

Legalisation of Same-Sex Marriage in Portugal



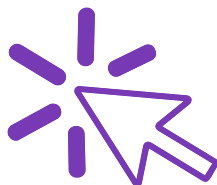
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On May 17, 2010, Portugal legalised same-sex marriage, becoming the sixth country in Europe and the eighth worldwide to do so.

The law was signed by President Aníbal Cavaco Silva after parliamentary approval, granting same-sex couples the same marriage rights as opposite-sex couples, though adoption rights were initially excluded (later granted in 2016). This milestone placed Portugal among the early European countries to legalise same-sex marriage, signalling a major shift toward legal equality and social recognition of LGBTIQ+ families. Despite some public debate at the time, the approval of the law contributed to greater visibility, protection, and dignity for LGBTIQ+ people in Portugal.

Significance: This was a landmark achievement for LGBTIQ+ rights, reflecting Portugal's growing commitment to equality and social inclusion.

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