

Cuza's Penal Code and a Liberal Beginning



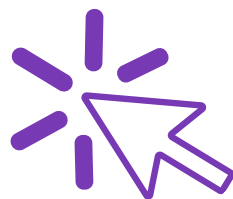
1864

Homosexuality was not criminalised, offering an unexpectedly liberal legal framework for the period.

With the modernization of legislation, the 1864 Penal Code contained no reference to homosexual acts. At a time when many European states punished same-sex relations with prison or even death, Romania offered, by omission, a more tolerant framework. This moment was a surprisingly progressive step for a newly unified state, placing Romania among the first European countries not to explicitly criminalize homosexuality.

Significance: This omission positioned Romania unexpectedly ahead of many European states at the time, offering a comparatively tolerant legal environment. It laid an early foundation for understanding sexual diversity as a private matter rather than a criminal one, even though this progress would later be reversed.

For more information click here!



Source <https://ro.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandru Ioan Cuza>