

On the guarantee of equal rights for LGBTIQ+ community across Europe

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 2-3 December 2022:

Notes that:

- on Wednesday 12 October 2022 in Bratislava, two queer young people, Matúš Horváth and Juraj Vankulič were brutally murdered and one other person was injured;
- this terrorist act, like all widespread verbal and physical attacks against LGBTIQ+ community, is a direct result of queerphobic campaigns against LGBTIQ+ community, hate speech spread by politicians and overall increase of hate crimes in Slovakia;
- fundamental rights of LGBTIQ+ persons are still not guaranteed and respected in our society and in some countries, such as Slovakia, LGBTIQ+persons do not have equal rights and are discriminated because of their queerness.

Believes that:

- all people in their diversity are born equal. They should enjoy the freedom to live without fear of intolerance, discrimination or violence;
- in Europe there is no place for LGBTIQ+ hatred and discrimination;
- national and European authorities should strive to prevent and combat all discrimination based on sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation or sex characteristics in all situations and aspects of life.

Calls for the ALDE Party, its member organisations and the EU institutions to:

- protect and promote gender equality and fundamental rights of all by upholding laws recognising the existence of same-sex relationships and rainbow families and ensure their freedom and safety;
- prevent and combat any form of gender-based violence targeting LGBTIQ+persons, such as forced sterilisations, and to protect them from any form of hate crime resulting from queerphobia, homophobia or transphobia;
- condemn hate speech and anti-LGBTIQ+ rhetoric spread by politicians and other public figures;
- increase effort to ensure education promoting the civic values of diversity, equality and respect and to support civil society defending LGBTIQ+ rights, especially through systemic and data-based approach to relationship and sexual education.

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