



Statement by The European Liberal Youth (LYMEC), Junge Liberale and Bundesverband Liberaler Hochschulgruppen following the attack on Berlin Pride 25.7.2026.

This week, we join the people of Berlin and the whole LGBTQ+ community in grief, shock, and deepest mourning. Saturday's horrifying attack on Berlin's annual Pride event, Christopher Street Day, tainted what should have been a time of love, celebration, and acceptance with an unimaginable sadness.

This act of terrorism, directed at the LGBTQ+ community out of blind hatred by a man known to authorities as a violent extremist with Islamist links, tragically took the life of one, left several more with life-threatening injuries, and imposed upon countless others memories which will haunt them for the rest of their lives.

Appalling acts such as this show precisely why Pride remains so important. Though much has changed for the better since the Stonewall Riots in 1969, the LGBTQ+ community still suffers under prejudice, discrimination, and the threat of violence across the world.

LYMEC calls on all European leaders and governments to address, publicly and with conviction, the reality which Saturday's heinous attack so starkly shows – Progress has not just slowed in recent years, it has begun to be turned back. The threats against our community from the far right and religious fundamentalism are by no means a thing of the past.

LYMEC will always stand with our LGBTQ+ brothers, sisters, and siblings. We will continue to strive to create a better, safer, and more just society that our European values promise, in which everyone can live freely and openly, regardless of how they identify or who they love.

Today, we mourn for the victims of this heartbreaking attack.

Tomorrow, we continue to fight for a better world for our community.

And we will not stop until that world is made reality.

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