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LGBT INCLUSION

The social inclusion of LGBT people. Public attitudes and evidence-based interventions to increase their quality of life



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The true measure of a democracy is the way it treats its minorities. One minority that shows a possible rift forming between the Western and Eastern European countries' attitudes on this issue is the LGBT community.

Evidence suggests that people who identify as LGBT face workplace and social discrimination, marginalization and poorer mental and physical health outcomes, and even legal barriers.

A recent European Commission (2014) survey showed that **53% of LGBT participants in Romania felt discriminated against or harassed because of their sexual orientation**. This problem is also experienced in the classroom, as 30% of Romanian LGBT students report feeling discriminated by teachers.

Moreover, little is known on the interpersonal processes in contemporary Romania, including the consequences of stigmatization and prejudice for LGBT people.

Project Objectives

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O1. The social inclusion of LGBT people in contemporary Romania – public opinion and a cross-country comparative analysis between Norway and Romania

O2. Validation of an intervention program to reduce teachers' level of prejudices and negative attitudes toward LGBT persons and establish means to confront social exclusion behaviors in students.

O3. Validation of an online intervention to increase the ability of LGBT persons to cope with adverse events through self-acceptance and personal agency

Project Key Targets

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 Providing status of contemporary level of social inclusion of LGBT in Romania and Norway (O1).

 ✓ Proposing an agenda or policy recommendations to improve the status quo, with a particular emphasis on Romania, based on the results of the study (O1).

- Reducing teachers' level of prejudice and negative attitude against LGBT persons as they are key actors in school settings (O2).
- Provide teachers with tools to confront social exclusion among pupils and students of LGBT persons (develop intervention tools) (O2).
 - Improving the quality of life among early adult LGBT and reducing the risk for mental health problems by developing and implementing an intervention tool (O3).

✓ Taking active measure to upscale the impact of the obtained results (O2 and O3).