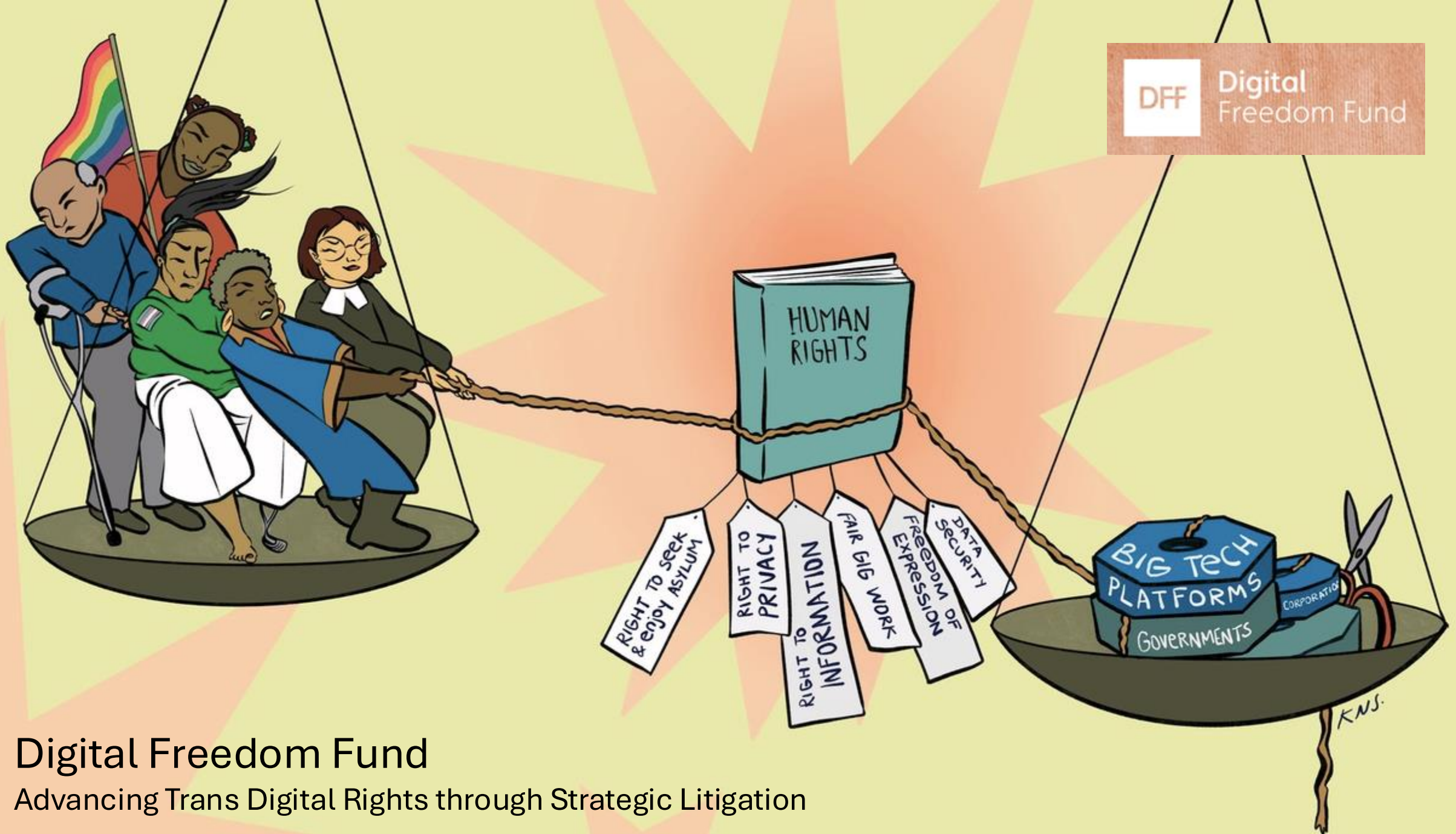




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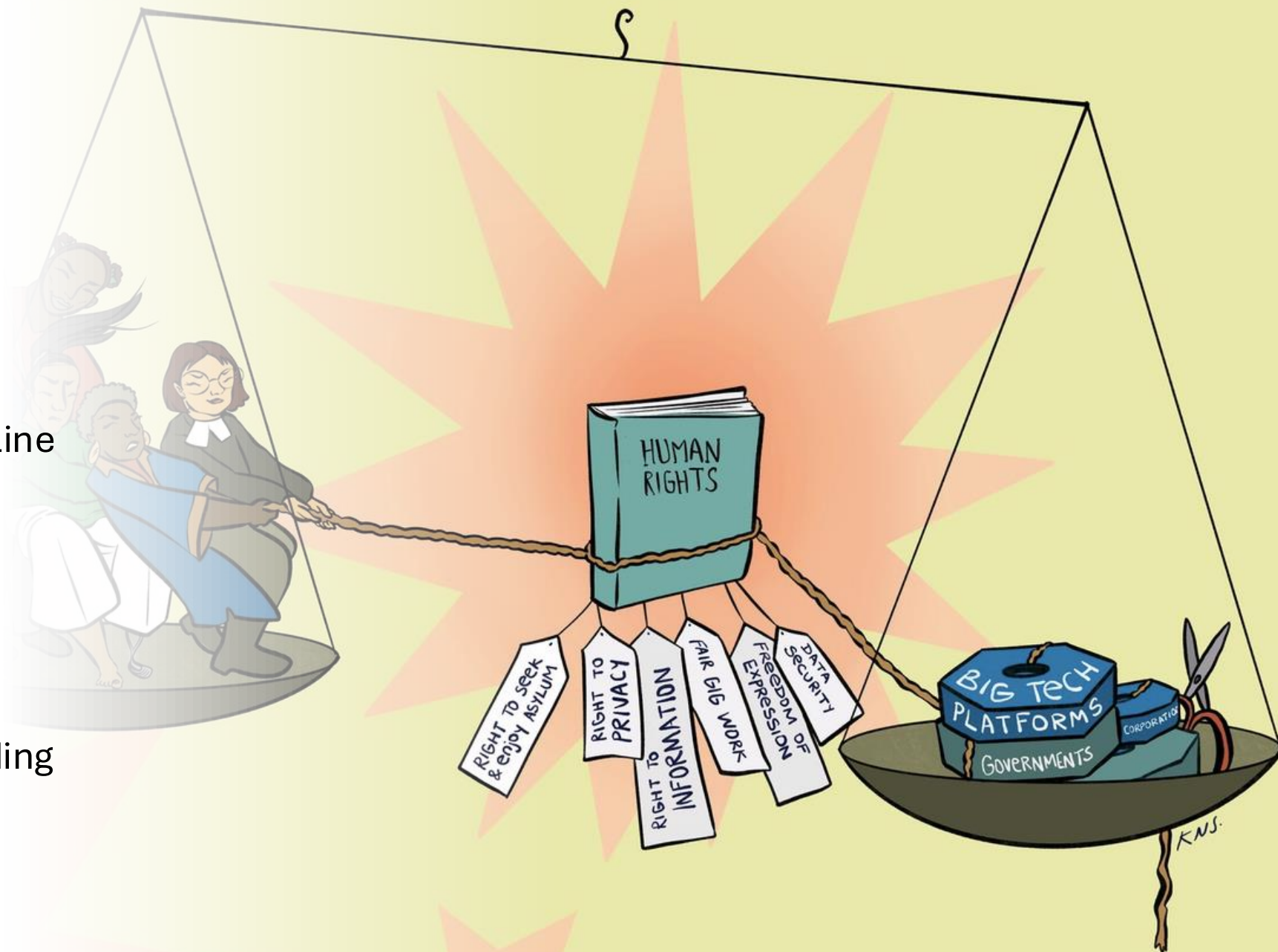
About Us

Our Mission

Advance digital rights in online spaces through strategic litigation

How?

Grantmaking and Strategic Litigation Eco-System Building (“Community”)

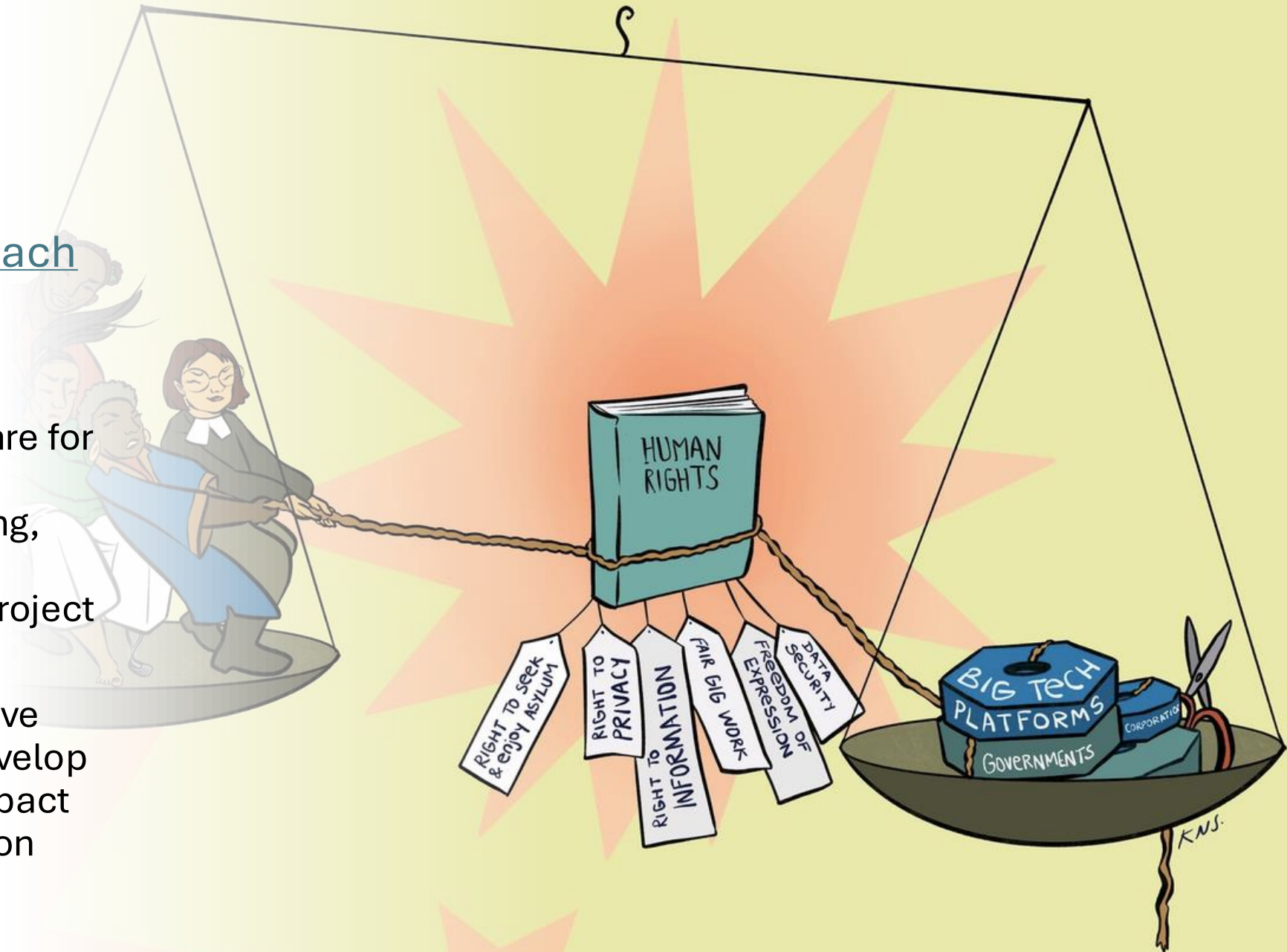


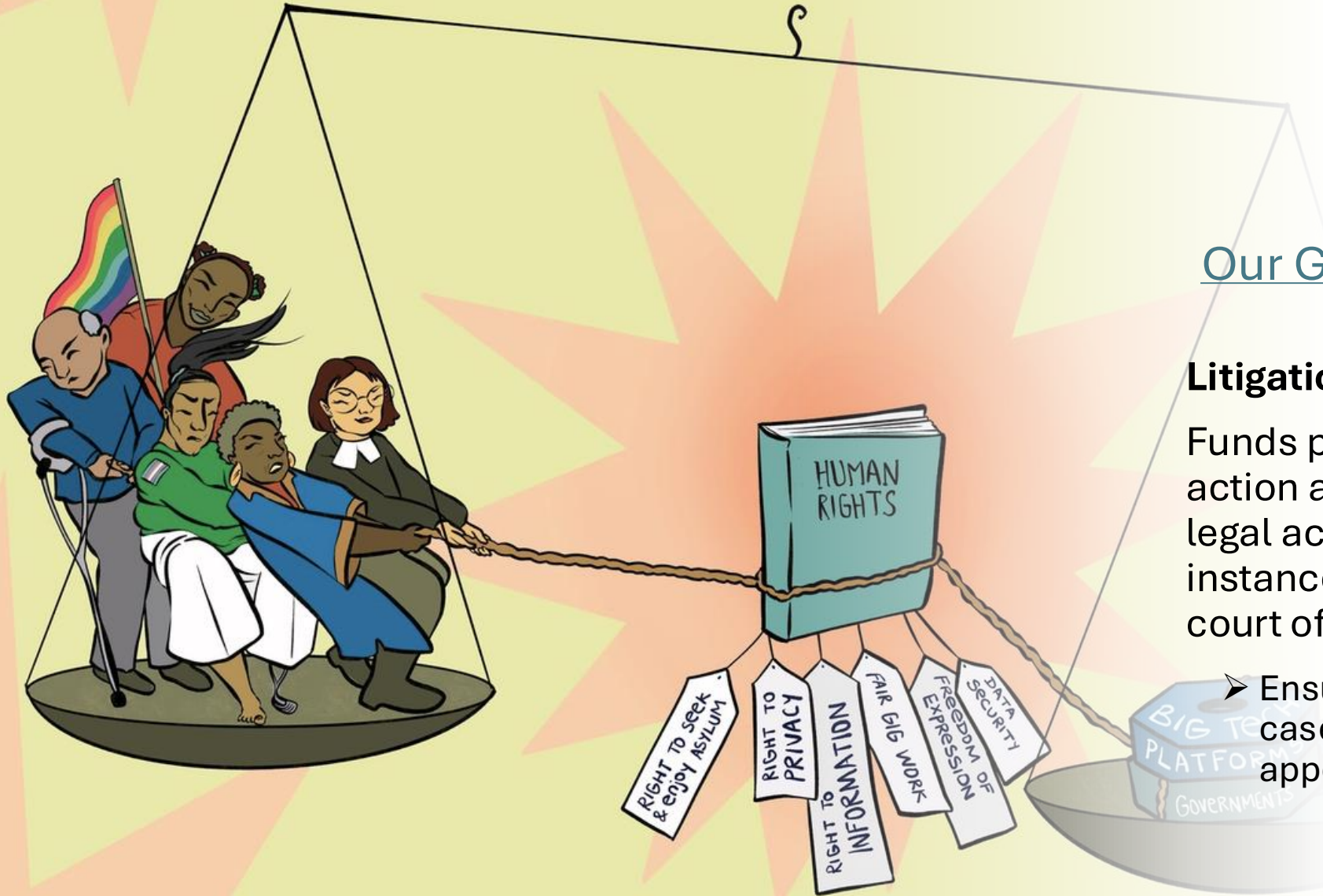
Our Grantmaking Approach

Research Grants

Supports activities to prepare for legal action. includes legal research, evidence gathering, forum selection and/or identifying claimants and project partners.

- Ensures organisations have time and resources to develop more strategic, higher impact cases; de-risks legal action



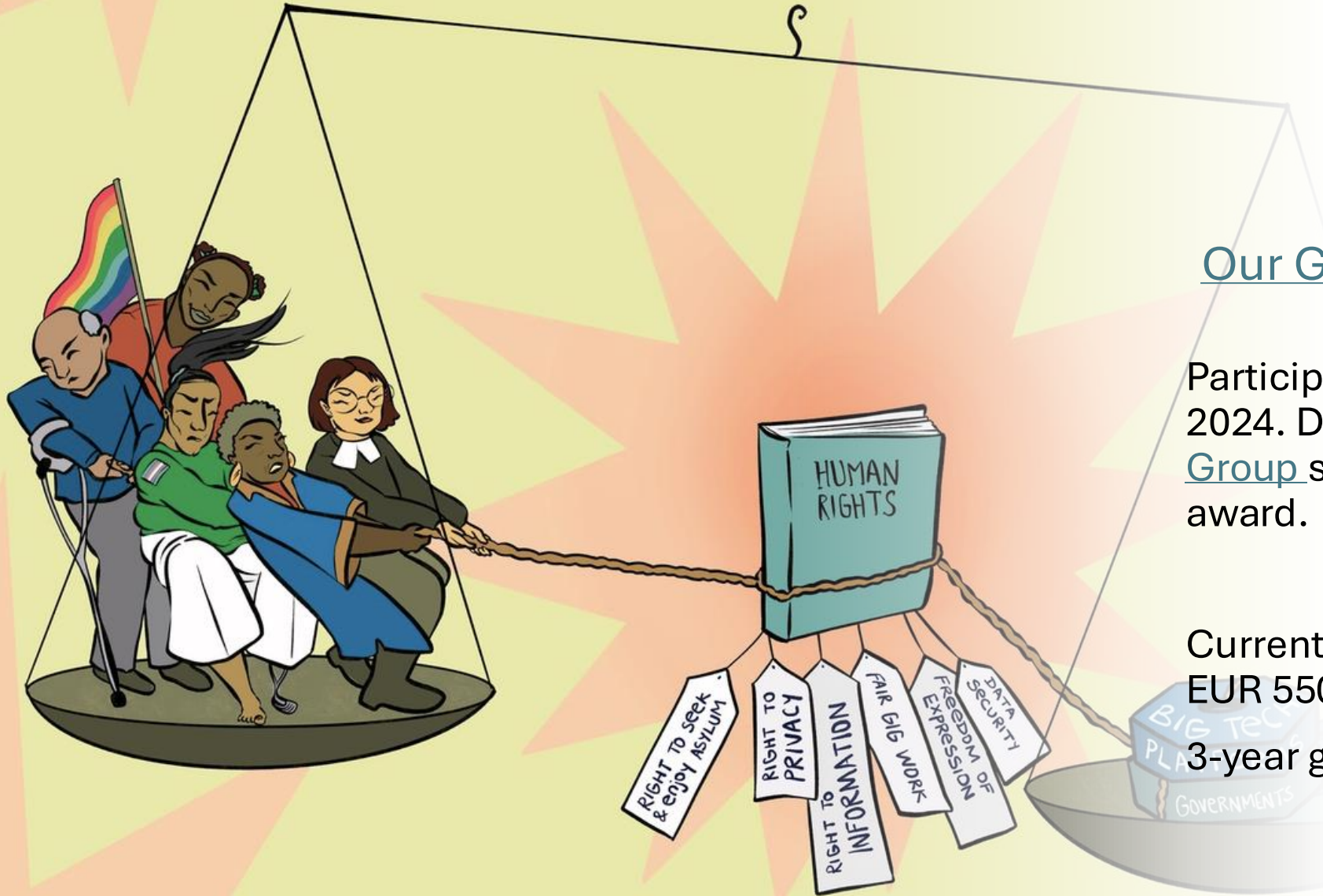


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Litigation Track Support Grants

Funds preparation for legal action and all direct costs of legal action through all legal instances, up to the highest court of appeal.

- Ensures important strategic cases do not stall at later appeals due to lack of funding



Our Grantmaking Approach

Participatory grantmaking since 2024. DFF's [Community Peer Group](#) selects projects for grant award.

Current grantmaking budget:
EUR 550,000-800,000

3-year goal: EUR 1 mio.

Community Programme

Building strong strategic legal action requires legal expertise, space for collaboration and coalition building.

We have designed thematic **Community Hubs** to hold this space.

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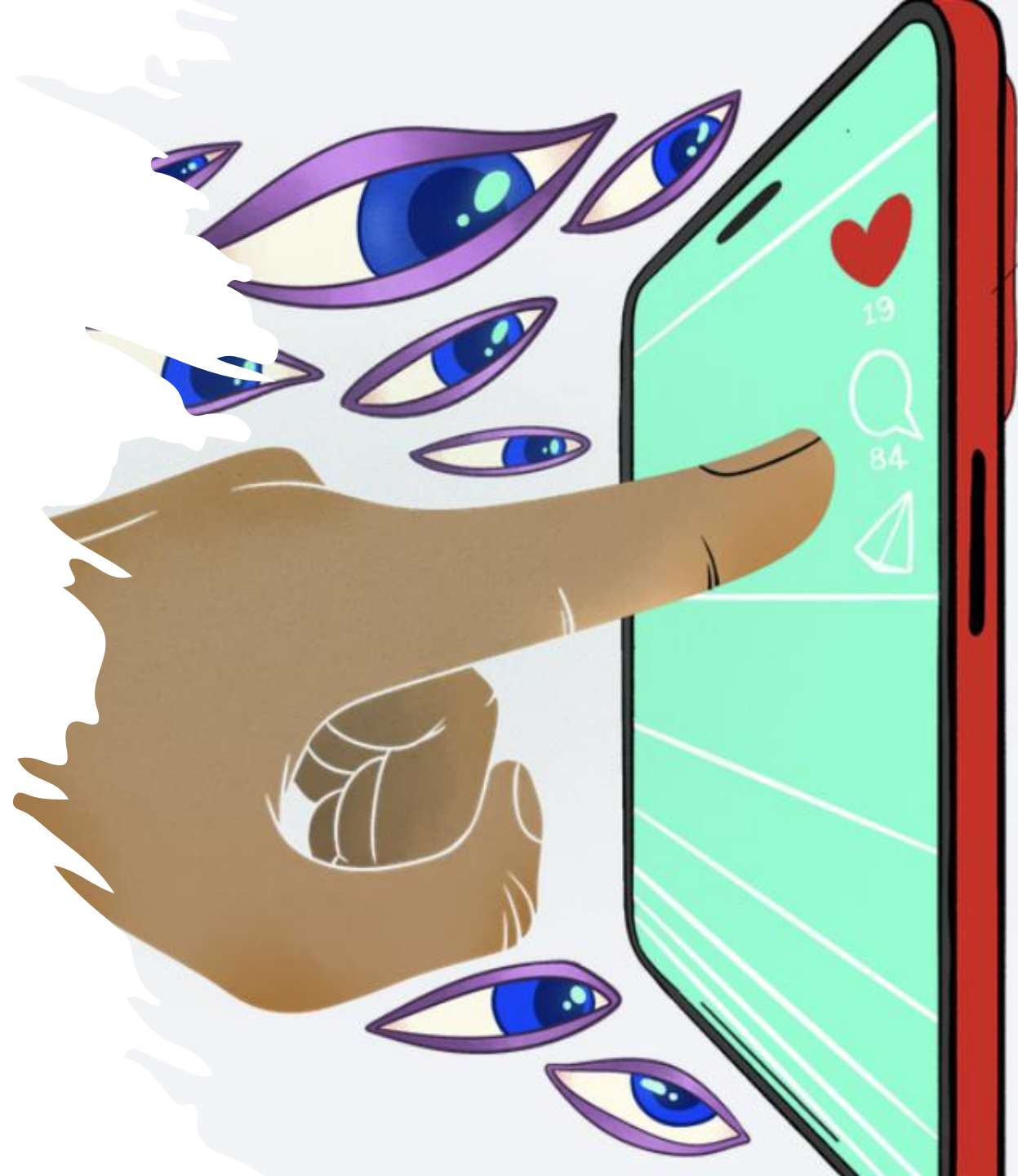
Community Hubs facilitate:

- Monthly calls to coordinate collaboration
- Retreats where planned legal action is workshopped with peers and practitioners
- Workshops for knowledge sharing and peer capacity building
- Annual interhub event for wider knowledge sharing amongst the community



DFF and Protecting Trans Rights

- LGBTI groups are one of the highest represented groups in both our Grantmaking and Community work.
- Clear uptick in grants since 2024, showing that LGBTI legal action is a high priority for the Community Peer Group.
- Of the legal actions supported 80%+ are trans rights specific
- Why are trans rights so highly represented? **Harms are disproportionately high. Proving harms to the most marginalised can create change for everyone.**





Trans Digital Rights Topics: **Gender Recognition**

Correct analogue gender recognition is a precursor to accessing digital services. Data must also be shared in a way that protects trans people from discrimination and their right to privacy.

- 6 grants for on-going actions around digital gender recognition (EU+EE)
- Emerging topic – European-wide policies for age verification systems



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Trans Digital Rights Topics: **Digital Inclusion**

Many instances of illegally banned and blocked LGBTI organisations' websites due to labelling as "inappropriate content" (Hungary + Turkey).

Banning of trans and gender diverse sex workers, women and other content creators from social media platforms due to discriminatory labelling of content as inherently sexual.

- 6 grants for on-going actions

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Trans Digital Rights Topics: **Ending online harassment**

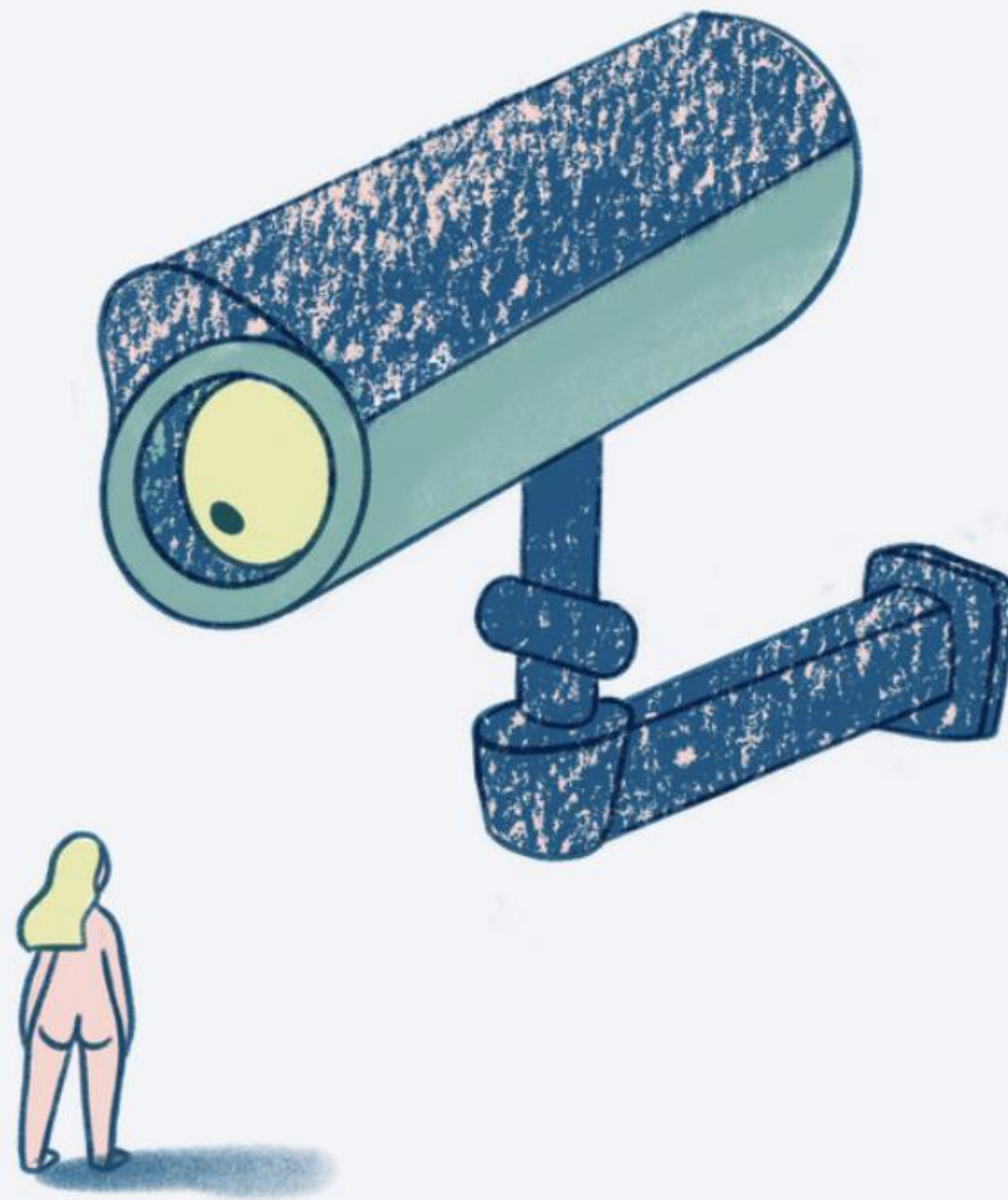
Trans people, gender-diverse people and women are the overwhelming targets of online harassment, hate speech, and gender-based violence. Harms must be documented, and social media platforms and perpetrators must be held accountable.

- 5 grants for on-going actions

Democracy and trans rights: **Stopping illegal surveillance of activists and LGBTI people**

Activists, including trans and LGBTI people, are the target of illegal surveillance. Surveillance can be used to stifle activism and has a chilling effect on democracy. We support many cases across Central and Eastern Europe to stop illegal surveillance and the use of spyware.

- An example of a recently supported action challenges the use of facial recognition specifically at pride marches





Advancing Trans Digital Rights: [LGBTI Community Hub](#)

We envision hosting a shared space where around 30 groups from Europe, Latin America and Africa groups collaborate and develop legal strategies to protect LGBTI rights online, through monthly calls and in-person workshops and law clinics.

Why an LGBTI Community Hub?

We believe focusing resources in the LGBTI Community will lead to greater outcomes and digital rights protection for everyone.



Expected Outcomes of the LGBTI Community Hub

LGBTI groups prevent surveillance and work together to protect their and everyone's right to privacy

All people are able to exist both online and offline with correct identifiers

Online spaces are safe from hate speech and cyberviolence.

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