



## Annual Report 2025

LGBT Human Rights Nash Svit Center is a Ukrainian non-governmental human rights organization working in the field of protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other LGBTQ people. The organization was established in 1998 and is one of the oldest LGBTQ human rights organizations in Ukraine.

The mission of Nash Svit is to promote the principles of equality and non-discrimination, to protect human rights regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity, and to integrate these principles into Ukrainian legislation and public policy.

The main areas of the organization's work include monitoring violations of LGBTQ rights, providing legal assistance to victims of discrimination and violence, conducting research and preparing analytical reports, advocating for legislative changes, and informing society about the situation of LGBTQ people in Ukraine.

### Socio-political situation and advocacy

In 2025, LGBTQ rights remained an important component of the broader context of democratic reforms, Ukraine's European integration, and the protection of human rights during the war. Ukrainian civil society continued advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring equality and combating discrimination, including on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Representatives of Nash Svit participated in various expert discussions, consultations, and meetings with representatives of state authorities and international organizations on legislative initiatives and public policy in the field of human rights. In particular, the organization cooperated with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and its specialized committees, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the National Police of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman), as well as the National Council of Ukraine on Television and Radio Broadcasting.

Within its international human rights activities, Nash Svit maintained communication with international organizations and institutions, in particular with the bodies of the Council of Europe. In 2025, the organization prepared and submitted information to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) of the Council of Europe in connection with its monitoring visit to Ukraine, highlighting the situation regarding legislation, hate crimes, and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

An important factor in the development of public policy on equality for LGBTQ people remains the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of *Maymulakhin and Markiv v. Ukraine*. The Court found that the absence of any legal recognition for same-sex couples in Ukraine violates the right to respect for private and family life. This judgment has become an important reference point for further legislative initiatives and public discussions on the introduction of registered partnerships and within the framework of Ukraine's European integration process.

### Monitoring of LGBTQ rights violations and legal assistance

Monitoring human rights violations remained one of the key areas of activity of Nash Svit. In 2025, our monitoring network documented 60 cases of homophobia/transphobia-motivated actions, discrimination, and other violations based on SOGI in Ukraine.

Our experts and activists of the monitoring network provided more than fifty legal consultations on protection against discrimination, response to homophobic and transphobic attacks, address to law enforcement agencies, protection of labor rights, as well as legal issues related to gender identity and document changes.

### **Analytical work and publications**

In 2025, Nash Svit continued preparing analytical materials on the situation of LGBTQ people in Ukraine. At the beginning of the year, the organization published its annual analytical report on the situation of LGBTQ people in Ukraine for 2024.

An analytical report on the situation of LGBTQ people in Ukraine for the first nine months of 2025 was also prepared, containing an analysis of key trends in human rights, cases of discrimination and violence, as well as an overview of legislative and political processes affecting the situation of the LGBTQ community.

As in previous years, Nash Svit remained one of the main providers of information on homophobic and transphobic crimes in Ukraine for the annual reports of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

### **Communications and media**

An important component of the Nash Svit Center's activities is informing society about the situation of LGBTQ people in Ukraine and issues of discrimination.

Throughout the year, the organization published news and analytical materials on its website and social media. Representatives of the organization regularly provided comments to Ukrainian and international media on human rights issues, hate crimes, and legislative initiatives.

According to media monitoring results, in 2025 there were 116 media publications that used comments, information, or analytical materials of Nash Svit.

### **Financial report**

The income/expenditures of the non-profit organization in 2025 amounted to 2,558,697 UAH.

Sources of funding included the All Out Action Fund (USA), the joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Support for implementing European standards relating to anti-discrimination and the rights of national minorities in Ukraine," LSVD (Germany), and individual donations.

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