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### **New Amnesty International report on homophobic hate crimes in the EU**

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**Place: Amnesty International, European Institutions Office, 35 rue de Trèves, Brussels**

Amnesty International launches a report calling on national authorities and the EU to tackle all forms of hate crimes, including those perpetrated on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

The report, *Because of who I am: Homophobia, transphobia and hate crime in Europe*, highlights gaps in the legislation of many European countries where sexual orientation and gender identity are not explicitly included as grounds for hate crimes and points out the inadequacy of current EU standards on hate crimes.

It provides compelling stories from transgender individuals who were attacked because they were trans and from parents whose children were killed because they were perceived as gay.

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