

# Support the Budapest Pride!

June 23th: Budapest Pride info meeting at 8.00 pm, Wipplingerstrasse 23, 1010 Vienna

July 5th: Preparation Meeting for our collective journey to Budapest at 7.00 pm. Wipplingerstrasse 23, 1010 Vienna

July 7th: Bus leaves for Budapest Pride Parade at Westbahnhof

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To register for the bus send an email to [queerfem@radicalqueer.net](mailto:queerfem@radicalqueer.net)

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This year Budapest Pride Parade takes place on July 7th. The group radicalqueer organizes a bus leaving from Vienna to facilitate a collective journey of activists in support of the pride march. This year's Budapest pride festival will be held from July 1 through July 8, 2012 and particularly addresses processes of marginalization within the community. Its closing event will be the pride parade.

### Yes, we are promoting homosexuality

Because we share this concern, we will show our support by participating in the Budapest pride march. Especially, as homophobia and transphobia are more and more legitimated by governmental policies, fueled by voices within hungarian society and by paramilitary groups that deploy for this cause.

The new Hungarian constitution that came into force in April 2012 propagates the commitment to family as part of the preamble. Hence, sexuality shall belong to the heterosexual bedroom and merely be a means of reproduction.

Even more, a delegate of the right wing extremist party Jobbik tried to introduce a bill making the “promotion of homosexuality in public” punishable as it is the case in St. Petersburg/Russia. In the last week of June the Eurogames (a gay and lesbian sports event) will take place in Budapest for the first time. Jobbik party leader Gábor Vona denoted these Games as “the end of the world” and warned against a huge gathering of homosexuals. Also the FIDESZ party member and city mayor of Budapest publicly opposed this event.

Utterly alarming is the current increase of antisemitism and antiziganism in Hungary. Paramilitary forces patrol the streets of Roma residential areas, although this is officially forbidden. Additionally, there is a new racist employment act that forces the unemployed into labour.

### **In the last years,**

the Budapest Pride Parade was not unhindered, it had to rely on the protection of massive police forces as well as on private security. Shielded from right wing extremist groups and homo- as well as transphobic counter-demonstrations, the pride parade was directed along a cordon of fences and police forces. Thus, attacks against the parade could be averted. Nevertheless, participants were still attacked when they left the pride parade. Last year’s activists from Vienna unfortunately got acquainted with members of the fascist organization HVIM while walking towards their bus. Nobody got hurt, but the attackers perverted the facts of the assault and made a police report against two Viennese activists. The proceeding is still pending.

### **We'll be back!**

Experiences made over the last years proof that good preparation is in need as participating in Budapest’s Pride Parade clearly is no easy getaway. We will not be intimidated. Rather we will make sure that we take enough safety precautions. Therefore, we invite you to a discussion meeting with activists from Budapest on June 23rd. Additionally, there will be an obligatory meeting on July 5th for all registered for the bus. This meeting will serve as a possibility to exchange information and will prepare us for the pride march.