






































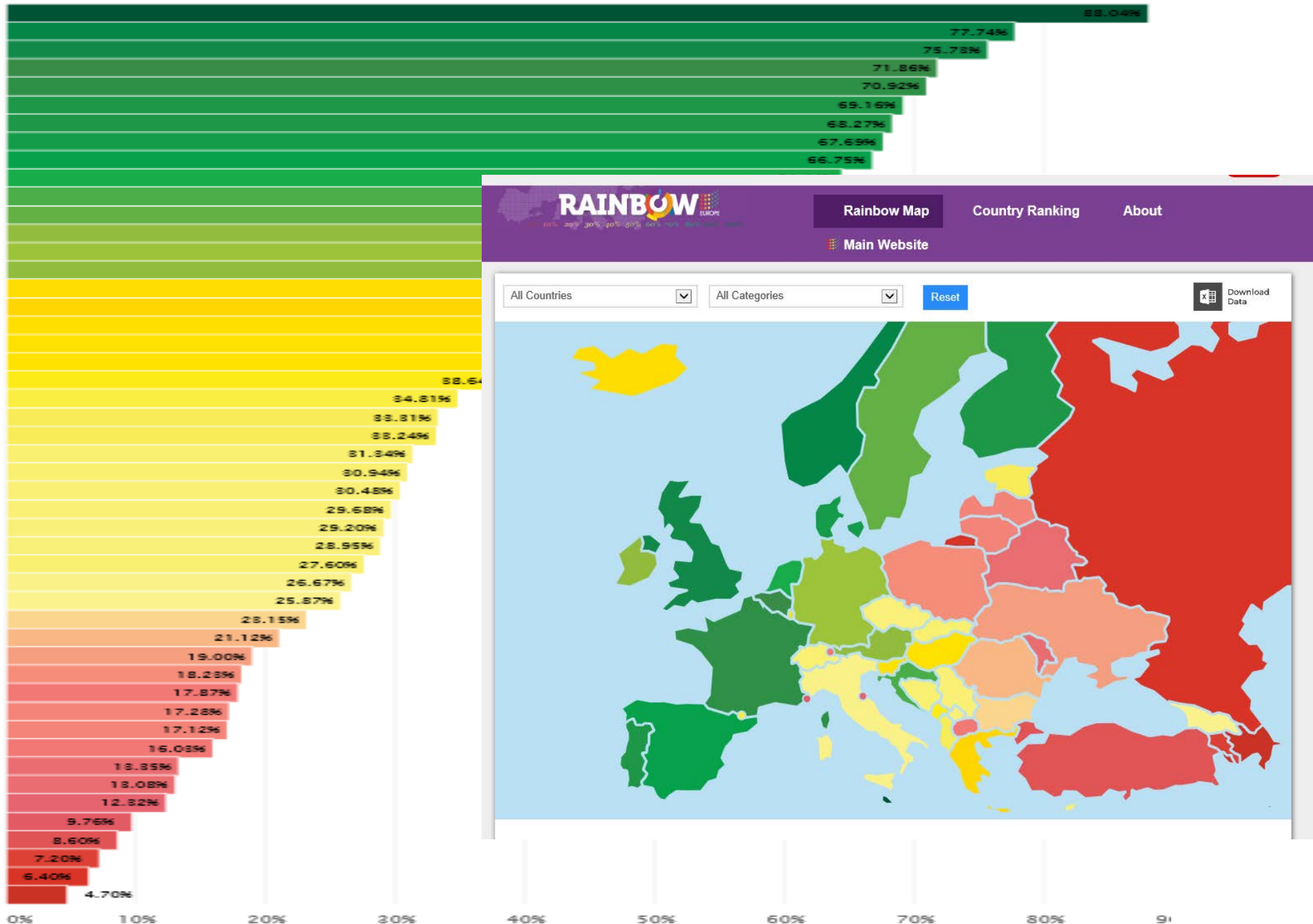
Preventing and addressing SOGIE based bullying in Norway

Experiences and Measures in Education

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New Action plan against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression 2017-2020





Legal Measures and References:

- The Legal Gender Change Act (Lovvedtak 71 (2015-2016)) <https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/2016-06-17-46>
- New : Law on Equality and Prohibition of Discrimination (Lovvedtak 118 (2016-2017)) <https://www.stortinget.no/no/Saker-og-publikasjoner/Vedtak/Beslutninger/Lovvedtak/2016-2017/vedtak-201617-118/>
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- New: Revised Curriculum Framework for the Content and Tasks of Kindergartens (regulations to the Kindergarten Act) <https://www.udir.no/in-english/framework-plan-for-kindergartens/>
- New: Changes to the Overall part of the School Curriculum (Values and Principles) <https://www.udir.no/laring-og-trivsel/lareplanverket/fagfornyelsen/ny-generell-del-av-lareplanen/>

Changes to the Government of Prime Minister Erna Solberg

- New Political Platform

- The chapter on Equality

- Equal value and equal opportunities for all irrespective of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, disabilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.
 - The government will:
 - Ensure LGBTIQ-persons rights, contribute to openness, actively combat discrimination and contribute to knowledge on LGBTIQ being included in relevant curriculum frameworks on all levels
 - Enhance sexual education in schools
 - Combat racism, religious discrimination, anti-semitism, social control and prejudice based on sexual identity and ethnicity
 - Implement measures to combat discrimination in workplaces, living areas and social arenas.
 - Ensure that Norway goes ahead internationally to promote rights for sexual minorities.



Actions against bullying

- The government presented 28th October 2017 an **Action plan against violence and abuse for 2017-2021**.
 - The governments wants (a.o.) to increase efforts against bullying and digital harassment.
- The government is **changing the pace in the fight against bullying** in the coming years. In the budget for 2018, the government allocated NOK 79 million to various measures in this very important area. This entails an slight increase from 2017, but there has been a doubling over previous years. In the recent budget:
 - the Government wants to develop educational material for Teacher Education on group-based prejudice and how to combat this.
 - in measures on digital harrassment - LGBTIQ-issues shall be included.

- The government concentrates its efforts on **three main areas**:
 - **raising competence and skills** in schools, kindergartens and municipalities (*prevent, uncover and deal with*)
 - **better support and guidance** for victims of mobsters and their families
 - Barneombudet (ombudsman for children and youth) is being strengthened, nationally and with new regional ombuds on bullying
 - New help-line and chat-service
 - **a simpler regulatory framework** to ensure that students have a network outside the school that can provide help quickly and correctly when the schools themselves fail.
 - And fines for schools/municipalities failing to act

Bullying related to disability or sexual orientation

- Some groups among children and young people experience significantly more bullying than other groups, for example, related to disability or sexual orientation. This is documented through several investigations.
- **The government's new anti-bullying campaign** is about competence building, on improving and having more effective regulations, and on measures that will make it easier for victims of bullying and their families to find information about bullying and how they deal with their cases. Those groups who struggle with higher bullying than others will benefit more from these actions than other groups.



- In the bill there is clear **zero tolerance for all forms of bullying**, violence, discrimination, harassment and other offenses - regardless of discrimination or harassment, be it gender, view of life, disability, sexual orientation or other.
- This is also about **building good attitudes and values** in kindergartens and schools and that everyone must learn to respect that some children or students have different challenges than others. This attitude is closely linked to the fight against bullying.
- The government's goal is that **such measures should reduce the extent of bullying in all groups, especially in groups experiencing more bullying than others, like LGBTQI.**



New Curriculum Framework for Kindergarten (children aged 0-6)

- The Kindergarten is obliged to promote equality irrespective of gender, level of functioning, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, ethnicity, culture, social status, language, religion and spirituality
- The Kindergarten is obliged to make visible the diversity of families and make sure that all children will have their families mirrored in kindergarten (the learning environment)
- The Kindergarten shall build its practice on the principle of equality and non-discrimination and support children in experiencing and contributing to equality in society

