

The reception of LGBTIQ+ asylum seekers and refugees in Europe

12th October 2022 – 15:30 – 18:00* (followed by a drink)

European Parliament (Brussels) – Room SPAAK 7C50

This conference is organised with the support of the LGBTI Intergroup.

**The event will start at 16:00, so we kindly ask you to arrive no later than 15:30 to pass through the security checks.*

15:30 Participants arrival

16:00-16:10 Welcoming speech

Pierre Karleskind, MEP (France, Renew Europe), Vice-President of the LGBTI intergroup

16:10-16:25 Introduction of Rainbow Welcome project

Françoise Kemajou, Codirector, European think and do tank POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ-PLS
And the Rainbow Welcome consortium

16:25-17:00 Welcoming LGBTIQ+ refugees in Europe

Oliviero Aseglio, Spokesperson for Sarah Schlitz – Belgian Secretary of State for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity and former Spokesperson of Rainbow House Brussels

Mahamed Robleh Bourale, Coordinator, CADAL, the Brussels reception centre for LGBTIQ+ asylum seekers

Emmanuel Smaïl, Social worker, DENH, a specific facility for refugees and asylum seekers of the Fondation Le Refuge (France)

And with the refugees: **Mohamad, Rajae, Talal and Arsène**

17:00–17:20 What response at the European level?

Birgit Sippel, MEP (Germany, S&D), Rapporteur on the Screening Regulation, LIBE Member, LGBTI Intergroup Member

Abir Al-Sahlani, MEP (Sweden, Renew Europe), LIBE Member, LGBTI Intergroup Member

17:20-17:40 Q&A with the participants

17:40-17:50 Conclusion

Dimitri Verdonck, Director, Le Refuge Brussels

17:50–18:00 Closing remarks

Malin Björk, MEP (Sweden, The Left), Vice-President of the LGBTI intergroup

18:00–19:00 Drink



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