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	1a Most recent <i>decriminalisation</i> of homosexual acts between adults	1b Most recent decriminalisation of homosexual acts, formally resulting in <i>equal age limits</i>	2a First legislative recognition of same-sex <i>cohabitation</i>	2b First legislation explicitly prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination <i>in</i> <i>employment</i>	2c First legislation explicitly prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in relation to <i>goods or</i> <i>services</i>	3 Introduction of a form of <i>registered</i> <i>partnership</i>	4a Allowing joint and/or second-parent <i>adoption</i> by same-sex partner(s)	4b Opening up of civil <i>marriage</i> for same-sex couples
1791-1799	France, Luxembourg Belgium							
1800-1849	Netherlands, Spain	Spain						
1850-1899	<i>Turkey</i> , Italy	<i>Turkey</i> , Italy						
1900-1939	Denmark , Poland	Poland						
1940-1959	Sweden, Portugal, Greece							
1960-1964	Czechoslovakia Hungary							
1965-1969	England & Wales, Bulgaria, East Germany, West Germany							
1970-1974	Austria, Finland, Malta	Netherlands, Malta						
1975-1979	Slovenia, <i>Croatia</i>	Denmark, Slovenia Sweden	Netherlands					
1980-1984	Scotland	France						
1985-1989		Belgium, East Germany	Denmark, Sweden	France	France, Denmark, Sweden	Denmark		
1990-1994	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ireland NorthrnIreland	Czech Republic, Slovakia Luxembourg, West Germany	France, Spain	Netherlands, Ireland	Netherlands			
1995-1999	Romania, Cyprus <i>Macedonia</i>	Finland, Latvia, <i>Croatia</i> <i>Macedonia</i>	Hungary, Belgium, Ireland, Austria, Finland	Slovenia, Spain, Finland Denmark, Luxembourg Sweden	Slovenia, Spain Finland, Hungary Luxembourg	Sweden, Netherlands France	Denmark	
2000-2004		Scotland, England & Wales, NorthrnIreland, Austria, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria	Scotland, England&Wales, Portugal, Germany, <i>Croatia</i> ,	Romania, Czech Republic, Malta, Belgium, Poland, Lithuania, Italy, United Kingdom, Portugal, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Estonia, Cyprus, <i>Croatia</i> Greece, Germany, Latvia <i>Macedonia</i>	Romania, Ireland, Belgium Lithuania, Bulgaria, Portugal, <i>Croatia</i>	Belgium, Germany, Finland, Luxembourg,	Netherlands, Sweden,	Netherlands, Belgium,
2005-		Ireland, Portugal			United Kingdom , Germany	England&Wales, Scotland, Nor. Ireland, Slovenia, Czech Republic	Germany, Spain, England & Wales, Scotland, Belgium	Spain
in some regions only not yet			Italy			Spain		
		Greece, Cyprus	most other countries	<i>Turkey</i>	all other countries	all other countries	all other countries	all other countries

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