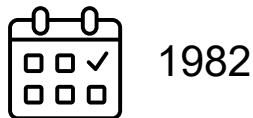


Decriminalisation of Homosexuality in Portugal



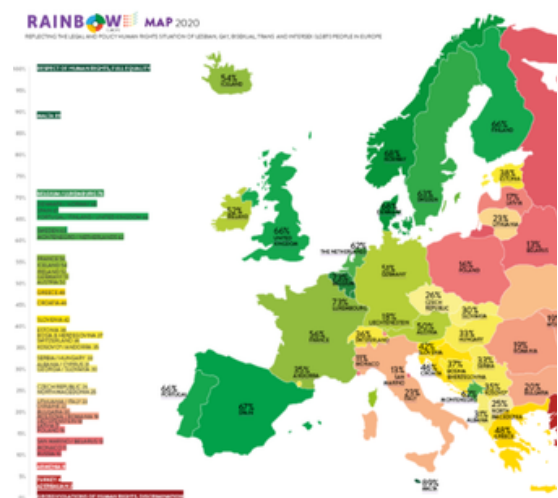
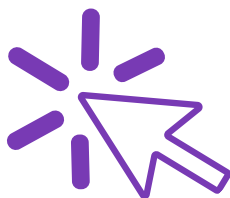
In 1982, Portugal formally decriminalised homosexual acts by revising its penal code, removing provisions that criminalised same-sex relationships.

This reform was part of a broader modernisation of Portuguese law following the 1974 Carnation Revolution, which ended the dictatorship and initiated a period of democratisation and progressive social change.

This legal update placed Portugal among the growing group of European countries advancing towards the protection of sexual rights during the 1980s. Although decriminalisation did not immediately eliminate stigma or discrimination, it marked the first structural step toward recognising the rights and dignity of LGBTIQ+ people.

Significance: This legal change was a critical step toward LGBTIQ+ rights, aligning Portugal with other European nations decriminalising homosexuality and laying the groundwork for future equality measures.

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