Advancing rights across Europe: TGEU backs four trans-led projects with €22,500 each

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We're proud to announce the four TGEU member organisations selected for this year's Financial Support for Third Parties (FSTP) initiative, funded through the CERV programme of the European Union. These trans-led groups will receive direct support to advance their vital work on community mobilisation, human rights, and advocacy in the face of increasing anti-trans hostility across Europe.

This year's selected projects come from Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, and Romania, and reflect the incredible strength, strategy, and creativity of trans communities responding to urgent local and national challenges.

Who we're supporting this year

Bilitis Resource Centre Foundation (Bulgaria)

Founded in 2004, Bilitis is Bulgaria's longest-standing LGBTI organisation. They combine national-level advocacy with deep grassroots work, using a human rights and intersectional approach to address the needs of trans, non-binary, and intersex people. Known for co-organising Sofia Pride and the Sofia LGBTI Community Fest, Bilitis is a co-manager of the Rainbow Hub, one of the country's only community-run queer spaces.

Their project mobilises young trans activists in Bulgaria to counteract two deeply concerning anti-trans bills currently under consideration in parliament. Through the creation of a practical communications handbook, capacity-building training sessions, and strategic advocacy meetings, the project will prepare the local trans community to respond effectively to hate-driven narratives. It will culminate in a national creative campaign for Trans Awareness Week 2025, uniting trans voices and artistic allies to challenge stigma and demand dignity.

TransInterQueer (Germany)

Berlin-based TransInterQueer (TrIQ) is a self-advocacy organisation and social center, which works politically, culturally, and scientifically to support trans, inter, and non-binary people. Their wide-ranging work includes psychosocial counselling, educational outreach, creative events, and a commitment to non-pathologising, anti-discriminatory approaches rooted in self-definition and intersectionality.

Their project, Growing Stronger in Times of Crisis, responds to the intensifying hate speech and institutional violence targeting TIN (trans, inter, non-binary) people across Germany, particularly refugees and those with intersecting marginalisations. Structured as a multi-day, community-focused forum, the project addresses three urgent pillars:

- Access to the Self-Determination Act,
- Community-based health and bodily autonomy,
- and cross-movement solidarity in the face of far-right violence.

TrIQ will foster a supportive infrastructure for skill-sharing, legal education, somatic practice, and collaborative

resistance across Germany.

Transcore (Romania)

Romania's only trans-led NGO, Transcore offers holistic support, safe spaces, and advocacy for trans people through community care, education, and strategic partnerships at local and international levels.

Transcore will work on strengthening and expanding peer-led support groups, known as 'Trans Meets', in multiple Romanian cities. These monthly gatherings provide much-needed spaces for trans people to connect, share experiences, and access resources, especially in areas where isolation is common. One of their aims is to make these gatherings more sustainable and inclusive. The project also helps identify local leaders and broaden national outreach, creating a stronger, more connected trans movement across Romania.

TransVanilla (Hungary)

As Hungary's only registered trans-led NGO, Transvanilla provides peer support, legal and psychological assistance. It works nationally and internationally to advocate for the rights and wellbeing of trans communities.

Focusing on reaching trans people in rural Hungary, who face deep social isolation and limited access to information or support, TransVanilla will use the funding to create micro-communities of support across five regions. Their project gives special attention to trans people experiencing multiple forms of marginalisation, including Roma communities, older trans people, and trans sex workers . It aims to build lasting infrastructure for rural outreach and community resilience.

These projects represent vital work being done by and for trans communities in the face of growing challenges. TGEU is honoured to support them as part of our mission to strengthen trans movements and advocate for justice, dignity, and equality across Europe and Central Asia.

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