

## **EPOA AGM 2024 – Resolution 2024/03**

Resolution proposed by: CSD Berlin and others

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### **Resolution Proposal by Berliner CSD e.V. (Berlin Pride)**

Supporting member organizations:

1. The Outing Queer Arts Collective and Festival Ireland
2. Athens Pride
3. Warsaw Pride / Fundacja Wolontariat Równości
4. Inter-LGBT | Interassociative lesbienne, gaie, bie et trans
5. Sofia Pride | GLAS Foundation
6. aeQuum, co-organizer of Algarve Pride
7. Helsinki Pride Community

Proposed Amendment to the EPOA Bylaws

Addition to Chapter Four: Board

Proposed Article and Paragraph: Add a new section under Chapter Four, Board, following the existing responsibilities.

Proposed Amendment (New Paragraph 4.18):

#### **4.18 Geopolitical and Crisis Response Digital Space**

If five or more member organizations submit a written request (via email or other communication) to the Board concerning a global, European, or national geopolitical matter—defined as any issue impacting the community or global human rights within the European continent, including non-EU countries, as well as other international crises—the Board shall be obligated to establish a digital space for discussion and exchange among the membership.

The purpose of this digital space shall be to facilitate dialogue, share perspectives, and explore potential actions by EPOA, its members, or national organizations to address the matter. The platform will serve as a forum for sharing ideas and coordinating efforts without requiring EPOA to issue a formal statement.

The digital space shall be organized by at least one Board member (preferably the Membership and Outreach Director), who may, but is not required to, lead the session. One of the five requesting members must co-lead the session alongside the Board member. A minimum of two Board members shall participate in the discussions and provide a report to the full Board. The Board shall announce the date and time of the digital space within seven days of receiving the request from member organizations and shall hold the session within 14 days thereafter.

The digital space may include participation from non-EPOA member organizations, LGBTIQ+ organizations, human rights groups, or expert individuals, who may be invited by the five requesting organizations or by the Board itself. The Board shall establish and communicate the rules governing each online session at the outset of each digital space.

#### Argumentation:

The experience of online discussions concerning geopolitical crises has highlighted the diverse perspectives within EPOA's membership and demonstrated the value of such dialogues in enabling each member organization to communicate effectively and develop appropriate responses. As a leading organization for Pride organizers across Europe and beyond, EPOA should provide a platform for members to discuss, learn, and deliberate on how to respond to such crises. This initiative will strengthen EPOA's role in supporting LGBTI+ communities, advancing human rights for all, and fostering collaboration among current and prospective members.