



# Growing LGBTIQ+ sports movements

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# Overview and figures



**5,524**

LGBTI respondents  
completed the  
survey in the EU

**20%**

refrain from participating in a  
sport of interest due to their  
sexual orientation and/or  
gender identity.

**82%**

have witnessed homo-/  
transphobic language in sport  
in the last 12 months.

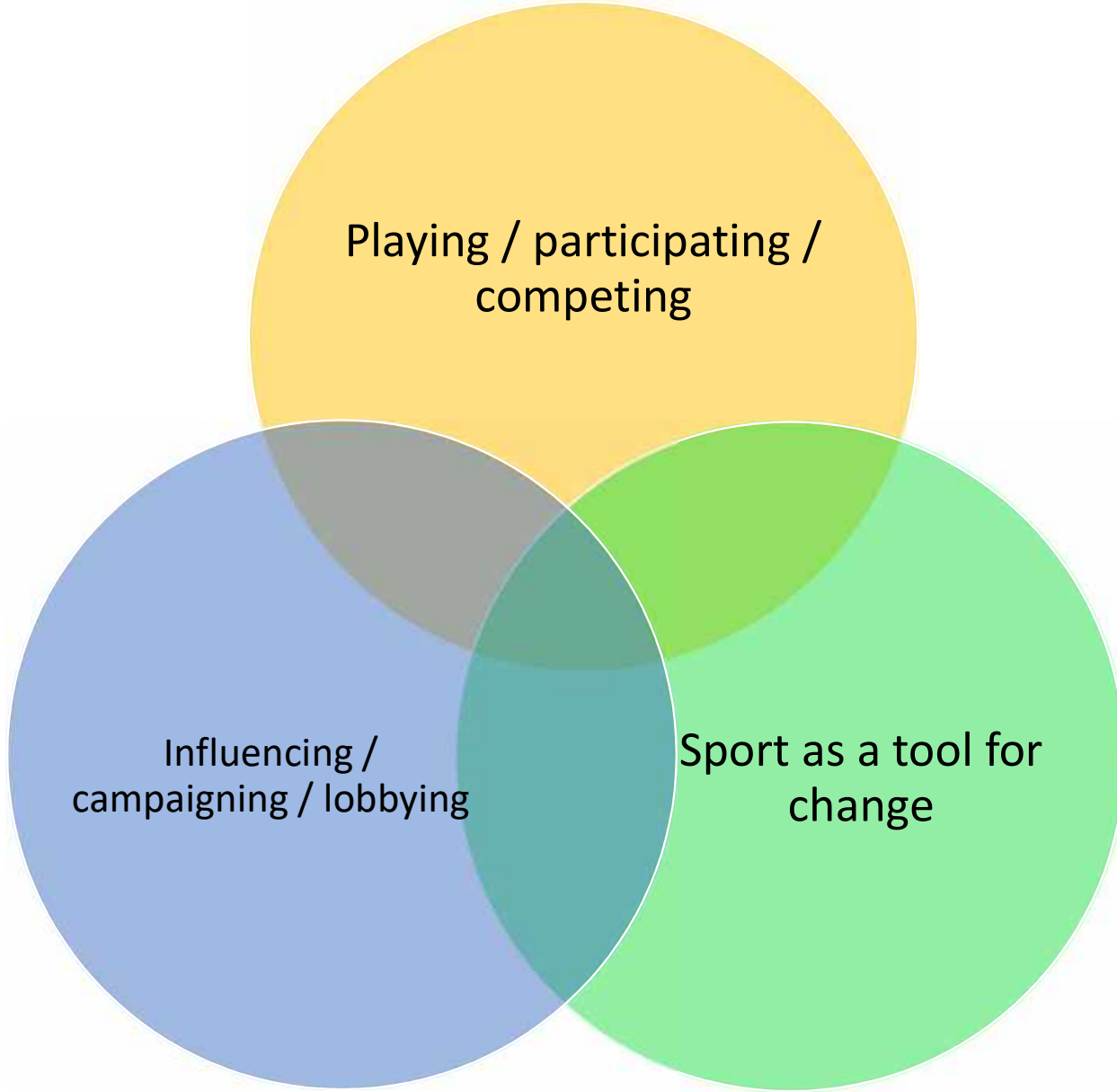
Almost

**90%**

consider homophobia  
and particularly transphobia  
in sport a current problem.

**33%**

remain completely closeted  
in their sports context.



# narrowing the margins

- \* **Changing sport inside out:** Hugh Torrance, LEAP Sports
- \* **Inclusion practice in sport:** Martin Munoz, Seitenwechsel
- \* **Sport as a tool for community empowerment:** Miroslava Manavska, Bilitis
- \* **Reclaiming sport:** Robert Furiel, Sapling
- \* **Participation & celebration, the case of the Gay Games:** Emy Ritt, Paris 2018



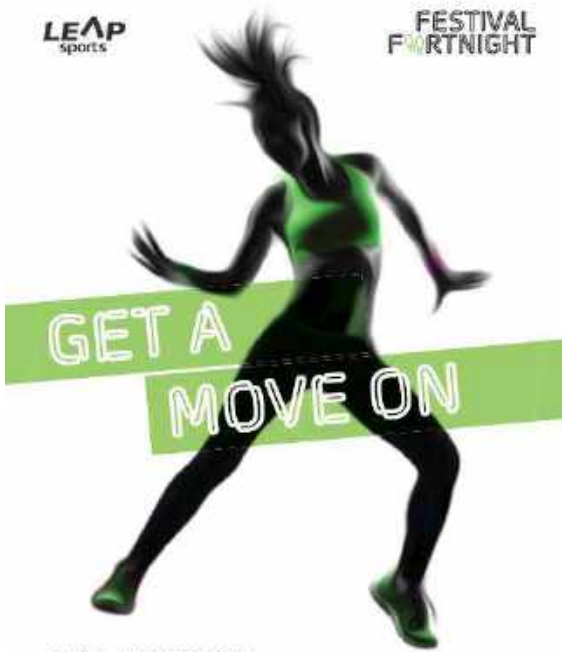






LEAP  
sports





1-14 JUNE 2015  
ZUMBA, DEBATES, WF7 TOURNAMENT, DARTS, INDOOR CLIMBING, FILM SCREENING,  
QUIZ, BUBBLE FOOTBALL AND MUCH MORE - WHAT ARE YOU GAME FOR?  
[WWW.FESTIVALFORTNIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.FESTIVALFORTNIGHT.ORG)





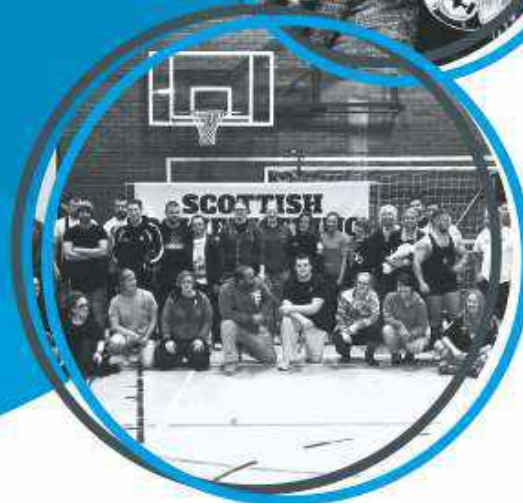


FUN  
ENERGY  
RESPECT  
EQUALITY  
**PRIDE YOUTH GAMES**  
COMMUNITY  
CO-OPERATION  
COMPETITION  
ACCEPTANCE  
SPORT



*“Not many sports can bring you together as a couple and improve your identity and mental health.”*

*- Ashleigh & Connie,  
Scottish Powerlifting*



**SPORT  
CHANGES  
LIVES**

*Breaking down the structural, social and personal barriers which prevent LGBTI people from accessing, participating and excelling in Scottish sports - [www.leapsports.org](http://www.leapsports.org)*

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# MANIFESTO FOR INCLUSIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

INCLUSIVE SPORT  
IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS





# Seitenwechsel

Sportverein für  
FrauenLesbenTrans\*Inter\*  
und Mädchen e.V.





## Seitenwechsel – Sports club für women/lesbians/trans\*/inter\* and girls

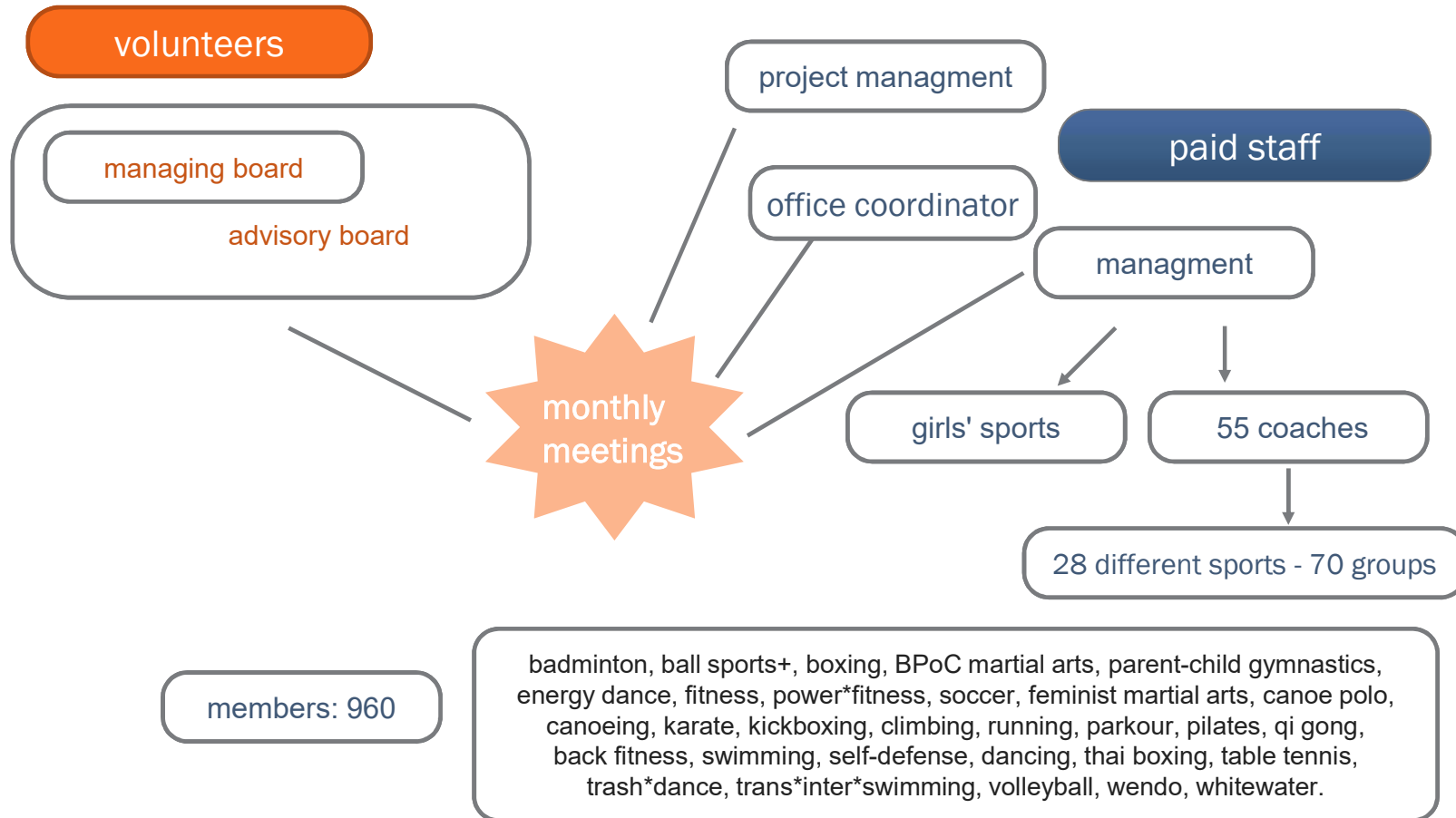
Founded in 1988



### Goals

- ▶ lesbians wanted to do sports together
- ▶ lesbian visibility in sports
- ▶ alternative choice of sport activities
- ▶ Fighting discrimination against women/lesbians in sports
- ▶ political work in local and international committees and confederations

# SEITENWECHSEL TODAY



## OFFICIALLY OPENING THE CLUB FOR TRANS\* & INTER\* PEOPLE



## Measures taken regarding the opening for trans\* & inter\*:

- ▶ changing the wording of advertising and forms
- ▶ training the trainers: workshops and handouts
- ▶ creating a work group „trans\*/inter\*/antidiscrimination“
- ▶ employing trans\* among the trainers as well as on the boards and as paid staff
- ▶ register „gender neutral“ and self-chosen Name

## Important needs in the training day

- ▶ gender binary dressing rooms and toilets at the gyms – how to deal with it?
- ▶ welcoming culture (pronoun/name round)







# Queer Summer Splash



# Sport as a tool for community empowerment

## The case of Bulgaria

- No registered LGBTI sports clubs
- Lack of professional athletes who are out and can serve as role models
- Hostile public environment and very low social acceptance of LGBTI
- Lack of political support
- No legal recognition or protection for LGBTI people





# Sport as a tool for community empowerment



## Sofia Pride Sports

- ✓ aimed at addressing important for the LGBTI community topics through sports;
- ✓ mobilizes the community;
- ✓ introduces sport as part of the LGBTI community life in Bulgaria;
- ✓ creates safe space;
- ✓ builds sense of belonging;
- ✓ promotes wellbeing.





**LOVE  
VOLLEY**

SOFIA PRIDE SPORTS 2019



”  
**GOOD  
FRIENDS  
AND  
FAIR  
PLAY**  
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SOFIA PRIDE SPORTS 2019





- Est. 2012
- 4 areas
  - Community
  - Trainings and youth
  - Košice PRIDE
  - PRIZMA counselling and community centre



# Slovakia

- Approx. 5 mio inhabitants
- EU member since 2004
- rather Christian country BUT after 40 years of Communism
- Neoliberal ethos with broken-down left / socialistic alternatives
- „stranded“





# Lotosové Kvety

- Sports Club „Lotus Flowers“
- Est. 2012
- Our mission:
  - Involvement of LGBTI/Q individuals and all friendly fellows in a variety of sports and social activities
  - Improvement in healthy lifestyle and social intercourse of LGBTI/Q people



# Our sports background



OPPOSING HOMOPHOBIA/BIPHOBIA/TRANSPHOBIA IN FOOTBALL AND REAL LIFE

**SOBOTA**  
**23. FEBRUÁRA 2019**

tretí futbalový turnaj  
Vykopnime homofóbiu!  
FARE / Football v Homophobia

#FARE #FvH2019 #LGBTQI



FEB  
20

Vykopnime homofóbiu! #fvf2018

Public · Hosted by FreeQ Bratislava a

✓ Interested ▾

🕒 Feb 20, 2018 at 7 PM – Feb 27, 2018 at 10 PM  
More than a year ago

📍 Bratislava, Slovakia

✉ Invited by Richard Fekete



# Narrowing the Margins

Event Insights Edit ...


**31** Events

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- Saplinq, o.z.
- PRIDE Košice
- Amnesty International ...
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**MAY 10** Pride House@World Ice Hockey Championship 2019 in Bratislava  
Public · Hosted by Saplinq, o.z. and 2 others

✓ Going ...

🕒 May 10 at 6 PM – May 11 at 10:15 PM  
about 5 months ago

📍 Vegevagon

**INSIGHTS** See More

 <b>4.4K</b> People Reached +2 last 7 days	 <b>36</b> Responses +0 last 7 days
 Track ticket sales on your next event by adding a ticket link.	Audience <b>Women 25-34</b> 21% of total reach

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# Overview of events

**May 11** - A discussion on including LGBT+ people in sports in Slovakia with Hugh Torrance from LEAP Sports Scotland, Martin Munoz from Seitenwechsel and Ivan Tarapčík from Lotus Flowers

**May 12** - A workshop / discussion on establishing LGBT+ sports clubs with Hugh Torrance, Martin Munoz and István Manheim from Hungarian Atlasz Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Sport Association

**May 11 - May 12** - Three watching parties of ice hockey matches

**May 12** - A movie screening of the movie Mario













# PARIS 2018-Gay Games 10



**THOSE WHO DEFEND THE VALUES OF  
EQUALITY AND SOLIDARITY  
ARE CHAMPIONS**

From 4 to 12 August 2018 in Paris

**#AllChampions**  
**Paris2018.com**



# Key Statistics

## Paris 2018-Gay Games 10



- **The largest amateur sport and cultural event open to all.**
- Organised **every 4 years** by local LGBTIQ+ sport & culture associations
- **Open to all**, any age, sexual identity, ethnicity, race, or health status





# LEGACY



- **Economic Impact over 100€ million**
- Foundation **FIER** - *Foundation Inclusion for an Environment with Respect for LGBT+ people in Sport and Culture*
- **Videos**, Photos, 100+ Final Reports **multimedia library**
- French Sport Federations – enhanced policies
- Creation of Women’s Sport Group – Rosa Bonheur Modern Team
- Full-Length Commercial Feature Film in French: **Les Crevettes Pailletées** *[French water polo team trains for & competes in Croatian Gay Games.]*
- Sports Conference with 18 Recommendations
- Sustainable Development Analysis with 14 Commitments
- Increased Visibility for annual Paris International Tournament (precursor to Paris 2018)
- Continues Involvement in Community Projects
- Paris 2018 Board continues to work & play together





# Foundation FIER

## For Donations & Mecenat



### Formerly known as Fondation Inclusion Paris 2018

- Created in 2015
- Recognised as a 'General Interest' non-profit under the aegis of the Foundation FACE (Foundation Acting against Exclusion)
- Donations and legacies, tax-deductible

#### With 2 goals:



• Contribute to financing Paris 2018



• Promote inclusion of LGBT+ people in sport and culture

A financial solution allowing donors to deduct  
60% of each donation from taxable income

#### Tax Policy:

- Law n° 2003-709 of 1 Aug 2003, the « Law Aillagon», related to mecenat, associations, et foundations
- Article 238 bis of the Code Général des Impôts (Taxes)

### Total Funds Raised 2015-2018

#### 185 K€

Aéroport de Paris 50K€, Avanade 30K€, Pinklab 360 16,5K€, Contribution 10,5K€, KTS France 10K€, Paris 2018 7,5K€ et 12 individual donors 60,5K€)

# Current Issues

- \* Sport tends not to be seen in as fundamental or critical a way as other human rights
- \* Our community is so entirely disenfranchised that it is often self-policed and entirely deprioritised
- \* Key battleground for current anti LGBTIQ+ attack
- \* Right wing fascist movement
- \* People being out and visibly LGBTI within sport
- \* Opportunities for sharing our learning (regulations)
- \* The nuances of a non-homogenous movement
- \* Capacity, funding, burnout...same story different arena
- \* Accessibility and relevance of participation events and different models
- \* Trans\*Sport Europe



## To conclude...

- \* Greater emphasis is required on tackling LGBTIQ+ specific issues at all levels of sport and in all arenas
- \* Sport can be used as a political instrument with the ability to transform lives and build safer spaces for LGBTIQ people
- \* Incorporating sport into the LGBTIQ agenda allows us to build more intersectional policies capable of transforming the lives of those who make up our community, while making it a safer space.
- \* Sport is a powerful tool for community mobilisation and empowerment
- \* Sport can also be used as a powerful pedagogical tool within human rights education and equality agenda



# CEE You Sport Project

To establish a strong network and an effective intersectional cooperation among LGBTIQ sports clubs, their leaders and volunteers operating in the CEE region. Explore shared challenges and solutions while working together

*Netherlands, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Scotland (UK), Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Denmark*





# Beyond Binaries: Perspectives on hetero/homo normativity in sports





*Play friendly.  
Play proud.*

*You are invited to*

# **THE RELEVANCE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN SPORT**

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***Outcomes of the first EU-wide survey on LGBTI people in sport***



# **BUDAPEST NOVEMBER 8 2019**

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Szövetség u. 33  
1074 Budapest**







