

## Complete Decriminalization of same-sex relations



2001

Decriminalisation ended more than a century of persecution and aligned Romania with European human rights standards.

Under pressure from the European Union accession process, Prime Minister Adrian Năstase's government repealed Article 200 through an emergency ordinance. Romania thus ended over a century of legal repression against LGBTQ people. Beyond a technical requirement for EU membership, the repeal was a symbolic turning point, recognizing the right to privacy and dignity for gay and lesbian citizens.

Significance: The repeal of Article 200 ended more than 125 years of criminalisation. It signified a historic shift toward human rights, aligning Romania with European democratic principles. Beyond meeting EU standards, it symbolised recognition of LGBTQ individuals as equal citizens deserving dignity and protection.

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