

## Press release

# Bi+ Equal officially established as the first pan-European organisation for bi+ people

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On February 9th, 2026, Bi+ Equal was officially registered as the pan-European organisation for bi+ equality. The registration marks an important and historical moment: although European umbrella organisations for other identities under the LGBTQIA+ umbrella, i.e. trans, intersex, and lesbian people have existed for years, a similar organisation specifically dedicated to bi+ movement, issues and interests was lacking until now. This is despite bi+ people facing unique challenges and specific forms of exclusion that differ from the experiences of monosexual people (i.e. straight and gay/lesbian people). In addition to bi+ specific discriminations, racialised bi+ people, those living with (dis)abilities, or coming from socially marginalized backgrounds, and more, face intersectional discriminations and oppressions.

In April 2024, the two-year Bi+ Equal project was launched by two NGOs, the Dutch Bi+ Nederland and French Spectrum, with the purpose of launching the pan-European bi+ umbrella entity. This involved mapping pan-European bi+ activists and organisations, and extensive research was conducted into their needs, experiences, and priorities.

A crucial starting point was that the umbrella organisation would be developed by and for the bi+ community, so that it would form a recognizable, safe, and representative space where bi+ people feel heard and empowered.



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After more than a year and a half of preparation, the Bi+ Equal Conference and Founding General Meeting took place in Vilnius, Lithuania in October 2025. For three days, fifty bi+ activists from all over the pan-European region came together for workshops, meetings, and intensive working sessions focused on the statutes and code of conduct of the new organisation. Article by article, these were discussed, refined, and ultimately approved. On October 22, 2025, at 12:30 PM local time, the official decision was made: the community had approved every article, and the foundations of Bi+ Equal were established by the community. The moment was celebrated with confetti, a moment that those present will not forget.

To formalise the establishment legally, directors Barbara Oud and Soudeh Rade visited the notary in Amsterdam on November 19th for the official registration of Bi+ Equal. This meeting was following online communications with the notary about how to fit the decisions made by the community into the Dutch legal framework. Yet again, Bi+ Equal governance team enjoyed a 3-hour-long intense conversation about each article. At the moment of signature, things became real and both co-founders, Barbara and Soudeh cried out of joy, of belonging to a community which had mandated them to register the organisation.

On February 9th 2026, Bi+ Equal, the pan-European bi+ umbrella organisation officially registered at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce with number 99737736.

This means Bi+ Equal is ready to register its' membership who will have the utmost power to govern and design the future of the organisation. To apply for membership, please visit <https://forms.gle/ZkRiTo4Fhny4Yvxh6> . If you are not part of the bi+ movement, you can still become a Partner or a Friend of Bi+ Equal.

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