

Objective and tasks

The Ministry of Justice Finland is implementing the project *Rainbow Rights Promoting LGBTI Equality in Europe* between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018. The general and most important objective of the project is to support the implementation of the national and EU-level legislation on non-discrimination.

The practical objectives are

- to improve the equality planning among the local authorities,
- to improve the social acceptance of LGBTI people in all areas of society,
- to examine the different forms of multiple discrimination and to raise awareness of them, and
- to cooperate at EU level in order to identify the best practices to promote equality and to exchange experiences.



The project is implemented in cooperation with the Finnish Association for Local and Regional Authorities, Seta LGBTI Rights Finland, Lithuanian Gay League and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The project Rainbow Rights is funded by the EU's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and by the project partners.

Project coordination

The Unit for Democracy, Language Affairs and Fundamental Rights at the Finnish Ministry of Justice is responsible for the general project management and has an expert and supportive role in the whole project. Furthermore, the project activities concerning multiple discrimination is completely at the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice. The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities is responsible for promoting non-discrimination and equality at local level. Seta is responsible for the LGBTI awareness raising at local level. The Lithuanian Gay League participates in the implementation of the transnational and cross-border cooperation on LGBTI policies.

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