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# **Trans People: Our Welcome in Europe**

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I will review the the current legal and social positions of trans people as European Community citizens.

I will address the inter-state complexities and legal lack of knowledge as it relates to many trans people's lives, in particular how current national laws contradict many of the main rights of being a European Community citizen, causing conflict and uncertainty in the day to day lives of transgender and transsexual people.

I will point out some of the areas of law for where it not only needs clarifying, but in which we need to be campaigning to make sure it is both know and acted upon.