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**Betreff:** [SPAMVERDACHT] District of Tarnów declared itself as "LGBT-free zone"

"Tęczowy Tarnów" is an organisation supporting our local LGBT+ community.

For over a year, governors of the municipalities, counties and voivodships in Poland have been passing resolutions "against the LGBT ideology", breaching the fundamental values of the European community, as well as the principles of the Polish Constitution. The district of Tarnów, which you have a partnership with, is one of such regions. The public authorities are forgetting that they have an obligation to act within the limits of the applicable law and to safeguard the inalienable human dignity, human rights and equal rights.

In official documents, local government officials use dehumanizing language when writing about LGBT, referring to it as "pathologies", "homopropaganda", "dangerous ideology" and "a threat to the traditional family and children".

The European Parliament passed a [resolution](#) on 18 December 2019 condemning homophobic resolutions of local governments and called on the Polish public authorities to immediately repeal their harmful documents. The European Commission also adamantly [condemned](#) the resolutions on 4 February 2020.

We believe international pressure makes sense, which is why we encourage states to revise their cooperation with the municipalities, cities and voivodships which are harmful to the LGBT community. Saint-Jean de Braye, the French municipality twinned with Tuchów (Małopolskie Voivodship) which passed an anti-LGBT resolution, was the first to decide to break the partnership. Martin-Chabbert, adviser to the mayor of Saint-Jean de Braye, emphasized that the municipality could not allow human rights to be neglected and referred to the persecution of homosexuals by Nazi Germany.

The establishment of "LGBT-free zones" dangerously resembles the extermination rhetoric of the last century and, in everyday life, affects the level of security of non-heteronormative and transgender people living in Poland.

Let's not allow hate speech to become the norm, let's react!

PS. As defenders of democratic standards in Poland, we would expect your unambiguous reaction (stoppage or suspension of the cooperation until the withdrawal of the resolution), while leaving the opportunity available for the citizens of both countries to cooperate, if it can be continued without the involvement of the Polish authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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