

Rainbow Schools project promotes inclusive education across Europe for Pride Month

JUNE 2026 – To mark Pride Month, organisations from across Europe have raised awareness of inclusion and diversity, creating spaces of discussion within their local communities. The six organisations are working together as part of the Erasmus+-co-funded Rainbow Schools project, which aims to build safer, more inclusive school environments for all students.

In Italy, CESIE ETS collaborated with Arci Gay Palermo and took part in the Pride Parade on 20 June, co-creating the iconic trucks that took over the streets of Palermo. Colours, freedom, inclusivity, love and desire were the pillars of this year's Pride march.



In Greece, the Athens Lifelong Learning Institute and the University of Athens published informational content on social media, promoting equality, inclusion, and diversity. The Athens Lifelong Learning Institute also spotlighted educational materials, results, and best practices from European projects [Prison Safe](#) and [EMERGE](#), which focus on social inclusion, the protection of human rights, and the empowerment of vulnerable groups. Through these initiatives, the Institute aims to encourage public dialogue on diversity and contribute to the creation of a more inclusive and safe social environment.

In Slovakia, the Trnava University brought together key stakeholders in a strategic meeting to advance the co-creation of an inclusive curriculum, which will be piloted both in Slovak schools and in partner countries' schools across the Rainbow Schools project. The organisation also contributed to a Pride Month social media campaign, sharing examples of good practice in inclusive education from Slovak schools, that can be adapted to other educational contexts.

In Romania, the West University of Timișoara (WUT) is an active supporter and long-standing partner of the LGBTQIA+ community and the Timișoara Pride Week festival (also known as Pride TM), which is the main event dedicated to this community. The initiative is coordinated by Identity.Education and includes a series of socio-cultural activities, parties, and the diversity march. WUT collaborates closely with relevant organisations at the regional and national levels to support diversity and social inclusion for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Among other initiatives, it builds capacity and skills development on how to work with members of the LGBTQIA+ community through its study courses on reducing gender inequalities, building resilience among vulnerable groups, and promoting non-discrimination and equal opportunities.



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These activities reflect the shared commitment of the Rainbow Schools project partnership to ensure that inclusion is not only discussed but actively practiced. The LGBTQIA+ community must actively participate and be listened to in the educational sector, not only during Pride Month but all year long.