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# **Rainbow Europe:**

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## **Rainbow Europe County Index**

The Rainbow Europe Country Index rates each European country on its legislation affecting the human rights of LGB people. The Rainbow Index is based on the legislation and practices reflected in our Rainbow Europe map. The rating places a country on a scale between 10 (maximum positive score) and -4 (maximum negative score) and is an average of total possible positive and negative points. Positive points are awarded to a country which has legislation protecting from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation; recognising same-sex partnership; parenting rights of same-sex partners; and cover homophobia in hate speech/crime legislation. The negative points are awarded to the countries which have law banning same-sex sexual acts; have unequal age of consent; and violated the rights of LGB people to peaceful assembly and freedom of association during the last 10 years.

#### How do we award the points?

### **Positive points:**

Anti-discrimination legislation:

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#### Partnership recognition\*:

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## Parenting:

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## Hate speech/crime legislation:

## Negative points: Same-sex acts illegal:

-1 point 💸

Unequal age of consent:

## -1 point 🚻

Violation of freedom of assembly:

-1 point

# Violation of freedom of association/ expression:

-1 point

\* In case a country has various forms of recognition (marriage and registered partnership, marriage and cohabitation or registered partnership and cohabitation), we award the country points according to the highest form of recognition

