

The stance of conservative parties across Europe on marriage equality

Excepting the countries which already have achieved marriage equality in Europe (Belgium, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden), let's have a look at the EU member nations.

Civil unions have become acceptable in many European countries, but many conservative parties still remain opposed to full marriage equality. The conservative parties of the UK, Ireland and Luxembourg are exceptions rather the norm (by "conservative party", I've usually selected the biggest party right-of-centre. I'm aware that these parties are not always fully equivalent)

Austria: the civil union has been celebrated in the press as a great concession by the conservative party. So, no dice here (though David can correct me) ([link](#))

Bulgaria: Only one party with 5 seats even supports Sofia pride.

Croatia: Croatia may introduce civil unions. Conservative opposition staunchly opposed to that ([link](#))

Cyprus the right-leaning Democratic Rally Party is opposed to same-sex marriage. ([link](#))

Czech Republic: in 2006, civil unions were finally introduced, overriding a veto of the conservative president. Most MPs of his party had opposed the measure.

Estonia: Right-wing parties have stated their opposition to same-sex marriage.

Finland: The National Coalition Party in 2010 voted to support same-sex marriage. ([link](#)). However, the relatively small Christian Democratic Party seems to have caused the five-party coalition to table the issue for now. ([link](#))

France: France might achieve marriage equality soon. Nonetheless, the UMP remains opposed ([link](#))

Germany: Germany's conservatives are opposed to full marriage equality. 11 conservative MPs recently signing a letter in support does not change that fact.

Greece: In Greece, ND is opposed to marriage equality ([link](#))

Hungary: the 2012 constitution explicitly bans gay marriage and does not protect LGBT people from discrimination. Need I say more?

Ireland: here, Fine Gael does support marriage equality. ([link](#))

Italy here even a left-leaning party, the Partito Democratico, narrowly voted against marriage equality. ([link](#)). Naturally, the right-leaning Popolo della libertà is opposed ([link](#))

Latvia: also introduced a same-sex marriage ban ([link](#))

Lithuania: same-sex marriage has been banned since 1992, only some MPs from left-leaning parties have expressed support for marriage equality.

Luxembourg the ruling Christian Social Party is considering legalising same-sex marriage ([link](#))

Malta: Malta's conservative govt has announced it would propose a registered partnership law, but nothing has happened so far. Meanwhile, public support for gay marriage is reported to be at 60%.

Poland The Civic Platform wants to introduce civil union, which is rejected by the right-wing Law and Order Party. But no same-sex marriage on the table. ([link](#))

Rumania no Rumanian party supports same-sex marriage.

Slovakia on September 19, the ruling Social Democratic Party announced it would vote against the registered partnership proposal (I'd assume conservative parties would all the more be opposed)

Slovenia in 2011, same-sex marriage was introduced against the will of the now ruling Slovenian Democratic Party, a centre-right party. Tragically, a referendum in 2012 annulled the law, reverting back to the 2006 law allowing civil unions. ([link](#))

United Kingdom: this is also a case where the Conservative Party does support it. (However, AFAIK, in the UK civil unions pretty much do have the same rights and privileges as marriages)