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Passports issued by EU Member States adhere to globally interoperable standards adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization¹, including rules on specifying the sex of the holder. Nevertheless, States remain free to impose rules on entry, immigration and documents that are accepted for those purposes.

The Commission remains committed to achieving a Union of Equality, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion for all, notably through the LGBTIQ² Equality Strategy 2020-2025³, which pays particular attention to trans, non-binary and intersex persons. As announced in the Commission President's Political Guidelines⁴ and in the 2025 Commission Work Programme⁵, the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy will be renewed beyond 2025.

¹ International Civil Aviation Organization, Doc 9303, *Machine Readable Travel Documents*.

² Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52020DC0698>

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.

⁵ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/7617998c-86e6-4a74-b33c-249e8a7938cd_en?filename=COM_2025_45_1_annexes_EN.pdf.