



Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Claims of Asylum: A European human rights challenge – SOGICA

SOGICA survey – FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

What is the survey for?

This survey is part of the SOGICA project. SOGICA is a four-year research project about sexual orientation and gender identity-based claims for asylum in Europe, and the experiences of LGBTQI+ people claiming asylum. You can find out more about the project on the [SOGICA website](#).

To make sure our research is informed by people with direct experience of the questions we are asking, the SOGICA team is interviewing people claiming or who have claimed asylum, people who advise and support them, decision makers and officials. We are also conducting this survey and inviting anyone who is claiming or has claimed asylum because of sexual orientation or gender identity, or who works with LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum to complete the survey.

Who is this survey for?

We have divided the survey into two parts – one for people claiming or who have claimed asylum and one for people who work with them or support them. We know that a lot of people do both, and that many LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum also work with organisations providing services, advice or campaigning, so please complete whichever one you prefer (or both from different perspectives if you wish). We have tried to make it possible for you to answer most of the questions with as much or as little information as you wish.

What will you do with the answers?

We will use the responses to the survey for our research publications which include a book, articles, blogs and briefings. The project will be making recommendations for improving LGBTQI+ asylum processes and the experiences of people claiming asylum in Europe, and your responses will inform our recommendations.

How can I find out more and stay involved in the project?

We hope that all the people who support our project by completing the survey and in other ways will stay involved in SOGICA, and there are a number of ways you can do this. We will publicise all publications that use the survey results through our newsletter, social media and website. So if you'd like to hear about the results of our research, please stay in touch by signing up to our (free) [newsletter](#) and following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). There is also information on the [SOGICA project website](#) or just email us at info@sogica.org

How do I know my answers and my identity will remain confidential?

The SOGICA project is based at the University of Sussex and we have gone through the University's ethical review process, which includes showing what measures we are following to protect the identities of project participants.¹ All survey responses are anonymous and the responses will be stored confidentially on the University's internal computer drives and destroyed within five years of the end of the project in 2020.

Organisations providing support

We hope you do not find completing the survey in any way upsetting or distressing and to make sure this is the case, very few of the questions are compulsory. Nonetheless, we have put together a [list of organisations](#) on our website that provide support to people seeking asylum. They are based in the UK, Germany and Italy, where we are doing most of our research.

How long will the survey take to complete?

Because most of the questions are optional, the survey can take as little as five minutes to complete, but if you have time to provide more detailed answers it can take longer (and we would be very grateful if you could do so). For most of the questions we have added space for you to provide more information if you wish. Very few of the questions are compulsory and if there are any that make you uncomfortable or risk causing you distress, please feel free to skip them. A bar at the top of the screen shows your progress in the survey.

How long will the survey be running for?

The survey will run until the end of March 2019, but we would be grateful if you would complete it as soon as possible and pass it on to anyone else you know who might wish to contribute, so that we can start working on the survey results as they come in.

Thank you very much for your interest in the [SOGICA](#) project!

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