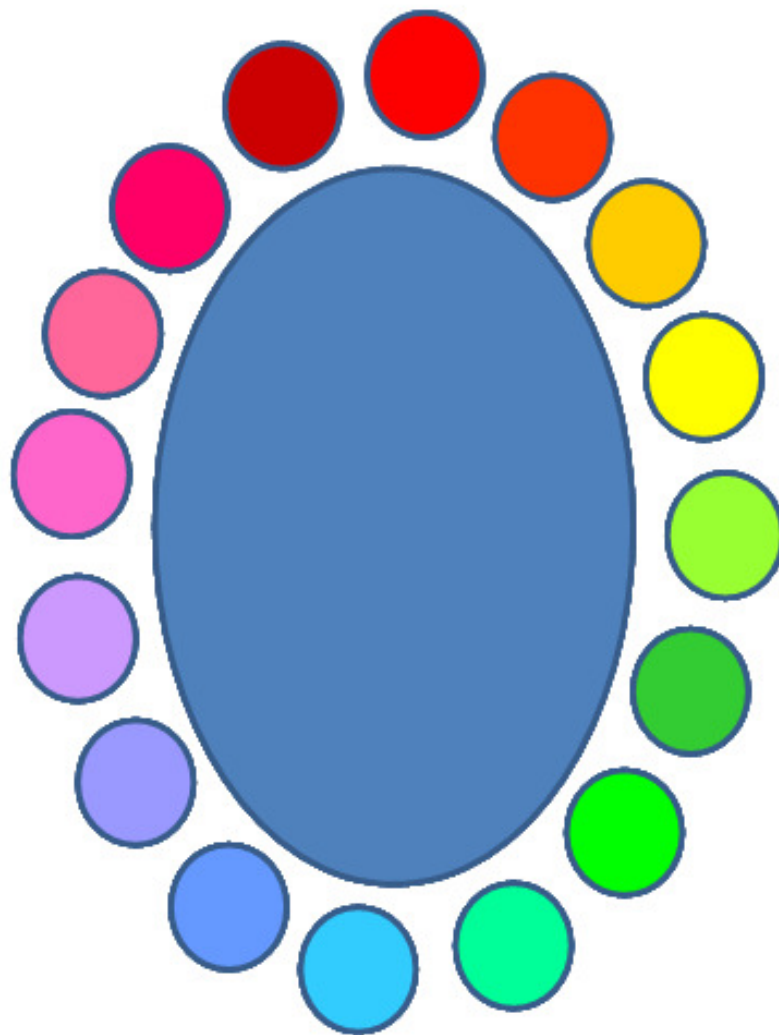


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City consortium for lesbian, gay and transgender people (LGTB)

- Municipal LGTB working group - Stadt AG LGBT –

1. DEVELOPMENT

Cologne is one of the most important centres for the lesbian-gay life in Germany. A high percentage of population and also a big part of the annual guests of Cologne are lesbian or gay.

In recent years lesbians and gays became an important economic factor. Homosexual tourists visit the city not only on the occasion of Christopher Street Day, but also throughout the whole year. Numerous pubs and restaurants addressing gay or lesbian customers established in Cologne. Even many retail traders orient their range of products towards this target group.

Cologne is proud of tolerance and cosmopolitanism being reflected in the great mixture of urban population with different lifestyle, religion, and culture. Essential goal is to minimize discrimination against special population groups and maximize the diversity in order to profit by it.

Even before the arrangement of the LGBT city consortium of Cologne, there was a good collaboration with committees for special sections of the citizens, for example the workgroup dedicated to handicapped people, founded 2004, or the one targeting the policy areas of care for the elderly. Also the committee for people with a migration background is in existence for a long time. The advisory board for foreigner transformed 2004 into the board of integration. These experiences have to be conferred upon the LGBT city consortium to enable this population group towards an increased participation on the communal level. Therefore urban administration, city council and the expert committee should provide advice on all questions respective lesbian, gay and transgender.

2. COUNCIL ORDER

On 22nd June 2010 the council of Cologne decided on the request to “Sustain Participation of lesbian, gays and transgenders on the communal level” with the following tenor:

- 1) Foundation of the LGBT city consortium.
- 2) The LGBT city consortium ought to prepare statements and recommendations bearing on communal topics for the council board and administration. In particular:
 - a. Prevention of violence and victim protection
 - b. Equal treatment in the world of work
 - c. Educational advertising for young people and at school
 - d. Preventive healthcare
 - e. Target group attuned work for elderly people and youth, in the ambit of social and sanitary work, for rainbow-families and migration
 - f. Encouragement in relation to sports and culture

- g. Further education and skill enhancement for urban employees and those of closely associations
 - h. Sensitizing and mind-opening of the administration for the interests of lesbian, gays and transgenders
 - i. Target group attuned marketing of the city
 - j. Events like CSD, Gay Games or Come-together Cup
- 3) As members of the city working group for lesbian, gays and transgenders are invited:
- a. one deputy entitled to vote for every faction of the council which represent the board for elderly people and social work
 - b. one deputy from KLuST, LSVD, Aids-Help Cologne, RUBICON, SC Janus and the youth centre “anyway”
 - c. one deputy of every involved department of administration (health, social work, youth welfare, school, economic promotion, staff and equal treatment, Cologne-Tourism GmbH)
 - d. one deputy of the institutions outside the public administration with voting power, suggested by the lesbian-gay organisations
 - e. administration of business

Entitled to vote are all deputies of lesbian-gay-organisations, it is possible to consult skilled persons and institutions; a balanced relation of gender is worthwhile.

- 4) The consortium LGBT meets at least twice a year.
- 5) The public administration appoints the consortium’s management self-financing. The management undertakes the task of coordinating the cooperation of all responsible administrative units, doing the preliminary work for the city consortium and writing correlative reports and statements according to the consortium’s guidelines.
- 6) The LGBT city consortium submits the annual working-report to the responsible board’s committee.
- 7) It is intended to build intra-urban working teams for a continuous collaboration for the period intermediate different meetings of the consortium is intended.
- 8) An experience-report is going to be submitted to the council after two years.

The proposal to establish the LGBT city consortium was based on the following reasons: “responsible bodies, associations and initiatives being involved with working for acceptance, integration and prevention lament a shortcoming interaction with administrative units: observable deficits of communication within public administration, politics and lobby of lesbians, gays and transgenders are to be corrected by the constitution of a city consortium. Professional interchange advances a rapid reaction facility of city council and public administration required by development and in case of problems. Reversely participation fortifies the formation of political opinion.

3. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The rules of procedure determine the number and composition of voting members taken from organisations of the community ranks and the members from politics and public administration not eligible to vote. Furthermore rules of procedure regulate the management and define the duties of the city consortium.

The rules of the consortium orient by actual circumstances within the community and accord to the individual requirements of politics and public administration. The rules of procedure are tailored especially to these needs and are going to be modified in the case it is necessary to improve the effort of the committee.

With the establishment of the LGBT city consortium for the first time a consortium gets rules of procedure as working basis. Through the social-and- elderly- board decision from 10th January 2008 the rules have been modified to the recent version.

The major part of voting members proposed at the consortium-meeting of 14th June 2010 to base the work of committees on a new concept. Therefore the following proposal was brought in and discussed:

“The LGBT city consortium requires politics and public administration to rework the fundamental concept of the consortium until the next city council meeting on 08th November 2010. Objective is to clarify aim and purpose, tasks, institutionally connection and at least which composition of the city consortium is planned in the short-, medium- and long-term. The Stadt- AG suggests a decision process in close collaboration with the organisations of the community of Cologne. Moreover it is recommended to arrange this process transparent and unpredetermined, because the broadest possible support amongst lesbians, gays and transgenders and even all involved political forces is necessary to achieve optimum success.”

The organisations want to achieve by this proposal that the Stadt AG as strong and productive member of the committee gets able to make a significant contribution to the effective and successful participation of lesbians, gays and transgenders in urban-social life. Essential interest is to keep the committee working without neglecting the variety of the community.

3.1 Anchoring in the charter of the city (23b)

The council of Cologne agreed at its meeting on 19th June 2007 to include the consortium LGBT in the charter of the town. In this way the consortium was anchored in law.

Because of the introduced regulations the Stadt AG LST is able to dispatch members of the lesbian-gay-transgender-organisations and –self-help-groups to the council committees for social affairs, healthcare, traffic, culture, sports, environment, urban development, construction, living, school, further education, equality and children-and youth welfare matters.

Due to the anchoring in the charter of Cologne the LGBT city consortium was equalized with integration council, representatives of senior citizens, consortium care for the elderly and city consortium handicapped people.

4. COMPOSITION

Until the council decision on 10th September 2009 to increase the number of voting council members, only six organisations of the lesbian-gay community were represented.

The initial composition of the committee ought to consider all target groups from the lesbian-and-gay community. Therefore the following organisations are convened:

- Aids-Help Köln

Since 1985 the association for HIV-help supports people sickened or infected by the autoimmune disease. Full time and voluntary employees work together to guide and accompany affected persons, to encourage self-help and answer questions regarding healthcare. Prevention stimulates personal responsibility due to information and educational advertising.

The association is used as meeting point for concerned people, their friends and relatives, not only to support each other but also to advocate common interests.

- Youth centre “anyway”

“Anyway” is the major centre nationwide caring for young people and specifically tailored to young lesbians, gays and their friends from 12 to 25 years. Anyone can meet other homosexuals, if before or after coming out does not matter.

Since ten years full time and voluntary employees care for young bi- and homosexual and give advice for the coming out, organize information-events at schools and answer questions regarding to sexuality and healthcare. Often the advisory centre is the starting point for a new life. A hotline- and email-service is offered even for people not living in Cologne.

- SC Janus

The lesbian-gay sports club SC Janus offer more than 60 events on seven days a week. The offer addresses not only lesbians and gays. Also their friends are welcome to participate.

Instead of high-performance, work out without being forced to hide the sexual orientation is the aim to achieve.

- LSVD Köln (German Federation of Lesbians and Gays)

The LSVD promotes more acceptances for lesbian and gay lifestyle. It mobilizes against mobbing and discrimination by homophobic politicians and religious hate preachers.

The LSVD considers itself as federation of civil rights. They want to achieve a personal development of lesbian-and-gay-lifestyle devoid of legal disadvantage, devoid of any pressure to adapt at heterosexual standard, devoid of hostilities and discrimination.

Therefore the LSVD stands up for legal equality at any level and an extensive anti-discrimination legislation, enhancing lesbian and gay presence in public media, science and education.

- Kölner Lesben- und Schwulentag e.V. (KLuST)

KLuST, local political umbrella association of the lesbian and gay community founded in the year 1991, arranges events like CSD and ColognePride.

Apart from CSD/ ColognePride as annual highlight of the lesbian and gay life at Cologne and as days of demonstration in favour of equality regardless of sexual orientation and gender expression, the association's main target is fight to non-partisan for the member's interests on the local political area.

KLuST strives vigorously for a continuous change bottom up although the main discrimination is suffered on the level of federal and national law. Therefore a trans-regional cooperation of the local associations is needed.

- advisory centre Rubicon

Rubicon is an advisory centre for lesbians, gays and their relatives. Particularly to master difficult situations in life such as couple conflict, desire for children or loneliness Rubicon sustains people by offering support in amicable atmosphere. Psychologically trained personnel have experience with lesbian- or gay-life.

New members of the city consortium according to the council order from 10th September 2009:

- Schwips (gay-initiative for care and social affairs)

Currently Schwips accedes the field of duty health counselling concentrating on prevention, psychological consultation of people infected with HIV and aids sufferers as well as pension advice, social counselling and further advisory services.

- LOOKS e.V.

The association, founded 1995, intends to improve the sanitary and psycho-social situation of male prostitutes. Young male prostitutes face various problems, starting from homelessness or addictive behaviour and culminating in risky sexual behaviour. At the same time the "boys" – as they call themselves – suffer from social stigmatization and exclusion.

The staff, working mainly as street workers, offers a contact point for male prostitutes, accompanies the "boys" and organizes an individual support (even on the Internet).

5. TOPICS AND SUCCESSES

To advise policies and administration on decisions in regard to the community, the city consortium dealt with various issues since its first session. Especially the following issues have been discussed:

- Lesbian, gay and transgender with a migration background in view of their experiences with discrimination and violence
- Gay Games 2010 (special session and continuous item from 2007 to 2010)
- Stand – Operator during the Christopher Street Day : organizers demands concerning spatial changing
- Diversity – Charta
- Experiences with violence of lesbian and gay in Cologne, the middle-term establishment of a working group "prevention" is planned

- Sense of security of lesbians and gays in the streets of Cologne(further information in the working group “prevention”)
- Transgender in Cologne
- Regulatory law for lesbian and gay gastronomy
- Cooperation with the twining towns Tel Aviv, Barcelona, Thessaloniki for the CSD
- Handicapped lesbian, gay and transgender
- procedure and practice of the municipal department of children, youth and family regarding to foster-children for homosexual couples
- lesbian-spring-meeting 2009
- development of the HIV- and Aids-working
- drawing up a development plan “Hohe Pforte/Altstadt Süd”
- Cologne’s concept of integration, establishment of a working group for LGBT-people
- Status and maintenance of the memorial for pursued LGBT-people during the national socialism
- invitation of representatives of the twining towns to the CSD, Cologne Pride
- Projects like “Schule ohne Homophobie (school without homophobia)”, “Schule der Vielfalt (School of diversity)”
- Establishment of a municipal LGBT-department
- Project “Regenbrücke (rainbow-bridge)” to support victims of an attack on restaurants frequented by LGBT-people
- Experiences with homophobia respecting current study results
- Cologne – City of diversity – status report and proceeding of the development progress of the urban diversity concept

The multitude of issues mirrors the multitude of possible recommendations of the LGBT city consortium to policies and administration in order to sensitize for same-sex life style and to influence representatives’ actions.

Apart from support-services, several successes could be achieved, containing exemplary the following:

1. Increase financial assistance of LGBT-organisations to 205 000€ in the budget for 2008
2. due to the recommendation of the city consortium regarding the budget of 2008/2009 the city council makes available for the first time 10 000€ funding for the centre of gay history and women historic society
3. raise awareness of administration, policies and LGBT-Community bearer for problems and potential of special groups as
 - a. transgender living at cologne

- b. handicapped lesbian, gay or transgender
- c. lesbian, gay or transgender with a migration background

Such recommendations and advices raise awareness of all participants for the characteristics and problems of these people, often showing more than one discriminating attribute. Main objective is to increase acceptance for their special interests and improve their situation of life. This progress was encouraged by the LGBT city consortium. A further accompaniment is guaranteed. Furthermore the city consortium initiated a networking process with other committees, such as city consortium for handicapped people and integration council.

- Support and accompaniment of the urban process regarding to the “Initiative Chancengleichheit (initiative of equal opportunities)” and “diversity management”
- the city consortium stands for considering LGBT aspects in urban projects such as “Leitlinien für ein soziales Köln (guidelines for a social Cologne)”, process of mission statement 2020, diversity-concept and concept of integration
- due to the recommendation of the city consortium the city council agreed to the guidelines extension for a social Cologne regarding sexual orientation and gender identity
- Discussion of current fears and problems of homosexual owners of gastronomy within a specially arranged working group with authorities, this information exchange was quite successful and helped to build up mutual confidence
- Exploration of unwanted unequal treatment of homosexual couples in the field of referring foster-children. On the basis of specific requests made by the city consortium existing mistakes in referring-practice could be removed. The partly supported principle referring girls at female couples and boys at male couples did not exist from official site and was also not intended. Further more lesbian and gay organisations arranged a dialogue with the technical administration to signal homosexual couples actively the administrative openness toward homosexual foster parents.
- Due to the recommendation of the LGBT city consortium the city council provided for the first time 10 000€ in the budget of 2009 to invite representatives of selected twinning towns to the CDS at Cologne. The finance committee agreed to the invitation of the twinning towns Katowice, Istanbul, Thessaloniki, Tel Aviv on 23rd March 2009. This is a good opportunity to show the invited twinning towns not only a liberal, tolerant and multicultural Cologne, a city where people with different life styles, opinions and persuasions live peacefully together, but also in a practical example the openness of administration and policies toward the CSD and its participants.

6. EVALUATION OF THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF WORK

The city council requested with its decision to establish a LGBT city consortium the administration to provide periodically reports clearing the benefit of consortium's work and how to proceed.

The last report is from 10th September 2009. There was noticed a positive progress. Closer networking and professional exchange between bearer of the LGBT-Community and policies and administration make it possible to respond efficiently to problems and development. Supporting committees implement recommendations in practice. Thus helps to improve equality of opportunities.

Learning processes of the administrative operators were detected and a comprehension of a collective responsibility was created, in particular recognizable in resolutions regarding to issues of various departments of administration.

More over clearing competence who answers which questions was considered positive. Direct contacts clarified intensively most of questions and requests and contributed to a closer cooperation between administration and LGBT-Community.

From the point of view of voting members the previous work of the city consortium stands the tests. In the report of summer 2009 the useful and necessary cooperation was stressed concordantly. Especially regular voting in regard to current and fundamental issues within policies, administration and voting members was evaluated as constructive and successful.

For the future cooperation of representatives of LGBT people and administrative and municipal operators is even more important. Thus is shown by the abundance of complex and far-reaching issues covered during the contested period. Especially a continuous managing and examination of thematic realization progress, initiated through discussion within the city consortium, is necessary: with reference to current status, possible execution problems and concrete results.

To improve sustainability of decisions and progresses the voting members agreed to draft aims and tasks diligently and to arrange regular checks of results with the administration.

They proposed clearly defined sub goals, tasks, competences and time windows for all consortium issues connected with concrete actions and practical implementation. Reports of implementing status got agreed bindingly.

7. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

The mainly positive experiences of LGBT-Community organisations while cooperating with administrative and municipal representatives led to a continuation of the successful cooperation in future.

Policy and administration accepted previous suggestions of the voting members to optimise structures. They discuss to modify the rules of procedure in cooperation with the organisations. Due to this voting the most important changing is the modification of the composition of the committee. This makes it possible to welcome other organisations as members of the city consortium.

Modifications of the composition of the committee were linked to the executive period of the city council. The city council continues being responsible for the vote of mem-

bers of the city consortium, who got eligible to vote. These changes ensure a better picture of the community within the committee and a raising transparency of casting procedure. The limitation to nine voting organisations and nine representatives for LGBT interests during an executive period maintains the ability to work of the city consortium.

8. LIST OF THE COLOGNE PROJECTS FOR AHEAD

Research group	Name of the experience / case study / network	Brief explanation	Country	City	Type	Field of intervention	Degree of involvement	Degree of networking	Degree of interest
Köln	School without homophobia - school of diversity	a campaign and a school project for more acceptance of homosexuality at schools	Germany	Cologne	Experience	Education	Symbolic	Coalition	To be presented in a box
Köln	Charta of Diversity	a basic commitment to fairness and appreciation of people in companies; a concept of handling with personnel varieties in the enterprise, to the use of the enterprise and for the use of all involved	Germany	Cologne	Case study	Labour market	Direct participation	Coalition	Best practice candidate
Köln	Villa anders	nationwide first cross - generational living project for lesbians, gays and transgender people	Germany	Cologne	Experience	Family	Material support	Community mobilization	To be presented in a box
Köln	City consortium	networking of the LGBT - community with politics and administration	Germany	Cologne	Case study	Participation	Direct participation	Coalition	Best practice candidate
Köln	bakara	cologne get - together for gays, lesbians and transgender with migration background and their friends	Germany	Cologne	Experience	Ethnic minorities	Symbolic	Community mobilization	To be presented in a box
Köln	Rainbow families	Family counselling for lesbians and gays who are living with their children or what to have a child	Germany	Cologne	Case study	Family	Material support	Coalition	Best practice candidate
Köln	Die ALTERnativen	network for older lesbians and gays in cologne	Germany	Cologne	Experience	Elderly	Symbolic	Other	To be presented in a box
Köln	Röschensitzung	gay - lesbian carnival session	Germany	Cologne	Experience	Other	Symbolic	Main-streaming	Not interesting
Köln	Regenbogenstiftung	communal foundation for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender	Germany	Munich	Experience	Participation	Direct participation	Coalition	To be presented in a box
Köln	Die Verzauberten	photo exhibition of old gay men and the history of the LGBT - community in Munich	Germany	Munich	Experience	Information	Direct participation	Main-streaming	Not interesting

Köln	Justify my love	theatre project for teenager	Germany	Hannover	Experience	Education	Direct participation	Community mobilization	To be presented in a box
Köln	Wegweiser für Schwule und Lesben in Hannover	booklet for the LGBT - community with informations about self help groups, sport clubs and leisure facilities	Germany	Hannover	Experience	Media	Direct participation	Other	Not interesting
Köln	contact person for LGBT in police	contact person for LGBT concerns inside the police department	Germany	Berlin	Experience	Hate Crime	Direct participation	Other	To be presented in a box
Köln	Regenbogen-schutzkreis	a statement against homophobia and racism; provide a safe haven in which everyone affected by violence and discrimination gets assistance	Germany	Berlin	Experience	Participation	Symbolic	Community mobilization	To be presented in a box
Köln	MANEO	support of victims of crimes in the LGBT - community	Germany	Berlin	Experience	Hate Crime	Material support	Other	To be presented in a box
Köln	Christopher Street Day Leipzig	a series of events; festival where the joy and pride of different lifestyles is celebrated	Germany	Leipzig	Experience	Other	Symbolic	Main-streaming	Not interesting
Köln	Lesbisch Schwule Filmtage Hamburg	Germany's largest and longest running LGBT film festival	Germany	Hamburg	Experience	Media	Material support	Main-streaming	Not interesting
Köln	Round table for LGBT in Frankfurt	to sensitize the city administration in their daily work to the specific situation of the LGBT - community	Germany	Frankfurt	Experience	Participation	Direct participation	Coalition	To be presented in relation to similar experiences
Köln	GayMat	Festival with exhibition, procession, colloquium and films	Luxembourg	Esch-sur-Alzette	Experience	Participation	Direct participation	Main-streaming	To be presented in a box
Köln	CIGALE	Information and counselling centre	Luxembourg	Luxembourg City	Experience	Information	Material support	Other	To be presented in a box
Köln	Aidshilfe	association for HIV-help	Germany	Cologne	Experience	Participation	Information and support	Other	To be presented in a box

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- <http://www.anyway-koeln.de/home/> - Jugendzentrum Anyway
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- <http://www.lsvd.de/> - Lesben- und Schwulenverband Deutschland (LSVD)
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- <http://www.rubicon-koeln.de/> - Beratungszentrum für Lesben und Schwule

- <http://www.schwips-cologne.de/> - Schwule Initiative für Pflege und Soziales
- <http://www.looks-ev.de/> - Hilfsverein für männliche Prostituierte
- <http://www.schlau-nrw.de> (Schwul-lesbische Aufklärung in NRW)
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