# TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council 2024

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**Join us for the ninth TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council from 21-24 November 2024, at Salini Resort Hotel, Malta. Every two years, we bring together 200 trans activists from across Europe and Central Asia to set the agenda for trans politics and celebrate trans communities.**

## Together: Uniting in Solidarity and Resistance

This year's theme is *"Together: Uniting in Solidarity and Resistance,"* highlighting the importance of coming together to address the pressing issues facing trans communities in Europe and Central Asia.

In a world marked by crises and increasing threats to trans rights, it is more important than ever to stand side by side in solidarity and resistance. The Council will provide a space for trans advocates, policymakers, allies, and donors to come together, share ideas, and amplify voices in the fight for trans rights and equality.

Hosted by MGRM – The Malta LGBTIQ Rights Movement in collaboration with TGEU, the Council will bring together 200 participants from the region to engage in dialogue, mobilisation, and community-building. This is a unique opportunity to connect with fellow activists, learn from each other, and strategise for a stronger, more united trans movement.

## Draft programme for the TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council

We are delighted to share the draft programme for the upcoming Trans Council this November. Please note that the programme will be updated regularly as we approach the event.

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## Thurs 21 Nov

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| 08:00 - 18:00 | Participant arrival and registration |
| 18:30 - 22:00 | Free time/social activity |

## Fri 22 Nov

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| 08:00 - 09:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | Opening of Council and Welcome Address |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Plenary panel 1: Trans leadership: Looking ahead to the next decade of activism and advocacy |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30 - 13:00 | Parallel sessions 1 |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 - 15:30 | Relax, Create, Move: Free time with optional sessions |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee break |

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## Fri 22 Nov continued

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| 16:00 - 17:00 | Parallel sessions 2 |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | Meet and greet with the candidates for the new Board |
| | Trans Health Network meeting (closed) |
| 18:30 - 20:00 | Dinner |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | Social activity/reception |

## Sat 23 Nov

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| 08:00 - 09:30 | Breakfast |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | Parallel sessions 3 |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Session tbc |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Coffee break |

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## Sat 23 Nov continued

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| 12:00 - 13:00 | Plenary panel 3: Gag laws as neocolonialism and anti-LGBTI ideology: EECAC region at the forefront of resisting the anti-rights rollback |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 - 18:30 | General Assembly |
| 18:30 - 20:00 | Dinner |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | Social activity/reception |

## Sun 24 Nov

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| 08:00 - 10:00 | Breakfast |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Plenary panel 4: Resilience amplified: building healthy and connected trans movements |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | TGEU's Strategic Plan and Vision |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Council closing and goodbyes |

Download the draft programme

## Registration

We warmly encourage you to register for the ninth TGEU European and Central Asian Trans Council and join us in Malta for what promises to be a powerful and inspiring event.

Early registration includes an accommodation discount voucher.

Deadline for registration: **Sunday, 20 October 2024**.

Register for the Council

## Scholarships

All our members should have the opportunity to join us at this important gathering of the European and Central Asian trans community. Therefore, we're pleased to announce that we have secured funding for a limited number of full scholarships for activists to attend the Council. Partial scholarships are also available.

Strong preference will be given to TGEU members (group and individual members) and/or to trans and queer people from underrepresented groups and countries.

We especially encourage trans people from further marginalised backgrounds to apply, including Black people and people of colour, D/deaf and disabled people, people with a migration background, sex workers, trans women and gender-non-conforming people, people living with HIV, and people from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

**Registration for scholarships has now closed**.

## Volunteer

Whether you'd like to help make the Council as accessible as possible, be a point of contact for participants through our Awareness team, or document and share what's happening at the Council through video, photography and social media we've got a role for you. There are several teams to get involved in, which cover a wide range of skills. You can see a full list via the sign up form.

We will waive the registration fees for volunteers. However, you will need to cover travel and accommodation costs.

**Volunteer applications are now closed.**

## Contribute to the programme

To make the Council programme as inclusive and as representative of the movement as possible, we are inviting members to co-create the programme with us.

We welcome proposals from trans-led members of TGEU who want to bring their group's knowledge and talents into the spotlight. If you would like to contribute to the Council's programme and bring the theme to life, share your ideas with us via the form below. We especially encourage trans people from further marginalised backgrounds to submit proposals.

We will give priority to trans and queer activists from TGEU member organisations and underrepresented groups. If you aren't a member yet, you can find out more information about how, and why you should join TGEU over on our 'become a member' page.

**We are no longer accepting programme proposals.**

## Perform or exhibit your artistic work

Attending the Council? Are you trans and an artist? Would you like to present your work to the community? We're inviting all Council participants to submit a performance or exhibition proposal.

Feel free to be creative! Your proposals will be reviewed by TGEU's Board and staff. The selection will consider the Council's space, time, and budget capacity.

**We are no longer accepting performance proposals.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

I am not a member. Can I still register?

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While the Council is focussed on our members, we do welcome a limited number of activists who are not (yet) part of TGEU. You can still register for the Council, and simply let us know via the form.

We warmly encourage all participants to become members of TGEU. Being a TGEU member offers various benefits and opportunities, such as access to training, events, consultations and networking with groups from all over the region. Become a member

How much does it cost to register for the Council?

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The cost of registration for the Council is 200€. This fee includes access to all sessions and meals provided during the event.

How much does accommodation cost and how can I book?

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The prices for all accommodation options at the Salini Resort Hotel can be found in the registration form. Prices range from 75€ to 110€ depending on the room size.

Participants can book their own accommodation via the hotel's website (early booking discount code applies until 31 July). Wheelchair accessible rooms are available and can only be booked through TGEU by contacting us at council@tgeu.org

I'm worried about COVID-19 and other infections. What measures will be in place?

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We're currently working on a health precautions plan with key measures to protect participants. This plan will be shared with all participants and potential participants ahead of the Council.

I applied for a scholarship. What happens if I don't get one?

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We have full and partial scholarships available for a limited number of participants.

Our Board will review all scholarship applications carefully according to multiple criteria and your application will be given serious consideration.

However, we anticipate that there will be more applications than the number of scholarships we can grant. Alternatively, you may want to consider applying to become a volunteer. While we aren't able to cover the travel and accommodation costs for volunteers, we will waive your registration fees.

I have accessibility needs. How will my needs be taken care of?

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We are planning on covering a wide range of needs: step-free venue, wheelchair accessible venue, and rooms, diverse dietary needs, a quiet room, an access team, live-captioning

In the registration form, you will be invited to share your access needs. We can't guarantee that we'll be able to accommodate them all, but will try our best to accommodate the needs indicated in this registration

form. Please state your needs when required and we will clearly communicate the support we will be able to provide in advance so that you can organise your stay at the Council.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us via email. Our team, supported by a Disability Advisor, will be happy to listen to your needs and talk through any concerns or questions with you to help you attend as fully as possible.

I need to get a visa. Can TGEU support me?

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Yes, we will! TGEU will provide letters of invitation and support participants throughout the visa process. If you need a visa, please register for the Council by July at the latest. If you're unsure about whether you need a visa to travel to Malta and in the Schengen Area, please check here.

Please keep in mind that it's your responsibility to obtain a visa. You will receive a letter of invitation to the Council once your registration and payment have been processed.

For further information please contact: council@tgeu.org