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Trans People in Europe: Comparison of laws and jurisdiction

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A comparative examination of the legal, medical and social issues affecting trans people. This will include, the right to adopt a name reflecting the desired gender. The comparative procedures for a change of civil status and the safeguards for data protection and confidentiality.

The availability of sex affirmation surgery and associated surgeries such as Facial Feminisation surgery together with the availability of hormonal treatment and the funding of such provisions.

The Europe-wide social attitudes towards trans people, including discrimination in the work-place and in the field of the provision of goods and services. The security of trans people in employment, education and training, particularly in the early stages of transition.

The relationship of discrimination in these areas and the numbers working in the sex industry. The frequency of violence and discrimination in public and the family.

The requirement in some states for divorce prior to sex affirmation surgery. Are Civil Unions an inferior status to marriage. Should not Civil Marriage be open to all? The emphasis on infertility in some countries given the technology to preserve genetic material prior to hormone treatment.

The necessity to appreciate that increasing medical knowledge firmly places Transsexuality within the definition of Intersex. More important is the extension of categories within Discrimination Law particularly helpful? Is it not more important to have a constitutionally embedded requirement for non discrimination in general? Also the need for a Human Right to Bodily Integrity. Can we learn anything in Europe from the United States developing „Queer Theory“ which enables fluidity of movement between genders, what I have called „Flexigender“, and which allows us to concentrate on the person and not what they are?