

## **Homosexual asylum seekers within the European Union**

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Today many asylum seekers are fleeing persecution for reasons of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity in one of the 72 countries in the world where being gay is illegal. In this regard the EU has banned its members from imposing “homosexuality tests” based on psychological evaluations, because they breach fundamental human rights and in particular the right to respect for private life (see, inter alia, judgment of the EU Court of Justice of 28 January 2018). Therefore the credibility of these claimants must be assessed only through documentary evidence and objective elements.