

Webtalk Jan 16, 2-3:15 PM CET: “Do we need a stronger transnational lens? LGBTIQ+ Activism in Moldova and Serbia”

The Hirschfeld-Eddy Foundation cordially invites you to the web talk “**Do we need a stronger transnational lens? LGBTIQ+ Activism in Moldova and Serbia.**”

On **16 January 2026, from 2:00 to 3:15 pm (CET)**, LGBTIQ+ activists from Moldova and Serbia will engage in a discussion on current geopolitical developments and their implications for LGBTIQ+ advocacy and activism. The conversation with representatives of **GENDERDOC-M** (Moldova) and **Rainbow Ignite** (Serbia) will address the evolving landscape of queer activism, geopolitical influences, and the impact on the local level.

Although Moldova and Serbia are not (yet) EU members, EU policies and values strongly shape their political contexts. In both countries, human rights discourses exist alongside strong conservative and religious forces. Russian political influence has become an additional challenge for democratic initiatives. In recent years, civil society in both contexts has been marked by struggles for greater democracy. Looking at Moldova and Serbia together offers a productive way to examine LGBTIQ+ activism beyond national frameworks.

Key topics include:

- Recent developments, challenges, and perspectives of LGBTIQ+ activism in Moldova and Serbia
- The impact of the suspension of USAID funding
- The role of multilateral institutions, including the United Nations, in advancing LGBTIQ+ rights
- Advocacy strategies for the human rights of LGBTIQ+ persons
- Expectations regarding international solidarity and support

Date: 16 January 2026

Time: 2:00–3:15 pm (CET)

Format: Online (Zoom)

Language: English with German interpretation

Speakers:

- Executive Director, Rainbow Ignite, Serbia
- Project Coordinator, GENDERDOC-M, Moldova

Moderation:

Inga Pylypchuk, journalist and documentary filmmaker

Please register here <https://pretix.eu/lindmanns/SuedosteuropaLGBTIQ/> by **15 January 2026, 3:00 pm (CET)**, indicating your name and, if applicable, your organization. *The access link will be sent to registered participants by email.*

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GENDERDOC-M is the oldest non-governmental organization in Moldova advocating for the rights of LGBTIQ* people.

Rainbow Ignite works to promote equality, inclusion, and respect and advocates for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people in Serbia: <https://rainbowignite.org/>. Rainbow Ignite is currently building Serbia's first LGBTIQ* archive with the „Arkadija Archive“ here: <https://www.donacije.rs/projekat/secanje-je-otpor/>