

ITALY

Population: 57,2 Mio

Area: 301.316 km²

Part 1: Laws concerning Homosexuality

Forbidden by law: No

Registered partnership/marriage: No

Differences to heterosexual couples: Yes

a) No visits in hospital and in jail; b) no admission to public real estate programs; c) no extension of partner's health insurance; d) no benefit from pension reversion; e) no family allowance; f) no extension of partner's working rights.

Anti-discrimination law, protecting lesbians/gays (L/G) against discrimination: No

At work: No

On the housing market: No

In other areas: No

Other groups in the society protected through such a law: No

Incidents that briefly describe the situation of L/G in society:

Discrimination of lesbian/gay teachers in schools, both from authorities and from parents.

Part 2: Situation in the Church(es)

Open L/G welcome to

Eucharist: No

Do volunteer work: No

Work as ordained ministers: No

Other employment in church(es): No

Partnership blessing possible: No

Incidents/outspoken attitudes that briefly describe the situation of L/G in the churches:

A priest has been suspended "a divinis" for having celebrated a blessing between persons of the same sex as a sign of God's presence.

Part 3: Christian Lesbian/Gay Networks

Network name: Nuova Proposta

Number of members: approx. 50

Year of foundation: 1980

Web page/contact address:

www.nuovaproposta.it (where you find many links to a lot of other Italian networks)

Network name: Gruppo del Guado

Web page/contact address:

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