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FRA presents new LGBT survey report - embargoed copy

Dear Director Nemitz,

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On 17 May 2013, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) will publish the findings from its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) survey, the EU's largest LGBT hate crime and discrimination survey ever conducted. Over 93,000 LGBT people from all 27 EU Member States and Croatia completed the survey.

The findings show that many LGBT people cannot be themselves in their daily lives. Many hide their identity and live in isolation or even fear. Others experience discrimination and even violence.

Drawing on these findings, the report suggests ways EU and national policy makers can promote and protect the fundamental rights of LGBT people across the EU, so they too can live their lives with dignity. These include:

1. Ensuring LGBT students feel safe at school.
2. EU-wide action to counter the many obstacles LGBT people face to their basic rights in their everyday life.
3. Recognising and protecting LGBT victims to counter harassment and hate crime.

The findings will be presented on International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia on 17 May, at a conference hosted by the Netherlands government in the Hague. Please note the Embargo - Friday, 17 May 2013, 12:00 CET.

All data will be accessible online from the day of the launch via a data visualisation tool on the FRA website, where responses to the survey questions can be broken down by country, age of respondents, etc. The data will also be downloadable in various formats.

We hope that you will find the information, analysis and activities captured in these reports interesting and of use to you in your work. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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