In France, the Collectif Intersexe Activiste/OII France, together with the intersex research network (Réfri), conducted a survey on intersex health in 2023, funded by the French inter-ministerial delegation DILCRAH. The survey was completed by 158 intersex respondents and focused on: socio-demographics; physical and mental health; medical experiences; conjugality & sexuality; discrimination and violence.

In the Canary Islands in Spain, the Municipality of La Laguna, together with Caminar Intersex and other LGBTI organisations developed an awareness raising action, entitled Visible Spaces, in which a series of 12 benches in communal public spaces were painted with LGBTI-flags, including intersex flags. In February 2023, Spain became the 6th CoE country to adopt an IGM ban within the law for the real and effective equality of trans people and for the guarantee of the rights of LGBTI people. Article 19 of the law prohibits non-consensual genital modification practices performed on intersex children under the age of 12, with the exception of cases where the intervention is required in order to protect the person’s health.

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At Council of Europe level:
- In the framework of the Italian Presidency, the Council of Europe OSCE Unit, in cooperation with the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the Council of Europe, hosted the high-level conference ‘Advancing the Human Rights of intersex people’. The event brought together representatives from the Council of Europe Member States governments, and included high-level speakers like the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, the Prime Minister of Iceland, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people and the Chair of the Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion. The event also launched the work on the future Committee of Ministers recommendations on intersex.
- The ECRI General Policy Recommendation no.17 on preventing and combating intolerance and discrimination against LGBTI people includes a specific recommendation to Council of Europe Member States on intersex people.
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- The presentation of the survey findings and the need for further research on intersex issues.
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