 2027, Iren Group will support the event with an economic contribution of EUR 50,000 (fifty thousand) in the form of sponsorship in goods and services, with a valorisation also between the years 2026 and 2027.

Kindest regards.

Luca Dal Fabbro  
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# TOURISM INSTITUTIONS



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Torino, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

To:  
**EPOA BOARD MEMBERS**

**Subject: Torino Candidate City for the EuroPride 2027**

Dear EPOA Board Members,

it is with great enthusiasm that Turismo Torino e Provincia extends its full support for the candidacy of Torino Pride to host EuroPride 2027. Torino has long been recognized as a beacon for inclusivity and diversity in Italy, fostering a vibrant and welcoming environment for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Torino's commitment to promoting equality is evident in the successful hosting of numerous events dedicated to LGBTQIA+ rights, including the notable 29th General Annual Meeting of the European Pride Organizers Association (EPOA) in 2022. This rich history of advocacy and celebration positions Torino as the ideal city to host EuroPride 2027, a landmark event that will not only enhance the city's cultural tapestry but also bolster the visibility and acceptance of LGBTQIA+ individuals on a European and international scale.

The Convention Bureau of Turismo Torino e Provincia, partner of the City of Torino for the promotion of our destination in the congress market, will guarantee for free the hospitality during the site inspection for the evaluation of Torino as a candidate city (hotel, transfer, lunch and dinner are offered). In addition, if Torino wins the bid, we will make the following benefits available to participants:

- information desk and distribution of tourist items at the congress venue
- welcome newsletter
- discounts reserved to the event delegates to buy tourist cards and city sightseeing bus tickets
- reduced tickets for main museums
- reduction on public transport tickets
- promotion of the event on our web site and social channels

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We believe that hosting EuroPride 2027 in Torino will not only be a momentous occasion for the LGBTQIA+ community but also an opportunity to showcase the city's dedication to equality and human rights. It aligns perfectly with our mission to promote Torino as a city that embraces diversity and fosters a spirit of inclusivity.

We are excited about the possibility of collaborating with Torino Pride and the broader EuroPride community to make EuroPride 2027 an unforgettable and impactful event.

Sincerely yours,

Marcella Gaspardone  
Manager  
Turismo Torino e Provincia  
*Marcella Gaspardone*



Milan, 26.07.24

Support for the application of Turin to Europride 2027

AITGL (Italian Association for Gay and Lesbian Tourism), as association strongly focused on the challenges that diversity and social inclusion bring to the attention of civil society and,

in consideration of the international heavy political situation that ignores and oppresses the LGBTQ+ community by spreading hatred and prejudice,

it takes on civil relevance to support and endorse Turin's candidacy for Europride 2027, both as a representative of that Italy, fighting every day for the rights of every citizen, and for Turin itself, a historic bulwark against all discrimination and an excellent example of respect for all diversity. T

Turin, the capital of Italian industrialization, has created policies of integration, support and hospitality that have become models and examples replicated on various occasions and in different locations, not only in Italy. Turin is the most historically inclusive city in Italy and Europride finds its right, logical place here.

The entire AITGL team is committed to supporting the work that Turin intends to carry out, so that Europride 2027 finds its right place here.

With all our support and ready to collaborate, we extend our sincere wishes for success in 2027.

For AITGL  
Giovanna Ceccherini

AITGL – Associazione Italiana Turismo Gay e Lesbian- Via San Gregorio 27 – 20124 Milano

NATIONAL PRESS →

La Stampa  
Espresso

Torino, July 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear EPOA - European Pride Organizers Association;

Our newspaper is, perhaps, currently the most attentive in Italy to Human Rights and in particular to LGBT+ rights. So the news of Torino Pride's candidacy for Europride 2027 immediately made us reflect on how far our country still has to go to achieve full equality for LGBT+ people. We therefore confirm that our newspaper fully shares the requests of the Pride organizations. We also deeply share the reasons that led the organizers of Turin Pride to apply for the most important LGBT+ event in all of Europe.

We have been able to verify that all the Italian Pride organizations will support Turin's candidacy and this gives us nothing but immense pleasure and makes us imagine how many things can be organized in the years that separate us from 2027.

Hoping for great collective success, we will give this very important path all the attention it needs and will do our best to support it in all possible ways.

Andrea Malaquetti

Dear EPOA - European Pride Organizers Association;  
the news of Torino Pride's candidacy for Europride 2027 immediately made us think about how far our country still needs to go in order to achieve full equality for LGBT+ people. Our newspaper is currently the most read in Italy and we have long believed in the importance of our contribution to Human Rights. We therefore confirm how much our newspaper fully shares the demands of the Pride organizations, which get more and more numerous every year in our country every year. We also deeply share the reasons that led the organizers of Turin Pride to apply for the most important LGBT+ event in all of Europe.

We have been able to verify that all the Italian Pride organizations will support the Turin candidacy and this gives us nothing but great pleasure and makes us imagine how many things can be organized in the years that separate us from 2027.

Hoping for a great collective success, we will give this very important path all the attention it needs and will do our best to support it in all possible ways.

Editor in Chief  
(Francesco Enrico Bellavia)

Rome, 02/27/2024

# HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS



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AGEDO





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Ufficio per la promozione della parità di trattamento  
e la rimozione delle discriminazioni fondate  
sulla razza o sull'origine etnica

**BOARD MEMBERS OF EPOA**

With this letter, the National Office Against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Equality Body of Italy, represented by Director Mattia Peradotto, expresses its interest in supporting Torino Pride's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027.

UNAR, in its institutional mandate, is strongly committed in the fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, in cooperation with the LGBT+ NGOs.

It is very important for our country to host this event again, following the great success of the 29<sup>th</sup> General Annual Meeting of EPOA in 2022, as Turin is a city that has a fundamental and historical role for the entire LGBT+ movement in Italy.

We therefore believe that Torino Pride will certainly be able to organize and manage this important event thanks to its experience.

Kindest regards,

Mr. Mattia Peradotto  
General Director

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The present document is to highlight the more than excellent relationship among Amnesty International and the Torino Pride Committee. For several years the two organizations are conducting together activities and carrying out many campaigns concerning human rights. Amnesty International attends every year the "Pride" in Turin and everywhere in Piemonte and Valle d'Aosta with a great number of activists and billboards in order to support all the messages that the "organization committee" wants to stress. Year by year the "Pride" in Turin gather an huge number of participants, both associations and common people, so is becoming one of the biggest event in Italy related with the rights of LGBTQ+ community. Due to the picture that I showed in the lines above, Amnesty International fully supports the application for Turin as place where conduct for Europride 2027

Luca ANDREANI  
Amnesty International – Italy  
Responsible for Piemonte and Valle d'Aosta



Dear Member of EPOA Board

**Object: letter of support for Torino's bid to host Europride 2027**

It is with great pleasure that Treno della Memoria supports and endorses Torino Pride's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027.

Thanks to its rich cultural history and openness to diversity, Turin is the ideal choice to host an event of such relevance for the Italian, European, and international LGBTQIA+ community.

The first Treno della Memoria was born in 2004, initiated by a group of young and committed individuals from Turin. As a collective, we felt (and still feel) the need to provide a social and civil response to wars and conflicts, the lack of human rights education, and to promote active citizenship with the aim of fostering a shared perspective on European nationality.

The project was born from the belief that the construction of an active and aware citizenship cannot ignore the knowledge of the history and memory of the moments that changed the face of Europe and listening to the testimonies of the protagonists of these changes. There is no doubt that the events that occurred in Auschwitz, the greatest and most terrible expression of hatred and discrimination, represent a fundamental historical turning point in this sense.

Since 2018, in close collaboration with TORINO Pride coordination, we, have initiated a training program for our educators, focusing on the tragic history of the Berlin LGBT movement. The goal is to provide useful tools for teaching participants how to act, behave, and interact free from homophobia and transphobia.

In last year's edition of the project, we brought over 5,000 young Italians between 16 and 24 years of age from seven regions of Italy.

For all this, we can only be enthusiastic about the possibility that Turin can host the most important LGBTQIA+ event in all of Europe and we will support its good result with all our resources.

With best regards, We remain at your disposal.

Turin, August 19, 2024

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To whom it may concern

**Object:** Letter of support to Torino's bid to host Europride 2027

This letter is to endorse the bid of the city of Turin to host the 2027 edition of Euro Pride.

We are confident that the Europride 2027 project of Torino Pride will represent an important occasion of visibility and resilience for the European Movement in a period of time of challenges for the civil rights in general, and theLGBT\* rights specifically.

Therefore, ARCIGAY, as the main LGBT\* organization in Italy, fully and strongly supports the project to host such an important event in the city of Turin in the year 2027.

Sincerely,

Gabriele Piazzoni  
Arcigay



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To whom it may concern

**Object:** Letter of endorsement for Turin's candidacy to host Europride 2027

Famiglie Arcobaleno is the leading association of LGBT+ parents in Italy. Since 2005 we have been committed to the fight against all discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and we fight for equal rights for the children of LGBT+ parents who are still not recognized in Italy.

As president of Famiglie Arcobaleno, I firmly believe that Turin's candidacy for Europride 2027 is crucial in such a critical political moment as the one we are living in Italy, with the most right-wing government since the fall of Fascism.

Turin is a city that represents an important part of the Italian homosexual movement; mobilizations that represented the cradle of the LGBT+ movement in our country started from here.

As the Famiglie Arcobaleno association, we are certain that in a historical moment like the one Italy is experiencing, the presence of Europride 2027 in Turin would be a strong signal in the path of Italian and European rights.

Sincerely,  
Alessia Corcini

President of Famiglie Arcobaleno – Associazione genitori omosessuali APS

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To whom it may concern,

Letter of endorsement for Turin's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027

AGEDO, Association of parents, relatives, and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other queer people, was founded in 1993 by Paola Dall'Orto. Its aim was to listen to, support, and provide information to other parents like herself who came to learn of their child's sexual orientation, and to create a support network and a self-help group for families in crisis.

AGEDO, today, is open to families and friends of all people in the LGBT+ community.

It is also socially engaged to fight and dismantle stereotypes, prejudices and fears relating to sexual orientation and gender variance, with the goal of educating society about respect for LGBT+ people.

At its core, AGEDO carries out the following activities:

- It offers a safe space for relatives to talk openly and share experiences, with the aim of supporting them in their journey to embracing their loved ones' gender identity and/or sexual orientation;
- It leads and takes part in informative and awareness-raising projects for schools, corporations, institutions, and citizens.
- It promotes a culture of relationship-building and the appreciation of differences.

AGEDO today consists of 37 territorial offices and carries out activities throughout the national territory.

With this letter, AGEDO would like to strongly support the Turin Pride candidacy to host EuroPride 2027.

The current Italian political situation is very worrying, as it's putting at risk all human rights, in particular those of LGBT+ people. Having Italy as the host for EuroPride would send a meaningful message to political parties that any policies restricting the rights of LGBT+ people are not welcome and not tolerated by Europe at large. Moreover, Turin holds a special place in Italy, as it saw the birth of the LGBT+ movement in the 1970s. These considerations, together with the strategic place Italy holds in the European political landscape, make this candidacy particularly significant.

Torino, 28/08/2027

Sincerely,  
Donatella Siringo  
National President of Agedo



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Coordinamento Torino Pride  
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Turin, 13/8/2024

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in reference to the candidacy of the Torino Pride Coordinamento to organize Europride in Turin in 2027.

The Teatro Stabile Torino – National Theatre - Foundation is owned by the Italian State, the Piedmont Region, the Municipality of Turin and the bank foundations and it manages the most renowned theatres in Turin: the Teatro Carignano – a historic theater in the heart of the city – the Gobetti Theater and the Fonderie Limone, it is the main cultural institution for prose and contemporary dance.

In its own theaters it produces, represents and hosts prose, dance and musical theater of high artistic level; the shows produced or co-produced are regularly hosted throughout Italy and Europe and on some occasions with tournée outside Europe, with a total of over 800 shows per year.

The Teatro Stabile di Torino not only enthusiastically supports the Coordinamento's candidacy for Europride 2027 but hopes for a collaboration with the Coordinamento: theater and culture have always been the most effective tool for raising awareness among citizens on civil rights issues.

With the hope of a successful outcome of your candidacy, please accept the most distinguished greetings.

Alessandro Bianchi  
Presidente



Prot 62/29072024

To: Coordinamento Torino Pride  
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Subject: ***Europride 2027 - Turin Bride bid – Letter of support from Salone Internazionale del Libro***

Dear Coordinator,

we had the pleasure of receiving the communication of Turin's candidature to host Europride 2027 from your Councillor Alessandro Battaglia.

Salone del libro has always strongly supported the issues of inclusiveness and the rights of all.

In this regard, I recall that the Salone del Libro was honoured to host many talks and book presentations on rights, inclusiveness along with many educational projects for students of different ages throughout the year.

The fair, in agreement with the City of Turin and Regione Piemonte, provides to Coordinamento Torino Pride every year a free stand in the fair to facilitate opportunities for debate and discussion on issues of rights and topics considered important by the LGBTQI+ community during the event.

I would like to ask you to always consider the Salone del Libro among the supporters of every fight for civil rights.

Anyway, please accept my best wishes for the candidature and for the work of all the associations that constitute the Coordinamento Torino Pride.

Kind regards,

Torino, 29.07.2024

President of the Association Torino, la Città del Libro



12/08/2024

**Letter of endorsement for  
Turin's bid to host EuroPride 2027**

Dear EuroPride Board,

We are writing to express our strong support for Torino Pride's candidacy to host EuroPride 2027 in Turin, Italy. Museo Egizio is eager to support this initiative and is ready to contribute to the success of the event. As a museum committed to openness and inclusivity, we are always enthusiastic about initiatives that align with these values.

Given Turin's rich cultural history, we believe it is the ideal choice to host an event of such significance for the Italian, European, and international LGBTQIA+ community.

We are confident that "Coordinamento Torino Pride" is the perfect candidate for organizing this important event. With a long history of successfully hosting inclusive Pride parades and festivals in Turin and the Piedmont region, they have consistently involved thousands of people from diverse backgrounds and identities.

We firmly believe that museums play a vital social role. They must be places open to all, capable of building the future by learning from the past, while keeping a keen eye on the diverse needs and perspectives of the present. In this spirit, engaging in dialogue with communities is a core aspect of our museum's mission.

Yours sincerely,

Christian Greco  
Direttore



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Dear all,

Thank you for sharing this initiative with the Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile which contributes to recognizing the central role of Turin in supporting the fight against discrimination of LGBTQIA+ people and in promoting actions that support the promotion of gender equality against all forms of discrimination, and social, political and economic exclusion.

A cultural institution such as a National Museum can only adopt the principles contained in article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, recognizing each individual's full freedom of opinion and expression, supporting the creation of a great demonstration of pride, visibility and struggle in our city, as an important signal for a more welcoming and inclusive Turin, respecting the dignity and self-determination of every person.

I therefore confirm the Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile's full support for the candidacy of the Torino Pride Coordination to host Europride 2027 in our city.

Il Direttore

Lorenza Bravetta

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From Davide Quadrio  
Director, MAO – Museo d'Arte Orientale, Turin

**Letter of endorsement for  
Turin's bid to host EuroPride 2027**

Dear EPOA members, dear EPOA board,

We hereby convey our full support for Torino Pride's application to host the EuroPride 2027. As an institution inscribed in the Turin territory and community, we are convinced that the application of Torino Pride to host EuroPride 2027 will have a particularly significant social and collective value on the local reality. These kinds of events are for the city of Turin a reason for cultural growth, awareness and education in respect and kindness.

Turin has distinguished itself in recent years for its social attention to LGBTQIA+ rights as seen on many occasions, some of which were: in 2011, thanks to the Turin Pride Coordination, the 15th annual conference of ILGA Europe was hosted in Turin, transforming the city into the European capital of LGBTQIA+ rights for four days; in 2022, again thanks to the Turin Pride Coordination, the 29th Annual meeting of EPOA was hosted.

The MAO - Museo d'Arte Orientale has always stood out for its inclusiveness in both artistic and social fields, therefore we firmly believe in the application of Torino Pride for EuroPride 2027. The MAO is therefore proud to support initiatives related to civil rights and the support of the LGBTQIA+ community and we are convinced of the absolute collective and social benefit that will result from this opportunity.



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Turin, 26.07.2024

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Subject: Europride 2027 - Turin Pride candidacy - Letter of support Fondazione Polo del '900

Dear Coordinator,

we were pleased to receive notice of Turin's candidacy to host Europride 2027.

The Polo del '900 Foundation has been advocating for the issues of inclusiveness and rights for all, supporting the fight against discrimination of LGBTQIA+ people and promoting actions to support the promotion of gender equality against all forms of discrimination and social, political and economic exclusion.

We therefore confirm our support for this important candidacy of the Turin Pride Coordination to host Europride 2027.

Hoping for a successful outcome of the candidacy, we extend our best regards

The Director

Emiliano Paoletti



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To the attention to Alessandro Battaglia

Torino, July 23, 2024

Prot. 992 / 2024

**Object: Europride 2027 – Turin Pride bid - Letter of support from the Museo Nazionale del Cinema**

Dear Sirs,

the Museo Nazionale del Cinema is honored to support Torino Pride's bid to host Europride 2027 in our city, supporting and spreading the fundamental principles of inclusiveness and gender equality for years.

In this regard, since 2006 Fondazione Maria Adriana Prolo - Museo Nazionale del Cinema di Torino- that we preside- manages Festival Lovers, universally acknowledged to be one of the major Italian cinema events of international renown.

This Festival is the oldest LGBT-themed festival in Europe and the 3rd oldest in the world. The current artistic director is Vladimir Luxuria.

Building on these assumptions, we therefore confirm the Museo Nazionale del Cinema's full support for the candidacy of the Torino Pride Coordination to host Europride 2027.

Kind regards

Domenico De Gaetano

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To the Board of EPOA  
European Pride Organisers Association

**Support to the Turin candidacy for EuroPride 2027**

Dear All,

It is with great pleasure that our Foundation, a private non-profit cultural organisation, wishes to lend its support to the candidacy of the city of Turin for the organisation of EuroPride 2027.

As project of international scope undertaken in 2015, CAMERA aims at reinforcing its connection with the territorial system ever more: a unique hub dedicated to photography, capable of strengthening the link between Piedmont and Italy with the main centres throughout the world, promoting photography through an open and creative dialogue with artists and institutions. The purpose of fostering photography is addressed to a wide and diverse audience in terms of type, age and origin. CAMERA, through numerous elements of attraction and interest, from exhibitions to workshops, talks and ateliers, aims at becoming an ever clearer point of reference, a place of meeting and exchange for citizens, with a diverse cultural offer for each target category: photo lovers, amateur photographers, professionals and scholars. Thus, CAMERA is a platform for display, production, archiving, training, meeting and debate all around photography: a place rooted in the territory yet with an international outlook.

The image education, activity at the heart of our mission, can be a very effective tool in the fight against all discrimination and forms of exclusion. With this approach, we are happy to give our full and convinced support to the local Committee so that our city can host this great and important event, becoming even more welcoming and inclusive for all the people who live in and visit it.

Turin, August 2024

Emanuele Menotti CHIELI

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Subject: *Europride 2027 - Turin Pride bid - Letter of support from the Fondazione Merz*

Dear Coordinator,

we had the pleasure of receiving the communication of Turin's candidature to host Europride 2027 from your Councillor Alessandro Battaglia.

The foundation that I have the honour to preside over has always strongly supported the issues of inclusiveness and the rights of all.

In this regard, I recall that the Merz Foundation was honoured to host a photographic exhibition and an event on the 10th anniversary of the Coordinamento Torino Pride, as well as providing support and hospitality at an event in aid of the activities of ToHousing, one of the most important initiatives of the LGBTQI community, promoted by the Quore Association.

The Fondazione Merz - with all the cultural institutions in the area together - enthusiastically supports this important candidacy that confirms Turin as the ideal leader of rights in our country, especially in such a delicate and in many ways contradictory national situation.

I would like to ask you to always consider the Merz Foundation among the supporters of every fight for civil rights.

Anyway, please accept my best wishes for the candidature and for the work of all the associations that constitute the Coordinamento Torino Pride.

Kind regards,

Torino, 22.07.2024

  
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# TORINO EUROPRIDE 2027 CANDIDATE CITY

APPENDICES



## OUR SPONSORSHIPS ETHICAL POLICY

While appreciating essential support, resources and finances of corporate partners and sponsors, it is essential to maintain our independence and avoid partnerships that are not compatible with our values.

This document applies to all partners and sponsor collaborations of Coordinamento Torino Pride activities including, for example, financial support, participation in events with their own signs and logos, collaborations on individual events.

### 1. VALUES AND MISSION

As an organization rooted in the culture of equality and human rights, our values run through everything we do and this includes our partnership and sponsorship agreements. We want to achieve the highest possible ethical standard when considering a potential partner or sponsor.

A genuine commitment to LGBTQIA+ equality cannot be viewed through a narrow lens that excludes other human rights, social justice and equality issues, and our ethical standard reflects our unwavering commitment to the broadest spectrum of equality and human rights causes, through an intersectional approach.

The entities that officially participate in our events, partners and sponsors do not influence the policy or operation of Torino Pride which remain independent. In consideration of our commitment to transparency, all partners and sponsors are listed on our website on the pages relating to the various initiatives.

### 2. GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION

The organization will not accept support or collaboration with entities and companies whose commercial or other objectives conflict with our values and objectives, or that may promote inaccurate or misleading messages about our commitment to these objectives and values.

All partners will be subject to a reasonable due diligence process according to which the organization will seek to understand any potential risks of the partnership.

There are sectors that are intrinsically incompatible with a healthy and happy society and planet. Therefore, we will not enter into agreements with:

- A. Companies in the fossil fuel extraction sector or the transformation and sale of fossil fuels if they do not adopt, through sustainability governance, a mix of sustainable energy sources that demonstrate a concrete commitment to the ecological transition.
- B. Companies that manufacture or promote tobacco products.
- C. Companies that manufacture or sell weapons, except those made for recreational purposes (e.g. sport shooting) subject to controlled sales to prevent their purchase by individuals, regimes or organizations with violent and belligerent intent.
- D. Companies that promote alcohol in a way that does not comply with the standards established by current legislation in relation to consumption, advertising, marketing and underage sales.
- E. Companies that produce in countries where homosexuality and/or trans\* identity is illegal or persecuted, unless the company has a policy that provides support to LGBTQIA+ advocacy organizations in that country.
- F. Companies and entities that financially or in any other way support regimes or organizations that violate human rights.
- G. Entities that directly or indirectly violate the European Convention on Human Rights or the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- H. Companies and entities that directly or indirectly violate international treaties or standards recognized on environmental protection.
- I. Companies and entities that have implemented homo-lesbian-bi-trans-a-phobic, racist, xenophobic, ableist, fatphobic, misogynistic, sexist or, in general, discriminatory behavior towards any minority or marginalized subjects.

In addition to the sectors listed above, the organization has problems establishing collaborations with:

- A. Companies with a proven poor track record on labor rights and environmental sustainability.

- B. Companies with a proven poor reputation with respect to ethical sponsorships and marketing actions such as, for example, greenwashing and pinkwashing.
- C. Companies with a proven poor reputation with respect to diversity management, equality and/or inclusion within their corporate culture.
- D. Companies and entities that adopt unethical business methods and practices at the expense of people and communities with a low socio-economic status.

The list in this document is not exhaustive and an assessment will be carried out on each potential sponsor or partner from time to time.

### 3. FINAL TERMS

In addition to what was previously established, these final provisions are added.

- A. Under no circumstances will the organization promote corporate products or services. Visibility of the support received will always be made in accordance with the terms agreed upon time of the sponsorship agreement.
- B. The organisation will not accept from any corporate partner more than 10% of the current year's budget (or, if different, the year in which the funded initiative is scheduled to take place) so as not to risk compromising its integrity. This does not include money raised through employee and customer fundraising as part of any corporate partnership agreement.
- C. Corporate sponsorships with a value greater than €2,500 must be approved internally by our board of directors.
- D. Contracts with partners must allow the organisation to withdraw from any partnership where new developments involve a breach of the provisions of this Partnership & sponsorship ethics policy.

This document will be updated, supplemented and amended whenever deemed necessary by the organisation. ■

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## WHY IS ACCESSIBILITY SO IMPORTANT TO US?

Torino Pride firmly believes that prides should be accessible to anyone, no matter their physical, cognitive or personal abilities.

When the Zan bill, a proposed law to protect LGBTQIA+ people, women, and people with disabilities, was rejected in October 2021, a rupture occurred. Faced with the shocking sight of right-wing and far-right parliamentarians cheering wildly over the latest defeat of civil rights, the community united to stand against the rampant hatred. **Intersectionality has become paramount**, as those at the intersection of more than one marginalized identity often face **multiple, interconnected discriminations** that can exacerbate the negative effects on their lives and well-being.

For this reason, a **collaboration** has started between the **Torino Pride** and **local associations** focused on **accessibility** to work towards common objectives to ensure that no one is left behind.

Since 2022, Torino Pride has included a **sensory decompression area** within the parade for everyone that might need it. A quiet space marked by a dedicated banner with Pride volunteers providing support and guidance. We are aware that pride will never be silent, but we are committed to creating an inclusive space, so before the parade starts, we offer earplugs, mineral salts, and stim fidget toys. In 2024, training was held with the Mai Ultimi staff, a student collective that aims to educate on disability, SLD, SEN, ADHD, combat able-ism, and support the disabled community towards empowerment and rights awareness. The training aimed to prepare Pride volunteers assigned to the decompression space to ensure optimal management during the parade.

For those with **mobility issues**, a small bus is available at the head of the parade, following the en-

tire march to allow participation without leaving the event.

The **pride route** is always available on the website showing the presence of accessible bathrooms, sensory decompression points along the route, and rough roads or areas that may present difficulties for people with mobility impairments.

**Speeches** from the Pride stage are always available in text form a few minutes before they are delivered and a **sign language interpreter** translates them simultaneously.

The **stage** itself is accessible and has an uncongested area for those who need a quieter space.

In 2024, volunteers from Torino Pride and Disability Pride participated in a joint training session at CasArcobaleno. The Disability Pride Network (DPN) is an informal network of organizations and individuals which serves as a powerful amplifier for the voices of people with disabilities, their families, and their advocates engaged in the struggle for a world accessible to all.

This training allowed the sharing of knowledge and skills, improving the volunteer staff's ability to address inclusivity and accessibility needs. The collaboration between Torino Pride and Disability Pride Torino also took shape through active and mutual participation in our respective Prides.

Torino Pride wants to be a place where everybody feels welcome and safe; we believe intersectionality and accessibility to be crucial stepping stones to reach this goal. ■

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## THE ALARMING SITUATION OF LGBTQIA+ MIGRANTS

All the associations in Torino Pride have been dealing for years with many requests from migrant people, and have saved many lives.

The human rights situation of LGBTQIA+ migrants continues to be alarming globally: 73 states have explicit laws criminalizing consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex. To understand the magnitude of this number, just think that this figure corresponds to approximately a third of the countries in the world. This should also be added to the fact that in 13 countries belonging to the United Nations - equal to 6% - the death penalty is foreseen for those who have homosexual relations.

Within the European Union, the LGBTQIA+ community is still subject to hatred and violence and, even today, member states present conflicting and ambiguous attitudes regarding the recognition of the rights of LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers.

For its part, **international law** does not explicitly protect LGBTQIA+ migrant people with specific laws, nor does the Geneva Convention on the status of refugees of 1951 include them, but international jurisprudence, considering the Yogyakarta Principles of 2006, the European Charter of Rights fundamentals of 2000 and the UNHCR Guidelines of 2012, decided to include them in the name of the **principle of non-discrimination**. Italian jurisprudence did the same thing in a 2015 ruling.

Nonetheless, on 9 March 2023 the Italian Parliamentary Commission examined the proposal of the Northern League MP Igor Iezzi to eliminate sexual orientation and gender identity from the range of reasons for requesting special protection.

In fact, in April the European Parliament drafted a Proposal for a Resolution in which it accuses Italy,

together with Poland and Hungary, of carrying out anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric and which states that the Parliament «expresses concern for the current anti-rights, anti-gender and anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetorical movements at a global level, fueled by some political and religious leaders around the world, including in the EU» and that “such movements [...] legitimize the rhetoric according to which LGBTQIA+ people are an ideology rather than human beings.”

In the wake of this legal oblivion, it seems necessary to underline that many of these people who decide (or are forced) to migrate suffer a **series of violences** perpetuated over time in their country of origin. We mean **socio-cultural discrimination** when you are stigmatized by your family, your community and marginalized due to belonging to the LGBTQIA+ community; we mean **systemic violence** when even the State (citizens, law enforcement and paramilitary forces) in which the person is born and raised violates their fundamental rights through persecution, in-the-name-of-honour killings or death sentence; we also mean **psychological and/or physical** (sometimes even sexual) **violence**, perpetrated by each of these social actors.

The consequences of this **vulnerability** can be multiple: most likely, the person may try to hide their orientation or gender identity to avoid repercussions; they could also develop internalized homophobia or transphobia, rejecting this component of their own identity: the person could therefore come to hate themselves and have actual suicidal thoughts; finally, a consequence could be that the person decides or is forced to abandon

their country to look for a place where they can be themselves freely.

As it is easy to imagine, the situation of LGBTQIA+ migrant people arriving in Italy is very delicate: they often find themselves victims of **double stigmatization** and are therefore discriminated against both as migrants and as LGBTQIA+ people. It is very likely that they avoid coming into contact with other migrant people coming from the same country, or that they are explicitly shunned by them: therefore the support network that usually helps a person socialise and find information is completely absent, with no chance of any real support in their process of integration to the host country. For example, they may struggle more to find housing and a job. Furthermore, in the context of reception centres, they will be afraid that their orientation or identity will be revealed to other guests and that this will lead to the perpetuation of the discrimination already suffered.

For their complexity to emerge, each of these stories would need a space in which to be told, each of these people would need to see their voice amplified and listened to; although international legislation has taken a step in the right direction, the path towards true respect of human rights is still very long and this is why Torino Pride, after having focused on this 2022 AGM, intends to develop practices and actions towards the countries of North Africa and the Middle East. ■

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## INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE

All the associations in Torino Pride have been dealing for years with many requests from migrant people, and saved many lives.

LGBTQIA+ people generally have the same health needs as the heterosexual and cisgender population, but **exposure** (often still on a daily basis due to the persistence of homobitranegative stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination across all areas of society) **to experiences of stigmatization, harassment and social inequalities, requires that health care professions providers pay specific attention to the health care needs of these people.**

Access to and the use of health care services - as well as the use availability of resources that are crucial in terms of health such as family and friends support, school, housing and work - is often disadvantaged difficult for LGBTQIA+ people **with important negative effects** on their mental and/or physical health. Although it has been shown that belonging to the LGBTQIA+ population is not in itself indicative of psychopathology, the Minority Stress theory explains that individuals belonging to minorities, including those linked to sexual orientation and gender identity, **are exposed to greater risks of psychological distress** compared to the hetero and cis population precisely due to social stress linked to prejudice and stigma. Furthermore, **various barriers** persist in accessing healthcare services which can result in lead to the distancing of LGBTQIA+ people not going to get the care they need, but it can also have from services, but also have a negative impact on prevention and promotion of well-being and treatment practices. In fact, due to real or perceived homobitranegativity, this segment of the population delays or avoids access to healthcare services (or turns away they simply do not go back after the their first access

to care), omits information to medical personnel, denies consent to procedures, is not intercepted by screening programs, does not access fertility preservation services, relies on do-it-yourself medicine and adopts self-harming behaviors that predispose them to the development of chronic pathologies (such as abuse of food, tobacco, alcohol and substances drugs abuse) more frequently than to the hetero and cis population.

It is therefore urgent **that healthcare personnel are trained to adequately take care of LGBTQIA+ people** in order to provide inclusive, fair, non-discriminatory services capable of intercepting and truly responding to the specific healthcare needs of this segment of the population.

This is the link to an important and recent study conducted by the European Project "An insight on LGBTI+ health in Greece, Italy and Belgium". ■

<https://lgbtq-insight-project.eu/good-practices-guide/>

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# SPEECH BY ALESSIA CROCINI (PRESIDENT OF FAMIGLIE ARCOBALENO)



Human Rights Conference  
Thessaloniki, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Good morning, my name is Alessia Crocini, President of Famiglie Arcobaleno, the Italian association that has been fighting for the rights of same-sex couples, LGBTQIA+ parents and their children since 2005. I would like to thank Thessaloniki Pride and Torino Pride, a candidate for EuroPride 2027, for the invitation and the opportunity to talk about the situation of Rainbow Families in Italy.

Italy is the only founding member state of the European Union and the only country in Western Europe to neither recognise equal marriage, the right to adoption for single parents and same-sex couples, nor recognition at birth for children with two mothers or two fathers.

Italy is one of the few European countries not to allow single women and female couples access to medically assisted procreation techniques.

Italy is perhaps the first European country to pass a law making it a universal crime to carry out pregnancy for others, even if done abroad in countries where it is legal.

A new bill by Fratelli d'Italia, the party of Premier Giorgia Meloni, is currently on its way to the Italian Senate, which wants to criminalise surrogacy with fines of up to one million euro and penalties of up to two years in prison.

Moreover, the Lega party of deputy prime minister Matteo Salvini has proposed an increase in fines to €2 million and imprisonment of up to 10 years.

The bill's petitioner, Carolina Varchi, stated a few days ago that she and her party Fratelli d'Italia are committed to stop and cancel any advancement of rights for LGBTQIA+ people.

Only three months after Italy's Meloni government took office, its Home Affairs Minister Piantedosi sent a letter to Prefectures to force mayors to stop issuing birth certificates with two mothers or two fathers. As a result of this action, the Padua Public Prosecutor's Office appealed against more than 45 birth certificates of children with two mothers to cancel one of the two.

All over Italy we are witnessing a gradual demolition of every effort that had tried to safeguard the rights of children with LGBTQIA+ parents in the lack of a national law.

Meloni Government has now declared war on LGBTQIA+ families and trans people with shameful actions unworthy of a civilised country.

Today in Italy, a child born to a couple of two mothers is legally recognised only by the mother who gives birth to the child, and if the child has two fathers, only by the biological father.

The only path open is stepchild adoption, which forces the non-recognised parent to adopt their own children before a Children's Court in a long, expensive and humiliating process.

We are forced as LGBTQIA+ mothers and fathers to have meetings with social workers and psychologists and to take our children to social services in order to have what is rightfully ours, the fact that we are the mothers and fathers of our children every day of their lives.

We are treated as criminals and are forced to spend our time in court to ensure that even the most basic rights of citizenship are granted to us.

The current Deputy Prime Minister Salvini, when he was Home Affairs Minister in 2019 (twenty nineteen), changed the law on children's identity cards by replacing the word 'Parents' with 'MOTHER and FATHER' with the only purpose of discriminating against families with two mothers and two fathers.

On my son's identity card, I am registered as 'father' and I travel around Europe with a document issued by my country with incorrect information.

We have already won two instances in court on this case, but the Home Affairs Minister is now pursuing us to the third instance in an attempt to win against logic, common sense and law: children with same-sex parents do exist in Italy and are entitled to an identity document that reflects the real structure of their families.

The Home Affairs Ministry is also fighting alongside the public prosecutor's office to clear one of the two mothers of the 45 children in Padua.

The lawyers of my association together with those of Rete Lenford have already secured a victory in the first instance and we are waiting for the sentence of the Court of Appeal in Venice.

The Italian Constitutional Court has ruled several times on the issue: stepchild adoption is not a solution, a Parliament law is needed to give children of same-sex couples the same rights as all other children and teenagers in Italy.

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All we have in Italy at the moment is the law on civil unions approved by the Democratic Party in 2016 which does not include any child rights and does not grant the right to adoption.

As a result, our children have half the rights their peers have, since the government deprives them of one of their parents.

These children are deprived of their right to their inheritance, to health, to education, to serenity.

To inheritance, because wills are not legally valid to secure the entire inheritance of parents who are not legally recognised.

To education, because a parent who is not legally recognised cannot enrol his or her child into a school, he or she must have a proxy even for the most mundane of tasks such as accompanying or picking up a child to school. And he or she cannot actively participate in school life by becoming a class representative, for example.

To health, because the non-legal parent cannot: choose a paediatrician, take their child for a vaccine, sign up for life-saving treatments, take parental leave from work, take leave and benefits for children with disabilities.

Stepchild adoption is not good enough because it is a process that can last up to five years and in that window of time the parent can become ill and die without being able to guarantee the protection of the child's rights.

Birth certificates of children born through surrogacy abroad are not registered, thus also denying Italian citizenship and forcing minors to live as foreigners in their own country.

The same thing happens to the children of women who give birth abroad who are denied the transcription of their birth certificates by the Italian authorities.

In the last few days, two mothers, one Italian and the other American, have been condemned to pay 15,000 (fifteen thousand) euros in legal fees simply for having requested recognition of them both as mothers of their child. The child was born in Italy and has two mothers, but his American mother gave birth to him and therefore he has no right to Italian citizenship.

Even though the ECHR (European Court of Human Rights) has defined stepchild adoption as sufficient to guarantee the rights of children with same-sex parents, it is totally inadequate in the case of conflictual separations because in order to obtain adoption, the legal parent's authorisation is needed. We have couples of separated mothers who have not seen their children for years and even end up spending tens of thousands of euros in legal fees just to obtain a right of visit.

Because of this situation, my association, Famiglie Arcobaleno, has been working for social and legislative change in Italy for almost 20 years.

We organise conferences, the most recent one just a few months ago was an international conference on surrogacy and it hosted jurists, anthropologists, lawyers, testimonies of women who have carried out pregnancies for others, teenagers born through surrogacy.

We provide training for schools, companies, professional bodies and the public administration because we know how important it is to implement change in every area of society.

Famiglie Arcobaleno funds pilot legal actions in the courts to obtain the rights that politics and parliament do not grant us.

We organise events to make our families visible to all Italian people: parties, talks, workshops for adults and children.

Precisely because politics continues to neglect our rights, we decided to write a bill together with Rete Lenford, an Italian association of lawyers and jurists who fight for LGBTQIA+ rights.

This law plans to extend to same-sex couples and single parents the rights that are currently exclusively granted to couples formed by a man and a woman, in particular:

- marriage
- adoption for singles and same-sex couples
- recognition of children at birth for same-sex couples
- medically assisted procreation also for single women and female couples.

Together with the Luca Coscioni Association for scientific Freedom we have written another bill for ethical surrogacy.

We are sure that changes in a country take place at different levels, the Italian society right now is far ahead of its politics, but an extreme right-wing homophobic, conservative and misogynist political party such as the one now governing Italy is likely to set the country back one hundred years.

The Italian LGBTQIA+ movement is going through a dark moment while we were convinced that the path of rights could only move forward.

They may slow us down but they will not stop us because we have survived Fascism, Nazism, homophobic laws, persecution, we have made the Resistance a way of life and we will conquer our rights by continuing to march united, even and especially if this happens at a European level.

Thank you. ■

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