

European Elections Project
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MONTHLY UPDATE

Who signed the Come Out Pledge?

[The Come Out 2014 European Elections Pledge](#) summarises the key issues that [ILGA-Europe](#) wants to see advanced at the EU level over the next five years, with the new European Parliament. The idea of the pledge was to mobilise support for human rights and LGBTI equality among the candidates for European Parliament and European Commission.

The pledge was signed by over 1.200 MEP candidates, including 199 elected MEPs. Following [this link](#) you can find out who signed the pledge.



ILGA will now make use of the fact that various EU parties and their leaders made clear statements during the campaign on issues such as the principle of an EU LGBTI equality roadmap, an EU hate crime legislation or a proactive work by EU institutions on discrimination and violence data collection, in order to advocate for specific actions to happen.

European Alternatives: the Transeuropa Caravans Update

Did you miss any of the cartoons, videos and impressions that were produced as part of [European Alternatives'](#) Transeuropa Caravans? You can explore all of the tour entries [here](#): find out what an LGBT activist

has to say about human rights in Poland compared to the situation in other European countries, what the Andalusian Federation of Roma Women in Seville thinks about politics and integration in Europe, or what an organisation formed by second generation of migrants in Greece struggles for on a day to day basis, to name a few examples.

In addition, The Video team of Transeuropa Caravans is putting together all the video material of the Caravans tour to produce a feature-length documentary to be premiered during the Campus at Schloss Wartin. It will reveal the richness of activities and initiatives visited and show the whole picture of all six caravans tour that travelled across Europe in May this year.

Information about European Alternative's Autumn Campus is available [here](#).



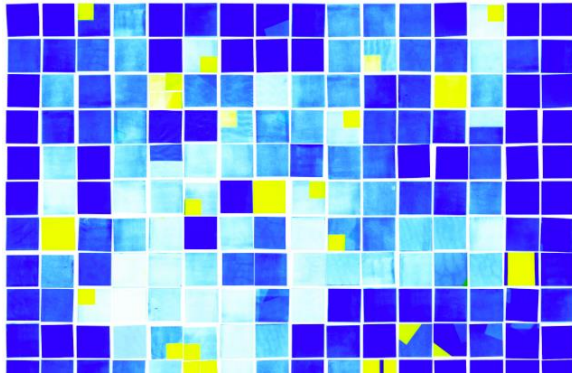
Inspired Impressions

As part of the European elections project implemented by [Bite the Ballot](#) in the UK and with some activities extended to other EU countries, the organisation launched an art and photography competition, EU-wide, called Inspired Impressions, which sought to

encourage the EU citizens to contemplate European identity in 2014.

The competition was open to citizens of every member state and aimed to inspire and engage eligible voters ahead of the European Parliamentary elections.

Check out the website with pictures of the entries and winners [here!](#)



From Sicily, a video against xenophobia!

[This video](#), produced by [CESIE](#) and shot at the Association Center Astalli Palermo, shows why in order to prevent the tendency inherent in the policy to discriminate against migrants for electoral purposes, xenophobia should be countered. The video is in Italian, with English subtitles.



CESIE contributes, through the active participation of people, civic society and institutions, towards the promotion of growth and development, always valuing diversity.

Operation Vote: Romanians in Italy

In Italy, during the last European elections, over half of the European migrants who voted were Romanian citizens. [This video](#), produced as part of [COSPE's Operation Vote Campaign](#) shows an interview (in Italian) to one of them, a young boy living in Italy for more than 12 years, who expressed his vote for the first time.



The Centre for Peace Studies: Disclosing Hate Speech and Discrimination

In the context of their European elections campaign, and in cooperation with [NewsBar](#), an online portal for satire news, the [Centre for Peace Studies](#) published fake news on a fake candidate for the EU parliament (in Croatian): Mr. Branko Đapić. The whole campaign was carefully planned, from the candidate's [political platform](#) (satiric rightist), and his public appearance (image, accent, biography, relations with other candidates), to the content of press releases, press conferences, and visuals for the campaign; there was even [a song](#) performed by a famous Croatian rapper (Mr. Kandžija Osijekanović) known for his engaged lyrics against political corruption and rightist rhetoric, and fake shows where he hosts other candidates.

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