



THE PRIME MINISTER

## WorldPride 2021

The Government of Denmark strongly supports Copenhagen Pride's bid for hosting the WorldPride in Copenhagen in 2021. Tolerance, diversity and acceptance are fundamental for Danish society. We sincerely believe that all human beings have the right to fully enjoy their human rights and freedom regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity. LGBTI persons around the World must be able to fulfill their ambitions, potentials and dreams.

For several years, Denmark has been a frontrunner in ensuring LGBTI rights, securing equal opportunities and non-discrimination of all LGBTI persons. Denmark was the first country in the world to legalize same-sex civil partnership, and just recently the first country in the world to remove transgender from the mental illness list. Every year, the Government takes active part in the annual pride organized by Copenhagen Pride, and just last year we hosted the important European Ministerial Conference IDAHO Forum.

Copenhagen would hence be an excellent place to host this immensely important event, and I would look forward to a Copenhagen painted in rainbow colors and full of happy people from all around the world celebrating our pride in who we are, and insisting on equal rights and opportunities.

In conjunction with Copenhagen Pride's application, the LGBTI sports organization, Pan Idræt, is bidding for the 2021 EuroGames. If succeeding in attracting these two major events, Copenhagen would become an extraordinary setting for celebrating and highlighting LGBTI rights, equality and equal opportunities.

The Danish LGBT organizations have a valuable experience in hosting events, incl. the 2009 World Outgames, the 2003 EuroGames and the 1996 EuroPride. The country would be proud to welcome the international LGBTI-community back to Copenhagen to a grand celebration of love and freedom.

You can be assured of my Government's full support to ensure that Copenhagen Pride will be guaranteed the stature that such an important event deserves.

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## **EuroGames 2021**

The Government of Denmark strongly supports Pan Idræt's bid for hosting the EuroGames in Copenhagen in 2021. Tolerance, diversity and acceptance are fundamental for Danish society. We sincerely believe that all human beings have the right to fully enjoy their human rights and freedom regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity. LGBTI persons around the World must be allowed to fulfill their ambitions, potentials and dreams both in sports and in life.

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The Danish LGBT organizations have a valuable experience in hosting sport events, incl. the 2009 World Outgames and the 2003 EuroGames. The country would be proud to welcome the international LGBTI-community back to Copenhagen to a grand celebration of love and freedom.

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