

List of organizations in Serbia

1. **Labris** was founded in Belgrade in 1995, emerged from the gay and lesbian organization Arcadia, founded in the 1990. Labris is an organization that believes that the right of a different sexual orientation is a fundamental human right, and it is dedicated to elimination of all forms of violence and discrimination against lesbians and women of different sexual orientations other than heterosexual www.labris.org.rs
2. **Gayten** is organization that is committed to respecting the rights of the different sexual orientation as one of the basic human rights and the eradication of all forms of discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gender population in all aspects of social structure. Gayten is Labris's *sister-organization*, emerged from Arcadia www.transserbia.org
3. **Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)** is an organization founded in 2005. It carries mission of human rights promotion and protection for all citizens of Serbia, with particular focus LGBT persons. GSA focused on activities which are primarily lobbying and advocating the rights of LGBT persons, as well as conducting research and analysis of LGBT persons' status in Serbia and documenting the cases of violence and discrimination www.gsa.org.rs
4. **Center for Queer Studies** has a vision of a future society in which various existing identities will not be a source of discrimination. On a mission to remove of inequality structured by constitutive modes of heterodox normative, it was established in 2010. Among publishing activities, CQS supports, organizes and promotes artistic productions and projects www.cks.org.rs
5. **A support group for young gay men to "Come Out"** was formed in 2010. in Novi Sad. The aim is to support the activities of the group and help in personal and social development and empowerment of young gay men to live freely in the world around them. www.podrska.in.rs
6. **Queeria** - Center for promotion of culture of nonviolence and equality was established in 2006. The vision of a society in which LGBT people are equal in human rights, free to express their identity through what they do and the society in which LGBT people are recognized in the legal / statutory framework www.queeriacentar.org
7. **Association Raibow** was established in 2004 in Šabac. Its aim is to improve the quality of life for the LGBT community. Over time, the organization began to operate over a much wider area, and the successful operation began to be implemented in other areas of human rights www.asocijacijaduga.org.rs
8. **SPY - Safe Pulse of Youth** founded in 2002 is still advocating for the human rights of the LGBT community as well as other vulnerable groups by improving their legal, health, socio-economic and educational status www.spy.org.rs
9. **GLIC - Gay Lesbian Info Center** was established in 2009 in Belgrade. It brings up together gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, trans-gender, queer and heterosexual people's political and social engagement contribute to a greater awareness of LGBT issues, rights and culture www.gayecho.com
10. **Belgrade Pride** – Established in 2010, after first held Pride Parade in Belgrade, with the idea to coordinate activities of this annual manifestation www.belgradepride.info

Main activities of LGBT movement in Serbia 1995 - 2011:

- 1995

Labris printed the first issue of lesbian newspaper in Yugoslavia, newspapers Labris

- 1997

Labris participated in the organization of the First lesbian week which was held in Slovenia

- 2000

The second year, Labris organized a lesbian week

- 2001

Labris launched the first lesbian web site and "Labris - lesbian resource center". Labris with support of lesbian organizations from Croatia organized the first Pride Parade in Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Gayten launched a special broadcast "Gayming" dedicated to the LGBT community, on Radio 202. Gayten also organized lecture "Theories of Sexuality" including 8 workshops on LGBT identity, empowerment of LGBT people and first drag-show "*Viva la Diva*" in Belgrade.

- 2002

Labris launched a project "Education of women's groups from Serbia about lesbian human rights", and in collaboration with organization Geyten, have implemented media campaign "Together Different"

Gayten organized lecture on "Sexual freedom and rights," at School of civil society, Negotin.

- 2003

Labris submitted a proposal for amending the Family Law, launched a web psychological counseling for lesbians and initiated the project "Education of women's non-governmental organizations, non-governmental human rights organizations and the media about lesbian human rights"

- 2004.

Labris organized media campaign of "Long live the difference" and submitted amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act and the Criminal Code of Serbia

- 2005.

Labris organized media campaign "The right to live free of violence" and conduct first ever research on violence against LGBTTIQ in Serbia. Labris also submitted amendments to the Law on Gender Equality

GSA was the attempt of police in city of Novi Sad to create a list with personal data about LGBT people in 2005. As a response to such illegal act, LGBT activist Boris Milicevic organizes public awareness campaign of that attempt. In that campaign, over 600 LGBT persons, including friends and relatives, sent their personal data to the President of Serbia, as well as to the Prime Minister, President of the Parliament, Ministry of Police, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, as a sign of support to the LGBT population in Serbia and protection of their human rights. This activity led to establishing GSA.

- 2006.

Labris launched a series of seminars on human rights dedicated lesbian and women of different sexual orientations other than heterosexual and held its first seminar in Kikinda. Labris also published a brochure on the authentic experiences of lesbian coming out in Serbia and proudly participated in the development of a three-year National Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality. One of the most important outcome of Labris activities is lobbying strategy that helped changes in the questionnaire for blood donors of National institute for Blood Transfusion, and made LGBTIQ persons now are allowed to donate blood.

Rainbow Association conducted research in 15 secondary schools Municipality, Šabac, Valjevo and Loznica, (including 9881 student) on tolerance versus 5 most marginalized minority groups. Because LGBTIQ people by the results were most discriminated against in all schools made the conference on Discrimination of LGBTIQ people. Also launched a project aimed at reducing internalized homophobia. The work included counseling, workshops and interactive advertising material.

Queeria Center held seminar "The Others - From Construction To Patriarchal Politics." The main theme of the seminar was the impact of nationalism and wars, the rise of intolerance and violence against GLBT population.

- 2007

Labris has in cooperation with other LGBTTIQ activists launched a campaign against discrimination "Love for All", and began a collaboration with representatives democratically oriented political parties and representatives and government institutions. Afterwards, Labris held the second seminar, "the letter, the letter L," in Vrbas and third in Belgrade.

GSA organizes first public debate in Serbia in regards to necessity of Anti-discrimination Law adoption and its significance to LGBT population

Rainbow Association conducted education at the Department of Public Health Šabac, on the specifics of working with LGBT people. In 4 sessions trained 64 people from state institutions.

- 2008.

Labris conducted training of persons engaged in advisory work and staff in institutions of Social Welfare Centers, Schools, Hospitals, etc. on preventing discrimination towards LGBTIQ community This year Labris finally received a response on request, submitted to the Serbian Medical Society in 2005. year, to officially confirm attitude of World Society Health Organization that same-sex orientation is not a disease. Labris used this information in future lobbying strategies. Submitted criminal appeal and help proceedings against the first organized attack of the clerical-

fascist organizations participating on participants Queer Belgrade Festival. Labris became a part of ILGA – Europe Regional Networking Program.

RA In 20 municipalities in Serbia worked on documenting violence against LGBT people, realized 36 interviews with victims and did 431 survey. Also implemented a project of establishing LGBTIQ Drop-In Center.

GSA organizes the action called “Presidential Hot-line”, during the time of election campaign for the Serbian President. It consisted of sending a questionnaire to all presidential candidates containing the questions about their views on LGBT rights, Besides that, GSA, in cooperation with the Center for Free Elections and Democracy (CeSID) conducted the first representative survey of public opinion about the level of homophobia in Serbia “Prejudices exposes – homophobia in Serbia 2008”, and launched a media campaign to raise awareness of the International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO).

Queeria Center launched campaign “Love On The Streets”. Theme of the campaign was the freedom of assembly. The campaign included placing billboards, press conferences, street and Humanitarian Action.

- 2009

Labris is the only organization from the beginning until the ban was included in the Pride organization. This attempt of organizing a Pride Parade ended up in cancellation, because Police stated that they could not secure participants, only 24 hours before it was scheduled to take place. GSA was also involved but withdraws in middle of process.

Labris attended at seminars for employees in the office of the Ombudsman of the Republic, as well as the provincial ombudsman representing the topic of LGBT people in Serbia.

Labris and GSA are having important roles in lobbying for adoption of Anti-discrimination Law, through Coalition against Discrimination (KPD) locally, and through securing international awareness and support. After more than four years of lobbying the Coalition Against Discrimination, anti-discrimination law was finally adopted in April

GSA, jointly with Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), after the Pride Parade 2009 was not held and violence was escalating over the Belgrade, organized an round table “Response of civil society”

GSA gathered many Belgrade based LGBTIQ NGOs at the press conference held in Belgrade Media Centre where announced the proposal for adoption of Declaration against Violence, Call For Violence, Hate Crime and Hate Speech to the National Assembly.

Rainbow Association educated 10 field workers on promoting mediation as an alternative conflict resolution in cases of discrimination against LGBT people and distributed the practical guide on this topic.

Queeria Center, in cooperation with the NGO and I'm going from Mali Lošinj organized a summer school humanitarian law, which was attended by about forty young people from Serbia and Croatia. The focus of the school has been placed on human rights and the media, and the creative part of the participants were able to master practical media techniques.

- 2010

Labris in cooperation with the Regional Center for Minorities held four training sessions "Discrimination: identify and confront" For over 60 activists human rights activists in Belgrade, Nis, Leskovac and Dimitrovgrad. Labris organized seminar on "Same-sex Orientation In The Work of Community Health Centers" in Hajdukovo. This is the first Labrises project funded by the State, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy Also organized the seminar "Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity In Legal Practice" in Kovačica. The seminar was intended for lawyers and lawyers from NGOs and state institutions. This year volunteer team of Labris was formed, consisted of 16 volunteers. Labris negotiated that International Pride Day be marked by lowering rainbow flag from the window of the Ombudsmans office. The set of workshops held for employees in a women's prison in Pozarevac, was also conducted.

GSA participates on the first Belgrade Civil Society Organizations Fair where GSA activists talk directly with the citizens about violence over LGBT persons and distribute Gay Bashing Map. At the fair, GSA started collecting citizens' signatures in support to first Pride Parade in Belgrade.

GSA, Queeria Center and Group for support of gay men "Coume Out" established Organizing Committee of the first successful Pride Parade in Belgrade. Pride was organized on 10th October 2010.

Queeria Center launched media campaign "The Friendship that Lasts". Campaign was based on the finding that in Serbia, 61% of gay men their sexual orientation announce first close friend, and the fact that over 50% of women in Serbia have a positive attitude toward GLBT issues. The campaign included a large number of media activities, Queeria issuance calendar for 2010., Promotional parties, www.kafenisanje.com site, distribution of educational materials.

Center for Queer Studies published two double-edition magazines of magazine for queer theory, *QT Magazine*.

- 2011

Labris organized four performances of The Forum Theater, "The power of dialogue." The project was financed by the Ministry of Culture, and the play were designed for students and high school students and their teachers. Labris was host of The Fourth Sunday Lesbian (seminar for lesbian activists from the region). This year International Pride Day, on Labrises initiative was marked by lowering rainbow flag from the windows of the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Government, and "I am what I am", promotional video was filmed in Labris production. Labris in cooperation with the Youth Office from Novi Beograd has first time officially entered high school with project "I want to tell you". Labris has started project on situation testing of institutions and service providers towards LGBTIQ people in cooperation with Commissioner for Equality in Serbia.

Rainbow Association implemented project "Tolerance, stabile foundation of the family" on the territory of municipalities: Mačva, Srem, Zlatibor, Kolubara and Morava region, and amounted to the establishment of cooperation with 21 Centers for Social Work in the territory, and education on work with LGBT people and their families. Training was passed 51 people Centers for Social Work. During the project implementation DEBT Association has signed cooperation agreements with 18 centers for social work. Project was funded by Ministry for Human and Minority Rights.

In reaction to the inadequate response of the competent authorities on attempted murder of lesbian A.Ž. in the Belgrade city center, GSA organized a protest “IT’S ENOUGH!” GSA Novi Sad Branch organizes international one-week workshop about struggle against discrimination and social exclusion of LGBT persons through music video production called “Sing Equality – Bring Equality”. Supported by European Commission

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Monthly and annual activities of LGBTIQ organizations:

GLIC every since June 2011 in two months is issuing a *Optimist* magazine and guide for LGBTIQ population.

GLIC every since 2009 organizes a *Merlinka* – International Queer Film Festival annually.

Labris is issuing a *Labris Magazine* every twice in a year.

Labris since 2008, every year publishes *Annually Report On State of Rights of LGBTIQ Population In Serbia and Media Perception of LGBTIQ Community*.

Gay Straight Alliance since 2008 produces *Annual Report On State of Human Rights of LGBTIQ Population*.

Queeria Center is since 2007 is publishing *Queeria Calendar*, annually.

Belgrade Pride Parade had two attempts of organizing Pride Parade in Belgrade (2011 and 2012), but successfully organized *Pride Week*, series of cultural events and debates.