# Russia’s Supreme Court Bans LGBT Movement as “Extremist”

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**On 30 November 2023, the Russian Supreme Court recognised the “international LGBT Movement” as “extremist”. TGEU expresses its solidarity with trans and LGB people in Russia and calls for international support.**

## What are the risks?

Under Russian “extremism” law, any support or even mention of an organisation named “extremist” can be **considered a criminal offence**. Following the Court’s ruling, wearing a pride symbol or mentioning LGBT issues on social media can be punished by up to 4 years in jail. The ruling targets ordinary people living in Russia in an unprecedented way. It thus does **not only endanger organisations or visible activists but also any trans or LGB person, their family members and allies**. It also invites coercion on grounds of the perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of a person.

## What can we do?

This is the most recent of Russia’s systematic anti-trans and anti-LGBT policies. TGEU is actively working with partners and decision-makers worldwide to protect the local trans community and will continue to provide further updates and analysis of this repression. **We call upon stakeholders and activists to support our trans and queer siblings in Russia in these dark times.**

As a first step, we urge you to sign and share the petition by German-based LGBT organisation Quarteera demanding a quick and streamlined asylum procedure for trans people from Russia to Germany.

## What if I need help?

If you are a trans person from Russia or Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine and you need support, please reach out to us at tgeu@tgeu.org, and we will do our best to help you.