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### NEWS REPORT

<b>Country:</b>	Norway
<b>Title:</b>	New/ revised Action Plan 2017-2020 on LGBT-rights
<b>Date:</b>	15 July 2016
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<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Revised action plan on LGBT-rights
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Sexual orientation
<b>Source:</b>	Policy development
<b>Field:</b>	All areas: employment, social protection, social advantages, access to goods and services, education, housing, other
<b>Applicable law:</b>	n/a

### **Content**

#### **Policy development:**

The government's new action plan on LGBTI rights was presented by the Minister of Children and Equality during Oslo Pride on 22 June 2016.

The action plan covers the period 2017-2020, and contains 40 specific measures to be implemented over the next three years. The title of the action plan is "*Safety, openness and diversity: the government plan of action against discrimination because of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expressions*". The title aptly describes the key focus of the action plan, which is to ensure safe neighbourhoods and public spaces, equal public services and livelihoods for these particularly vulnerable groups.

#### **Key points of analysis:**

The action plan consists of few concrete legal actions, apart from a clear focus to increase police efforts to handle hate crimes both regarding investigation and prosecution. There is a focused effort in the action plan to target the immigrant population, as there is a high degree of harassment, discrimination and violence directed toward LGBTI-immigrants both within and outside their closest family.

#### **Internet link source:**

Press release at <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/trygghet-mangfold-apenhet/id2505393/> (in Norwegian);

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