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on Male Health



3<sup>rd</sup> REGIONAL CONSULTATION  
on HIV among MSM and Trans\* people in EECA



# A Regional Review

of national legislation related to SOGI and HIV in EECA

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Tallinn, Estonia

Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS:  
Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV/AIDS  
adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 June 2010

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- “The full realisation of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all is an essential element in the global response to the HIV epidemic, including in areas of prevention, treatment, care and support”

# The relationship between HIV and Human Rights



Increased vulnerability



Stigma and discrimination



Impedes an effective response

Technical Brief on HIV, Human Rights and Gender Equality  
published by the Global Fund on 29 October 2019

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- “Human rights-based HIV programmes should be implemented according to the local context and address the specific underlying social, cultural, political and economic issues that increase vulnerability to HIV and cause other related health problems”



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What have our governments done?



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# What have our communities done?



# Only 2 countries of CEECA

## Georgia and North Macedonia

have a law defining what discrimination is and prohibiting discrimination in various areas, with SOGI directly mentioned in the list of protected grounds



## Only Georgia

have specific and clear “hate crime” provisions in the Criminal Code with a list of aggravating circumstances clearly and specifically mentions SOGI in it



## 2 countries of CEECA Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

still criminalise homosexuality



# Russian Federation

has an active law on the prohibition "gay propaganda"



## 5 countries of CEECA

have had draft laws submitted to the Parliament on the prohibition of “gay propaganda”



## 3 countries of CEECA

Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

were previously banning Pride March events, directly violating freedom of assembly and freedom of speech for LGBTQ



## 3 countries of CEECA

Armenia, North Macedonia, Ukraine

have fixed healthcare rules which set limitations for gay men and other MSM to become blood donors

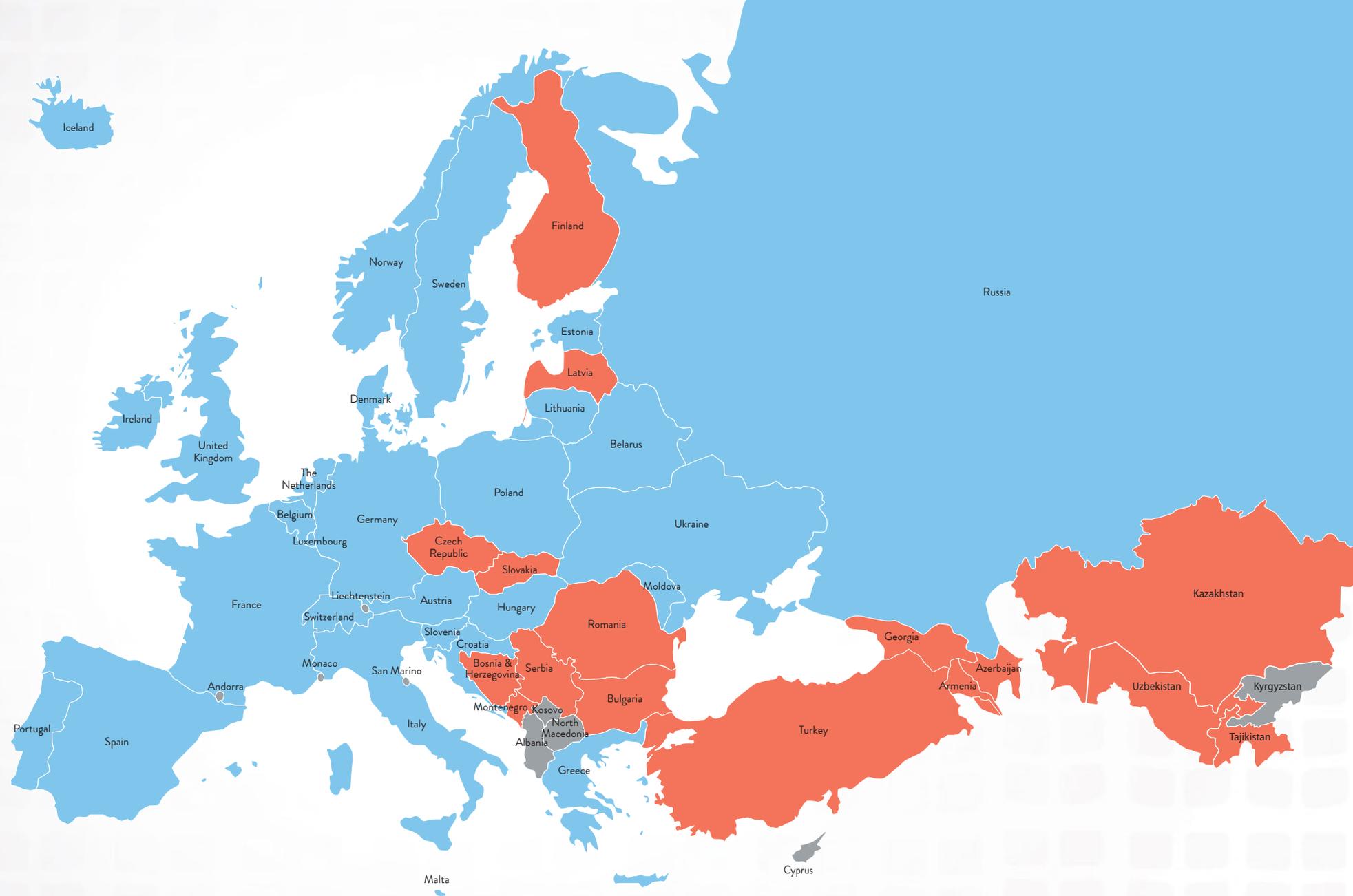




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# Forced Sterilisation

Trans Rights Map & Index 2019



- Sterilisation required
- No Sterilisation required
- No Legal Gender Recognition



## 2 countries of CEECA

Russian Federation and Tajikistan

include legal limitation for NGOs providing HIV-services to gay men, other MSM or trans people

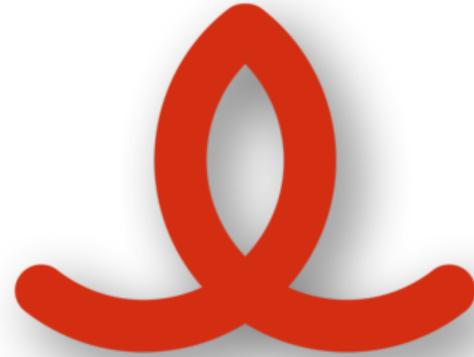


# Communities at the center

- Defending rights
- Breaking barriers
- Reaching people with HIV services



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Communities make difference!