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LGBTI+ Rights in the EU



Dear Reader,

On 22 March the Committee on Petitions will host a workshop on LGBTI+ Rights in the EU, organised by Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs.

Since not all Member States recognize same sex couples, rainbow families may experience difficulties when moving from one Member State to the other, as evidenced by petitions submitted to the Committee.

The study "Obstacles to the Free Movement of Rainbow Families in the EU" examines the various obstacles rainbow

families face when moving within the EU.

We look forward to you joining us.

*Dolores Montserrat, MEP
Chair of the Committee on Petitions*

Obstacles to the free movement of rainbow families

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



Rainbow families still face difficulties when exercising their right to free movement.

This study looks into the obstacles faced by rainbow families (same-sex couples, with/without children) when exercising their free movement rights in the EU. It examines how Member States treat

same-sex married couples, (un)registered partners and their children in cross-border situations, and suggests solutions.



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Webex online meeting
15 March 2021, 14h30-16h30

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Webinar
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TRAN **The use of hydrogen fuel in** **transport**

Workshop
16 March 2021, 13h35-15h15

PETI **LGBTI+ Rights in the EU**

Workshop
22 March 2021, 13h45-15h00

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Big data technologies and Artificial Intelligence

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



On 23 February Policy Department on Budgetary Affairs organized a workshop on the use of big data and Artificial Intelligence in fighting corruption and misuse of public funds. The workshop aimed to investigate how the new technologies are already being used in the field of fraud, corruption and malpractice detection, as well as prevention, what are the AI's limitations, and how its use could be improved.

The impact of COVID-19 crisis on EU security and defence

Policy Department for External Relations



COVID-19 has also impacted EU security and defence issues. This paper explores how, and presents the lessons to be learnt and recommendations for the future. This analysis for SEDE committee shows the challenges of the pandemic on security and defence - how the pandemic reveals vulnerabilities, while multiplying and accelerating trends and threats. It looks at which lessons the EU should learn in order to better manage and prepare for such crises, and makes strategic recommendations.



Air pollution and COVID-19

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

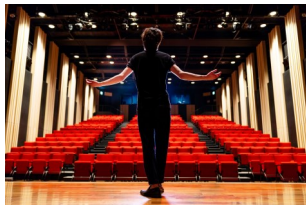


COVID-19 is spread through person-to-person contact but the incidence and severity of the disease are potentially influenced by many factors, including air pollution. The study requested by ENVI committee discusses the potential effects of air pollution on COVID-19, given what is known about health effects of air pollution in general. It concludes that current studies on correlations between air pollution and the spread of COVID-19 are not robust enough to establish a causal connection.



Cultural and creative sectors in post-COVID-19 Europe

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



Policy makers in Europe have taken considerable and unprecedented measures to support the Cultural and Creative Sectors during the COVID-19 related crisis. Pre-COVID-19, the Cultural and Creative Sectors (CCS) were already characterised by fragile organisational structures and working practices. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Europe in spring 2020, the CCS have been among the most negatively affected sectors.



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