

Qualtrics Survey Claimants

Start of Block: Introduction

Q1 Welcome to the SOGICA survey. Thank you for taking the time to contribute to our work and help make it of real value to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual, queer, intersex + (LGBTQI+) people claiming asylum, and to the people who are working with and supporting them.

This survey is for people who have claimed asylum in Europe because of sexual orientation or gender identity, or for LGBTQI+ people claiming asylum in Europe.

The survey is anonymous and you will not be asked to give your name or any other information that might identify you. However, by completing the survey you are giving consent for your answers to be used in the research project and project publications.

Here are some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to answer any questions you may have, and to help you decide if you want to complete the survey.

Feel free to [email us](#) if you have any additional questions and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please also [email us](#) if you would like this survey in another format and we will try to help.

We have provided the survey in several different languages, however we would encourage you to complete it in English if possible. The reason for this is that we can't guarantee the quality of the translation, or that the translated language and terminology is appropriate. This is because the translation from English to other languages is done through the survey software, which uses Google Translate.

The survey is open until the end of March 2019.

Prize draw

There is a prize draw open to anyone who completes either of the surveys and wishes to take part. There are four prizes equivalent to €25 each. Each prize will be given in the form of a voucher to use in the country of residence of the winner.

If you wish to enter the draw, you will need to provide your email address so that we can contact you, however, the contact details of people who choose to enter the draw will not be connected to the survey responses and will be deleted after the draw takes place in April 2020 unless you specify otherwise (for example, if you tell us you wish to [sign up to the SOGICA newsletter](#)). If

you would like to enter the draw, please provide your email address when asked to do so at the end of the survey.

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Q2 Questions about your asylum claim

Q3 1. How soon did you claim asylum or protection after you arrived in the country where you made your claim?

- Immediately (12)
 - Within 3 months (13)
 - After 3 months (14)
 - Please use the space below to provide details (15)
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Q4 2. Have you been returned to a 'first country of asylum' or 'safe country of passage' in Europe under the Dublin Regulation? (The 'Dublin III' regulation decides which EU state is responsible for an asylum application).

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q5 3. Did you know you could claim asylum because of sexual orientation or gender identity (for example, because you are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender) when you arrived?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Not sure (3)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q6 4. What reason did you give for claiming asylum?

Sexual orientation (1)

Gender identity (2)

Other (3)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q7 5. How did you identify yourself in your asylum claim? (Please select all that apply)

- Gay (1)
 - Lesbian (2)
 - Bisexual (3)
 - Trans (16)
 - Trans (male to female) (11)
 - Trans (female to male) (12)
 - Intersex (5)
 - Non-binary (6)
 - Queer (7)
 - Heterosexual (9)
 - None of the above or in another way (13)
 - Did not identify in any way (14)
 - Prefer not to say (15)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (8)
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Q8 6. What stage of the asylum process has your claim reached?

- I am waiting for a first decision (1)
 - I have been given asylum or refugee status (2)
 - I have been given humanitarian protection (3)
 - I have been given subsidiary protection (8)
 - I am appealing against a refusal (4)
 - I have received a final refusal (5)
 - I have received a positive decision but the public authorities are appealing against it (9)
 - None of the above or I have been granted another status (10)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (6)
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Q9 7. If you have been granted asylum or some kind of legal protection, please tell us when?

- When I made my first application for asylum (1)
 - My first application was refused and I was granted legal protection when I appealed (2)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (for example if you appealed more than once) (6) _____
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Q10 8. If your application has been refused at any time, what was the reason? (Please select all that apply)

- The decision maker did not believe my sexual orientation or gender identity (1)
 - The decision maker did not believe I was persecuted or at risk of persecution in my country of origin (2)
 - The decision maker stated that I could or would live 'discreetly' if I were returned (3)
 - The decision maker stated that I could relocate to a different part of the country I came from (5)
 - Another reason (6)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q11 9. Do you feel you understand and have been fully informed about the asylum application process?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q12 10. Did you claim asylum on your own or with a partner or family members?

- On my own (1)
 - With a partner (2)
 - With another or other family members (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q13 11. Do you or did you have a legal advisor or representative to help you with your application?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (3)
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Q14 12. Are you happy with the legal advice or representation you have had for your asylum application?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q15 13. Please tell us about the cost of any legal representation you received:

- It was paid for by the state or through legal aid (5)
 - I paid for it myself (3)
 - It was provided for free or 'pro bono' by the legal representative (13)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q16 14. How long did you have to wait for your main interview after the first/screening interview?

- Less than 3 months (1)
 - Between 3 and 6 months (2)
 - Between 6 months and a year (3)
 - More than a year (4)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (5)
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Q17 15. Do you think the official(s) who interviewed you listened to your story and asked you the right questions?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Not applicable (5)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q18 16. If you have read the record of your main interview, do you think it was accurate?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Not applicable (5)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q19 17. If you made an appeal against a negative decision, how long did you wait for your appeal hearing?

- Less than 3 months (1)
 - Between 3 and 6 months (2)
 - Between 6 months and a year (3)
 - More than a year (4)
 - Not applicable (6)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (5)
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Q20 18. If you had an appeal, do you think it gave you a fair opportunity to present your case?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Not applicable or did not have an appeal (5)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q21 19. Did you have an interpreter for any of your interviews or court hearings?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q22 20. If you had an interpreter were you happy with the interpreting service?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Not sure (3)

Not applicable (5)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q23 21. Have you ever been detained in the country where you claimed asylum, and if so for how long?

- I have not been detained (5)
 - Less than a month (1)
 - Between 1 month and 6 months (2)
 - More than 6 months (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q24 22. If you were detained, is there anything you would like to tell us about your experience of detention?

End of Block: Questions about your asylum claim

Start of Block: Questions about life outside of the legal process

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Q25 Questions about life outside of the legal process

Q26 23. Are you open about your sexual orientation or gender identity in the country where you claimed asylum?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Sometimes or it depends (4)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (for example if it depends upon the situation) (3)
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Q27 24. Have you received support from any of the following types of organisation or group?
(Please select all that apply)

- Refugee or migrant organisation (1)
 - LGBTQI+ organisation (4)
 - Religious organisation or group (5)
 - General advice organisation (6)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (3)
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Q28 25. What kinds of accommodation have you had in the country where you claimed asylum?
(Please select all that apply)

Reception centre for people claiming asylum provided by the government or local authority (1)

Reception centre for people claiming asylum provided by an NGO or other organisation (2)

Reception centre for LGBTQI+ people claiming asylum provided by the government or local authority (5)

Reception centre for LGBTQI+ people claiming asylum provided by an NGO or other organisation (6)

Private rented accommodation (3)

Stayed with friends or family (8)

Other (10)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q29 26. Did you feel safe in your accommodation? (If you had different kinds of accommodation, please think about the one where you stayed the longest or that you remember best.)

Yes (1)

No (2)

Not sure (3)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q30 27. Have you experienced any discrimination in the country where you claimed asylum?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q31 28. Have you experienced any violence in the country where you claimed asylum?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q32 29. If you experienced discrimination or violence, did you report it to anyone?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not applicable (5)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (3)
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Q33 30. Do you have any physical or mental health problems related to the persecution you experienced or the process of claiming asylum?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Not sure (3)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

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Q34 31. Are you in contact with people seeking asylum or other people from your country of origin?

Yes (1)

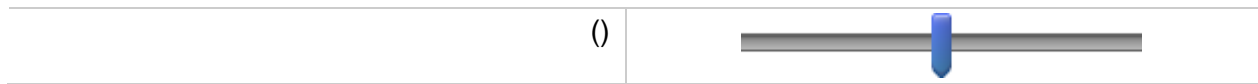
No (2)

Please use the space below to provide more information (3)

Q35 32. How easy is it to meet LGBTQI+ people from outside refugee, asylum seeker or migrant communities?

Please use the bar below to indicate your answer (0 = very difficult, 10 = very easy)

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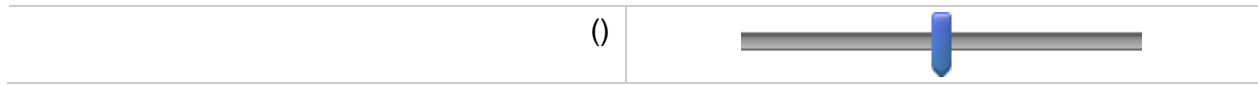
Q36 Please use the space below to provide more information

Q37 33. If you have received asylum or legal protection, how easy was it to find employment afterwards?

If you have not received legal protection, please advance to question 37.

Please use the bar below to indicate your answer (0 = very difficult, 10 = very easy)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Q38 Please use the space below to provide more information

Q39 34. If you have received asylum or legal protection, how easy was it to find housing afterwards?

Please use the bar below to indicate your answer (0 = very difficult, 10 = very easy)

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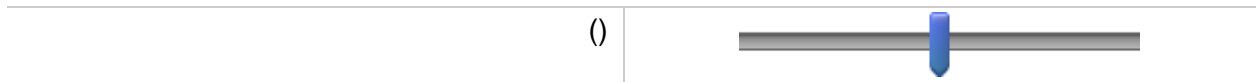


Q40 Please use the space below to provide more information

Q41 35. If you have received asylum or legal protection, how easy was it to find education or training afterwards?

Please use the bar below to indicate your answer (0 = very difficult, 10 = very easy)

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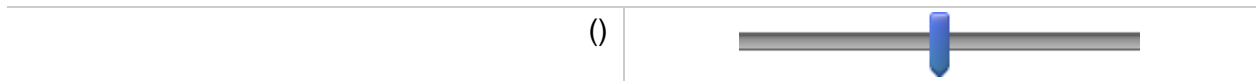


Q42 Please use the space below to provide more information

Q43 36. If you have received asylum or legal protection, how easy was it to find a local doctor and healthcare afterwards?

Please use the bar below to indicate your answer (0 = very difficult, 10 = very easy)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Q44 Please use the space below to provide more information

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Q45 37. How do you feel about your future? Please tell us as much as you wish.

Q46 38. Can you suggest any changes that would improve the experiences of LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum in Europe?



Q47 39. There are a few final questions but this is the end of the main part of the survey so is there anything else you would like to tell us?

End of Block: Questions about life outside of the legal process

Start of Block: About you

Q48 About you

Q49 In this section we would like to ask you some questions about yourself that will help us understand more about the people who are applying for asylum in Europe because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. None of the questions is compulsory, but we would be grateful to you for taking the time to reply.

Q50 40. In what country are you claiming asylum? (The SOGICA project is focusing on Germany, Italy and the UK, but we are also interested in learning from the experiences of asylum seekers in other countries).

- Germany (1)
 - Italy (2)
 - UK (3)
 - Another country. Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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Q51 41. What is your country of origin?

Q52 42. Are there criminal laws against sexual and gender minorities in your country of origin?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Not sure (3)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q53 43. If so, are they enforced as far as you know?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Not sure (3)

Please use the space below to provide more information (4)

Q54 44. How would you describe your gender or gender identity?

- Male (1)
 - Female (2)
 - Non-binary (3)
 - Intersex (4)
 - Trans (male to female) (5)
 - Trans (female to male) (6)
 - Trans (11)
 - Queer (8)
 - Other (12)
 - Prefer not to say (9)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (10)
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Q55 45. How would you describe your sexuality?

- Lesbian (2)
 - Gay (3)
 - Bisexual (4)
 - Queer (8)
 - Heterosexual (12)
 - Other (11)
 - Prefer not to say (9)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (10)
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Q56 46. How old are you?

- 17 and under (1)
 - 18-24 (2)
 - 25-34 (3)
 - 35-44 (4)
 - 45-54 (5)
 - 55-64 (6)
 - 65-74 (7)
 - 75 or older (8)
 - Not sure or prefer not to say (9)
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Q57 47. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Not sure or prefer not to say (3)
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Q58 48. How would you describe your religious or non-religious identity?

- Christian (1)
 - Muslim (2)
 - Jewish (3)
 - Hindu (4)
 - Sikh (5)
 - Buddhist (6)
 - Agnostic (8)
 - Atheist (7)
 - Other (11)
 - Prefer not to say (9)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (10)
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Q59 49. How would you describe your ethnic identity or origin?

- Arab (13)
 - Asian/Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other Asian) (1)
 - Black (African, Caribbean, Other Black) (2)
 - Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, Other Mixed) (4)
 - North African (11)
 - White (including Irish, Gypsy and Traveller, Other) (6)
 - Prefer not to say (9)
 - Other (please use the space below to specify) (10)
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Q60 50. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- Primary school (1)
 - Secondary school (7)
 - Further or higher education (college or university) (4)
 - Postgraduate studies (5)
 - Not sure or prefer not to say (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (6)
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Q61 51. What is your family or marital status?

- Single (1)
 - Married (4)
 - Civil partnership (3)
 - In a relationship (10)
 - Separated or divorced (9)
 - Widowed (11)
 - Not sure or prefer not to say (8)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (6)
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Q62 52. Do you have any children?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Prefer not to say (3)
 - Please use the space below to provide more information (4)
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End of Block: About you

Start of Block: Thank you

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Thank you!

You have reached the end of the survey. Before you leave, we have some final requests and information you may find of interest.

SOGICA sends out a free bulletin every three months with information about LGBTQI+ asylum developments. [Please sign up to it here.](#)

Please let us know if you would be interested in taking part in an interview or focus group about your experiences and we will send you information about the process, including confidentiality. You can email us at info@sogica.org.

Please tell people you know about this survey – it will be running until the end of March 2019 and we would like to get as many responses as possible.

Finally, the SOGICA team thanks you for taking the time to complete our survey. You have helped to ensure that the SOGICA project is informed by the experiences of LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum and those who work with and support them.

[Find out more about SOGICA.](#)

Q65 If you wish to enter the SOGICA survey prize draw, please provide your email address in the box below so that we can contact you.

End of Block: Thank you
