21 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 Theresia Hammarberg 2009)

The Trans Rights Europe Map reflects the requirement for sterilisation in laws and administrative practices in gender recognition legislation in Europe. The Trans Rights Europe Index provides detailed country information in 22 categories on the back side of this document.

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