

A BRIEF HISTORY OF forbidden colours

FORBIDDEN COLOURS IS A EUROPE-WIDE FUND EMPOWERING LGBTI PEOPLE TO FULLY LIVE THEIR LIVES IN FREEDOM WITH SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

JUNE 2019

6 C-level managers officially found the **Fund Forbidden Colours** at the King Baudouin Foundation. It is the first-ever fund for LGBTIQ+ equality at Belgium's biggest philanthropy organisation.

2020

After fundraising, over **€26.000** was collected.

JUNE 2020

6 LGBTI-equality projects in the fields of education, health, integration and work were funded.

AUGUST 2020

Forbidden Colours breaks the news a **Telegram chat group calling for violence against LGBTIQ+ people** in Belgium.



SEPTEMBER 2020

Forbidden Colours lobbies successfully with the city of Ruislede in Belgium to review their twinning with the Polish city Krasnik, which declared itself an **'LGBT Free Zone'**. After extensive communication between the two, Krasnik withdrew its 'LGBT Free Zone'-declaration.



JANUARY 2021

Forbidden Colours NPO was founded. The **non-profit organisation** is responsible for the communication, fundraising and lobby work linked to the work of the Fund Forbidden Colours.

JANUARY 2021

Forbidden Colours successfully lobbies to review the twinning between the Belgian city of Puurs and the Polish city of Debica, which declared itself an **'LGBT Free Zone'**.



FEBRUARY 2021

Forbidden Colours funds **Mapa Rowności**. This Polish project creates an LGBTI Friendly School Ranking. Students are invited to rank their school on LGBTIQ+ inclusivity.

MAY 2021

Forbidden Colours launches its first ever big **fundraising campaign: Your Donation For A Colourful Education**. The aim is to fund and create an LGBTIQ+ Friendly School Ranking in Belgium.

APRIL 2021

Forbidden Colours hires LGBTIQ+ politics expert **Rémy Bonny** as its first-ever executive director.



JUNE 2021

Forbidden Colours is the first in the world to reveal the news of a **new far-reaching anti-LGBTIQ+ law in Hungary**. The law, and Forbidden Colours, received a lot of international media attention. Heads of European governments reacted very strongly against the law after Forbidden Colours broke the news.



JUNE 2021

Forbidden Colours welcomes **MINI BeLux** as its first supporting partner for a year long of Pride.

JULY 2021

Forbidden Colours reveals that **Hungary's PM wants to organise an anti-LGBTIQ+ referendum** and draws a lot of attention to the organisation of the Budapest Pride March. Over 35.000 people participated in the March. Politicians from all major Belgian political parties joined Forbidden Colours in Budapest.



SEPTEMBER 2021

The Forbidden Colours-funded **Mapa Rowności wins the Equality Crown** for Equal Treatment in Poland.



SEPTEMBER 2021

After two years of advocacy by Forbidden Colours' Rémy Bonny, the **European Commission announces sanctions against the 'LGBT Free Zones'-regions in Poland**. Two weeks after the announcement, 4 out of 5 regions repealed their anti-LGBTI resolutions.



OCTOBER 2021

Forbidden Colours warns members of the **U.S. Congress for misleading tactics by the European anti-LGBTIQ+ movement** to gain support by organising and inviting Members to 'National Prayer Breakfasts'. U.S. Senator Tim Kaine announced he won't accept any invitations anymore by those groups.



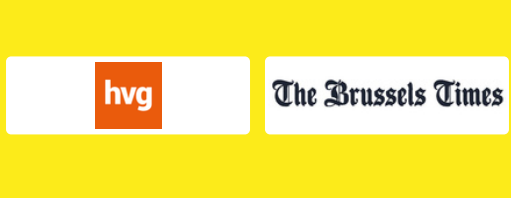
NOVEMBER 2021

Forbidden Colours organizes a press conference in Poland with Brussels State Secretary **Pascal Smet** about the **implementation of the Polish LGBTIQ+ Friendly School Ranking in other EU-capitals**, starting in Brussels. Afterwards, the founders of the Polish LGBTIQ+ Friendly School Ranking came to Brussels to raise attention for the situation of LGBTIQ+ teenagers in Poland during a trip organised by Forbidden Colours.



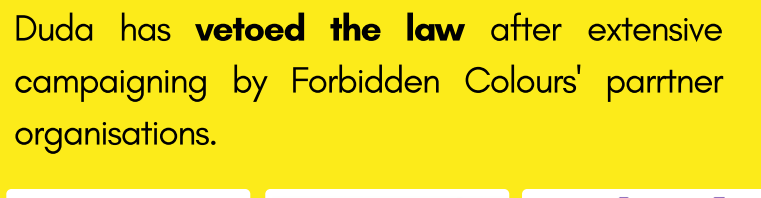
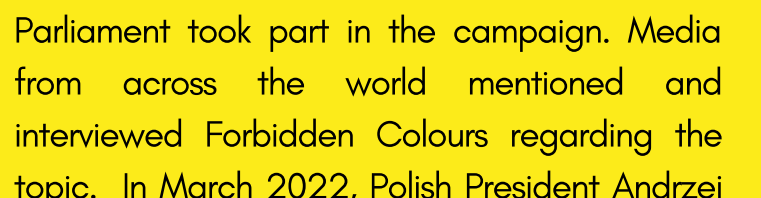
DECEMBER 2021

The Brussels-Capital Region announced that they will donate **€60.000,00 to Forbidden Colours to support the Polish and Hungarian LGBTIQ+ community** in 2022. Forbidden Colours will use the money to support Budapest Pride and the Polish LGBTIQ+ Friendly School Ranking.



JANUARY 2022

Forbidden Colours started a Europe-wide campaign against a **new law de-facto prohibiting LGBTIQ+ inclusive education in Poland** with the hashtag **"#WolnaSzkoła"** ('Free Schools'). Many politicians from all democratic political parties in the European Parliament took part in the campaign. Media from across the world mentioned and interviewed Forbidden Colours regarding the topic. In March 2022, Polish President Andrzej Duda has **vetoed the law** after extensive campaigning by Forbidden Colours' partner organisations.



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2022

Forbidden Colours took up a coordinating role on a European level on the impact of **Putin's war against Ukraine**. The organisation fundraised for the **first-line aid provided for LGBTIQ+ refugees** from Ukraine by Lambda Warszawa in Poland, Budapest Pride in Hungary and ACCEPT in Romania. Forbidden Colours also led efforts to **sanction Russian anti-LGBTIQ+ oligarchs** by the European Union.



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