

# Latvia Weekly:

## Istanbul convention and LGBTQ



Latvia | Week 9 | Month 3  
October 30th - November 5th, 2023

New observations this week: 4  
Main channels: Facebook and Tiktok

### Main keywords:

**Corruption, Istanbul Convention,  
LGBTQ, same-sex partnership**

### Main narratives:

- Partnership legislation in Latvia was made through a pact in May and further compares it to Molotov-Ribbentrop pact.
- Canada millions of parents went out on streets and protested against lgbtq education in schools, thus, it should be also followed in Latvia.

### Overview:

From the findings of the examined week, similar disinformation narratives to prior weeks have been followed. The main topic discussed throughout the content of various authors across several platforms is the Istanbul Convention. As the Latvian parliament moved closer to allowing the registration of same-sex partnerships, disinformation from authors close to the opposition parties or within the opposition parties themselves followed. The content examined tends to group the Istanbul Convention and same-sex partnerships under one roof despite the former addressing issues of domestic violence against women which has nothing in common with the latter. The main narratives include that the Istanbul Convention will somehow affect children's teaching, which will be harmful. Additionally, a common narrative is that the United States is paying for the "lgbt propaganda" which is reflected in same-sex partnerships and the Istanbul Convention. However, when examining the sources to which the authors making such posts refer they lead to the United States government sites in which they talk about the budget given to fighting inequality of gender pay which has nothing to do with the lgbt movement.