

Dreilinden Fachtag Regenbogenphilanthropie

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Bitte beachten:

**Diese Materialien sind auf englisch, der Workshop wird aber
in deutscher Sprache ohne Übersetzung stattfinden.**

What is intersex and who are intersex people?

A short explanation can be found in 30 languages on OII Europe's community website <https://intervisibility.eu> as well as, for most of these languages, the 2015 Recommendations of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe on the protection of intersex people. Available languages: Arabic, Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Icelandic, Macedonian, Maltese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian

Covid-19

OII Europe (2020): *COVID-19. A report on the situation of intersex people in Europe and Central Asia*. Authored by Dan Christian Ghattas, with Irene Kuzemko. Questionnaire developed by Irene Kuzemko. Berlin. https://oiiurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/covid-19-survey-report-OII_Europe.pdf

Intersex Lives

OII Europe (2019): #MyIntersexStory. Personal accounts by intersex people living in Europe. With a text by intersex scholar Janik Bastien-Charlebois "On our own terms and in our own words": The value of first person accounts of intersex experience. Berlin https://oiiurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/testimonial_broch_21-21cm_for_web.pdf

[Read our 108-pages strong brochure "*#MyIntersexStory – Personal accounts by intersex people living in Europe*" with fifteen testimonies by intersex people and their families and with fifteen colourful illustrations by intersex artist and OII Europe staff member Ins A Kromminga. This book also includes a text by intersex scholar and sociology professor Janik Bastien Charlebois "*On our own terms and in our own words*": The value of first-person accounts of intersex experience.]

OII Europe Intersex Awareness Weeks Campaign 2020: <https://intersexlives.oiiurope.org>

[When we speak about being intersex, it often is overlooked that we are not only the survivors of systemic human rights violations worldwide, who suffer the consequences that are often created by the harmful practices carried out in the medical field. While most of us found ways to carry on, these experienced violations of our bodies and minds had and have an impact on our life choices or opportunities, and they continue to be part of what makes us us.]

Statistical data on the general situation of intersex people

- OII Europe (2020): Infographic - Intersex youth face discrimination, physical violence and harassment <https://oiiurope.org/intersex-youth/>
- OII Europe (2020): Infographic - Intersex people face obstacles in regards of legal recognition <https://oiiurope.org/obstacles-legal-recognition/>

- OII Europe (2020): Infographic - Intersex people in Europe face housing and economic difficulties <https://oieurope.org/housing-and-economic-difficulties/>
- OII Europe (2020): Infographic - High rate of medical interventions on intersex people lack consent <https://oieurope.org/recent-survey-shows-high-rate-of-medical-interventions-on-intersex-people-lack-consent/>
- OII Europe (2020): Infographic - Intersex people in Europe face physical violence and harassment <https://oieurope.org/physical-violence-and-harassment/>
- OII Europe (2020): Infographic - high rate of discrimination of intersex people in Europe <https://oieurope.org/recent-survey-shows-high-rate-of-discrimination-of-intersex-people-in-europe/>

[Infographics based on the intersex specific findings from of the 2019/20 Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) LGBTI Survey available through the FRA data explorer]

Protection of intersex people

Dan Christian Ghattas (2019): Protection of Intersex People in Europe. A toolkit for law and policy makers. With digital appendix and checklist. Ed. by ILGA-Europe and OII Europe. <https://oieurope.org/protecting-intersex-people-in-europe-a-toolkit-for-law-and-policy-makers/>

[The toolkit describes the areas of life in which intersex people are most vulnerable to violations on the basis of their sex characteristics, and provides detailed guidance on what to do to minimise or eliminate these violations. The appendix serves to elaborate the existing legal landscape with references to and excerpts from statements, observations, and jurisprudence. Finally, the checklist is a simplified but complete list of the recommendations from the toolkit, designed as a quick reference guide for policymakers and public servants working to protect the rights of intersex people. *Also available in French and Spanish:* <https://oieurope.org/library-en/toolkit-cat/legal-toolkit/>]

Supporting intersex children and their parents

IGLYO, OII Europe, EPA (2018): Supporting your intersex child. Brussels, Berlin https://oieurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Supporting-your-intersex-child_WEB_final.pdf

[Is it a boy or a girl? This is the question that is asked the world over when someone gives birth. Many parents will answer that question without much thought. But for a significant number the answer will be more complex. *Also available in Albanian, Arabic, Dutch, French, Farsi, Greek, Icelandic, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Turkish:* <https://oieurope.org/library-en/toolkit-cat/parents-toolkit/>]

Good Practice Examples

The OII Europe good practice map <https://oieurope.org/library-en/map/>

[The annual Map features examples of Good Practices from all areas, incl. e.g. employment, data collection, research, legal protection, campaigning, awareness raising etc.]

How to be a good ally

Dan Christian Ghattas (2015): Standing up for the human rights of intersex people - How can you help. Ed. by ILGA-Europe and OII Europe. Brussels, Berlin <https://oieurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/How-to-be-a-great-intersex-ally-A-toolkit-for-NGOs-and-decision-makers-December-2015.pdf>

[Policy makers, health professionals, human rights defenders, teachers, we can all play a role to better respect, protect and promote the human rights of intersex people. The aim of this toolkit is to answer all the questions that come to your mind on what is it like to be intersex in Europe today, and how you can become a great intersex ally. Let's build on the momentum and work together for change. **Also available in Bulgarian, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Polish, Russian, Turkish:** <https://oiiurope.org/tag/allies-toolkit/>]

Legal Gender Recognition and 3rd gender marker

OII Europe, ILGA-Europe, C.I.A. (2020): *Y vs. France*, no. 76888/17. ECHR 2020. Written comments submitted jointly by

OII Europe, ILGA-Europe, C.I.A. <https://oiiurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Y-v-France- Final OII-Europe ILGA-Europe C.I.A. Submission-and-Appendix.pdf>

[The submission provides information about “intersex” as an umbrella term and the spectrum of variations of sex characteristics. It documents the violence and discrimination faced by intersex people due to lack of recognition of their human rights. It further reviews the current obstacles faced by intersex people seeking legal gender recognition, providing guidance on how to overcome them. Last, the submission brings to light the emerging trend towards recognition of gender identity as non-binary by placing recent national, regional and international law developments in the context of Article 8 of the Convention.]

Violation of Right to Privacy and intersex children

OII Europe (2020): Intersex children and the violation of their right to privacy. OII Europe submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy. Berlin https://oiiurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020_UN-SR-Right-to-Privacy-Submission_OII-Europe_FINAL-public.pdf

[The right to privacy includes a wide range of overlapping and interrelated rights protecting the individual's freedom as long as their actions do not interfere with the rights and freedoms of others. The ICCPR, Article 17, defines several components that apply to breaches of rights intersex children experience, such as ‘family’ and ‘home’ and ‘correspondence’.]

The CRPD and Intersex People

OII Europe (2015): Statement of OII Europe on Intersex, Disability and the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Berlin https://oiiurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/CRPD_2015_Statement_OII_Europe.pdf

[The submission explores key intersex issues in relation to the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities]