



“Universi(tà) Queer”

a proposal by



First of all...
Who are we?





Collettivo Alan Turing

The Alan Turing APS Collective is the LGBTQIA+ association of the Polytechnic University of Turin. It promotes inclusion, awareness, and participation through educational activities, cultural events, and social gatherings, offering a safe and welcoming space for the student community. The goal is to foster discussion, personal and collective growth, and the dissemination of the values of respect, responsibility, and inclusion within the University and the city of Turin.



Collettivo Lavanda

The Lavanda Collective (formerly Identità Unite) was founded in 2014 to create a space for socialisation and mutual support among the LGBTQIA+ University community, through workshops, conferences, film screenings and social events. It also hosts the Biblioqueer, a library which the entire University community can access free of charge to browse or borrow books on LGBTQIA+ issues.

Annual funding from the University of Turin towards student organisations enables the purchase of both general equipment, needed to carry out all the activities, and gender affirming items for the trans* community, which are distributed free of charge.

Provisory name

“Universi(tà) Queer”





Where does the project come from?

In 2025 the elections for the CNSU (*Consiglio Nazionale Degli Studenti Universitari*) were held, with the new elected representatives being in charge until the end of 2028.

As the consultative body of the Ministry of University and Research, representatives in the CNSU offer a crucial opportunity for the voice of students to be heard at high levels, since it formulates opinions and proposals on projects for the reorganization of the university system, on the ministerial decrees, may raise questions with the Ministry regarding facts or events of national importance concerning teaching and student conditions etc.

[Here you can find the CNSU site where all the motions and proposals are listed](#)



Where does the project come from?

Some proposals have already been discussed (like the National Alias Career), however we feel like the interaction between the representatives and the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community is very much “delegated” to the single student associations.

The work they do in bringing our instances to the ministry is surely appreciated and cherished, but we’ve been thinking about a different way of expressing our needs. A way that is not fragmented and less direct, but compact, clear, and expression of as many voices as possible of LGBTQIA+ university students.

The idea of this project is born there, with the main focus of writing a “national LGBTQIA+ university student manifesto” and sending it to the representatives in CNSU.

We also hope - but it will be a long way - that this first event could be repeated every few years, with the creation of a *national LGBTQIA+ university students association*.



Recap

Who is it for

- LGBTQIA+ “official” university associations
- LGBTQIA+ “unofficial” university associations

When:

- January - June 2027 (Europride week!)

Where:

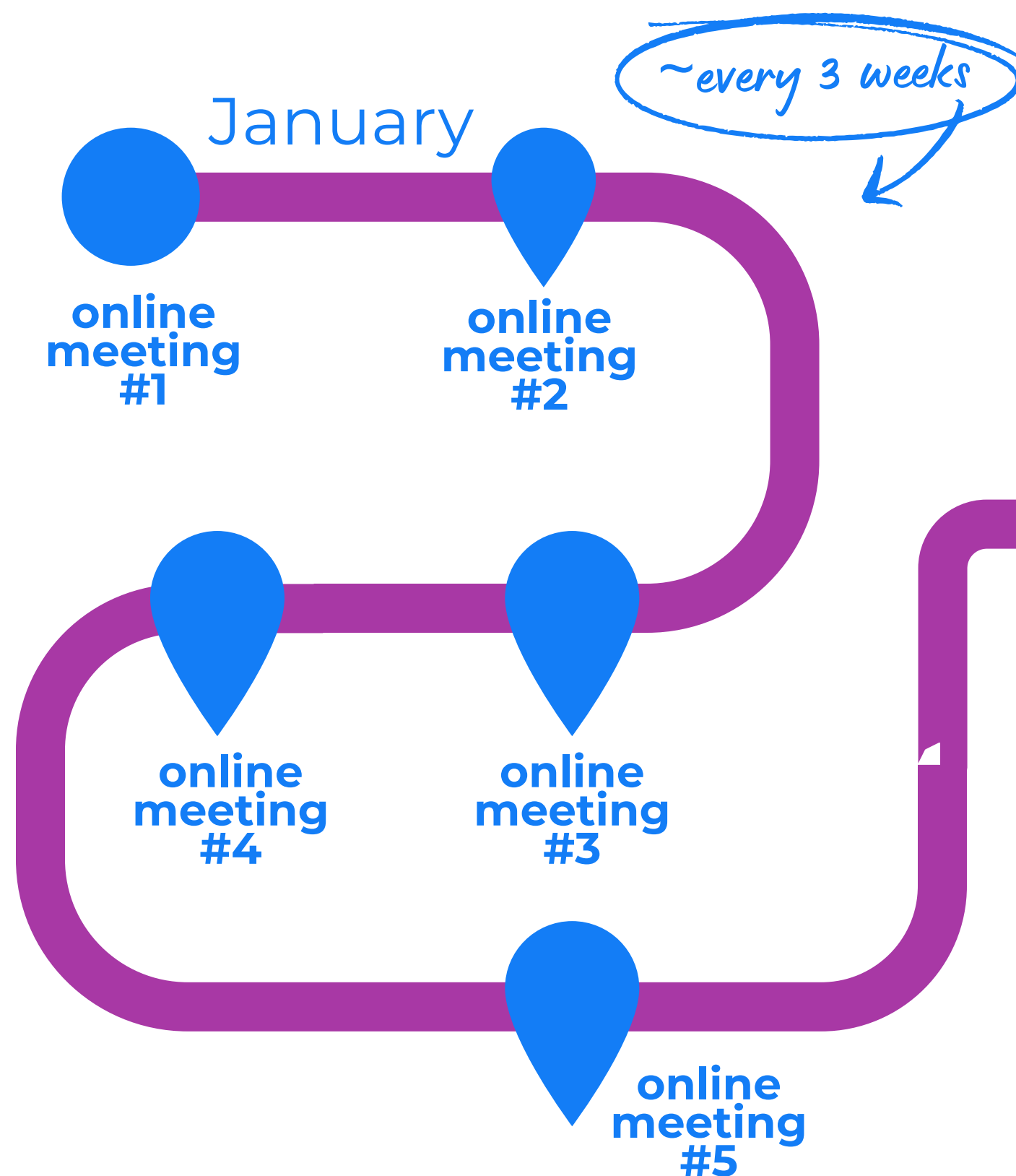
- Università di Torino, Politecnico di Torino

Objectives:

- **Writing of a political manifesto for CNSU**
- Laying the foundations of an LGBTQIA+ national university association
- Networking between LGBTQIA+ associations

How would it work?





June, week of the Europride

Day 1 (probably Friday)	Day 2 (probably Saturday)	Day 3 (probably Sunday)
Inbound trips	Workshop on the CNSU working model; Writing of the manifesto (in committees)	Outbound trips

Open point!
you can suggest
others!!

Themes





Diffusion of LGBTQIA+ university organizations throughout Italy

- A time for discussion to share the process of becoming an association, the bureaucratic and other challenges faced, the activities and goals pursued. Also discuss other organizations in your area and the type of collaboration. Also analyze the cases of organizations that did not become such (why? For what reasons?). Also discuss the challenges faced in joining such organizations (is it still stigmatizing to actively participate in openly queer organizations?).
- Due to its nature, it could be structured as an initial meeting, a first opportunity to get to know each other.

LGBTQIA+-Friendly Support Networks at Universities

- Individual research of the associations involved is necessary to analyze the support networks present in your area: are there support spaces within the university? How does the CUG work? Are there other opportunities for students? Highlight the mechanisms and their limitations (bureaucratic, access, etc.). The online meeting will be a time for discussion to analyze the results of this research. It would also be interesting to collect quantitative data to understand the presence of spaces specifically dedicated to the queer community in the area. A "booklet," a "plan" for carrying out the research could be shared with the participating organizations in advance: interviews with local organizations, discussions with the CUG, a trusted advisor, etc.



Alias Career

- Initial introduction to the topic: what is it? What are the legal requirements? (max. 15 minutes). Bureaucratic aspects, how people are supported and assisted, how trained the staff is, etc. A possible division into rooms to create smaller groups for discussion (NOTE: if divided into rooms, it's important to have homogeneous groups; not all Northern universities in one room and all Southern universities in another). It's important to keep track of what emerged in the various groups: create a final report of what was shared in the group. Each room must have a moderator and a person to keep track of what was discussed.
- Approximate duration: maximum 2 hours → 15-minute introduction, 1.5 hours of face-to-face discussion, 15-30 minutes of final report.

Gender identity training

- Discuss the difficulties encountered at university due to the ignorance of university staff. This could be planned as one of the last meetings of the series to ensure a sufficiently safe environment has been created in which to share these experiences. Focus on the students' needs. Collect all the testimonies and then divide the various issues based on the stakeholders involved: administration, professors, other students, etc.
- The duration varies based on the number of people and testimonies: a single moment of discussion, kept under 2 hours. Start with the discrimination experienced and move on to the needs of the community.



Academic research and LGBTQIA+ people

- Give space to researchers who are exploring these topics. Present opportunities such as research calls. Analyze which universities offer opportunities and investment in queer, gender, and other studies. This meeting is structured more like a seminar, where we give space to researchers, their studies, and the state of investment in these fields. Here, too, it may be necessary to share a series of "methodologies" in advance for identifying researchers at your university.

Budget





How funding works in PoliTo and UniTo and what we will ask

We can periodically ask for money to fund our projects. They usually take several months to be transferred, though, which is why for this project we would ask the contribution in November*, as the next windows (January and May) are too close to the in-person event date and we risk not having the funds necessary.

We will ask for an amount of funding that will cover travel expenses and accomodation for up to 3 delegates of your association.**

It is unlikely that our university will grant us funds to cover food too, so we ask you to take that into account

*For this reason we will try to have a reasonable hypothesis of how many associations interested in the event there are by the end of October

**This is just a forecast, if we find out that there is more people interesting in coming in Turin we will try to push for more budget to have more delegates!

Otherwise, if *you* also have access to funding you can help us in asking your university to cover for the travel expenses!



Thank you for the attention!

