24 countries in Europe require by law that trans people undergo sterilization before their gender identity is recognized.

“Transgender people appear to be the only group in Europe subject to legally prescribed, state-enforced sterilisation.”
(Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Thomas Hammarberg 2009)

24 Countries require Sterilisation in Gender Identity Recognition

The Trans Rights Europe Map reflects the requirement for sterilization in European countries’ laws and administrative practices in gender identity recognition. The Trans Rights Europe Index provides detailed country information in 21 categories on the back side of this document.

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