



Urgent: Join our campaign – no child is born in the wrong body

Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }} {{ contact.LASTNAME }},

We hope you had a restful break over the holidays and are ready and energised for the new year! We, for our part, will make sure that 2026 will be a year in which European decision-makers hear from you and are held accountable for their votes.

We are starting with an urgent [campaign](#) directed at the delegates to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). PACE delegates are national MPs from the 46 member states of the Council of Europe, which extends well beyond the European Union. The United Kingdom is a full member, and UK MPs sit and vote in the Parliamentary Assembly alongside colleagues from across Europe. UK Labour MP Kate Osborne brought forward a [resolution on conversion therapy bans](#), which passed committee unanimously and will now be voted on in the PACE on 29 January. Delegates need to hear from you now. **Urge your MPs to vote NO.**

This resolution is a matter of serious concern to many parents across Europe, to therapists and health professionals, to teachers, educators and social workers, and to lesbians and gay men who know from experience that growing up often involves struggling with one's sex. Several countries have already implemented versions of such bans. In Spain, for example, fines of up to EUR 150,000 can be imposed. In other countries, including Malta and Germany, these laws have had a strong chilling effect, not only on clinicians, but also on media reporting, school regulation and freedom of expression more generally.

Many delegates will never have debated these issues at national level. Some will not have read the resolution in full. Others may be hearing about its implications for the first time. Yet, if adopted, this text will be used across Europe to legitimise criminal sanctions, mandatory training and public awareness campaigns as well as inclusion of gender identity and gender expression in sexuality education curricula in schools.

We have made it easy to contact the chairs of the political groups in the PACE as well as the heads of national delegations directly through our [website](#). We have prepared a template message that you can use, adapt and personalise. You will also find links to each country delegation so you can reach out to individual members directly. In addition, we have published a comprehensive [briefing](#) on the deceptive framing underpinning the transactivist push for conversion therapy bans, which you can share with your representatives.

The task ahead may seem impossible. But we will give it our best.

Thank you for standing with us.

With very best wishes,

Faika

Director Athena Forum

Tell your MPs in the CoE to reject the proposed conversion therapy bans



Write to your PACE delegates to clarify misconceptions about conversion therapy bans and urge them to vote NO on the upcoming resolution to criminalise non-affirmative care.

[Join our campaign here](#)

Our briefing on conversion therapy bans: A deceptive label



Bans on “conversion practices” are a deceptive label. They deliberately evoke the abusive practices once inflicted on lesbians and gay men. Proposed bans now apply this historic imagery to something fundamentally different: the distress of pubescent children and vulnerable young people struggling with their sexed bodies, and the demand that families, teachers, therapists and social workers unconditionally affirm this distress as a transgender identity.

Many of these young people would grow up to be lesbian or gay. Instead, they are told that gender non-conforming behaviour is evidence of “being in the wrong body,” and are shamed, pressured and ideologically steered away from homosexuality.

Extending conversion therapy bans to gender identity and gender expression is doing lasting harm under the guise of human rights protection.

Read and share our briefing on the transactivist push for “conversion therapy” bans framed around gender identity and gender expression.

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