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CNN PRODUCER NOTE Thousands of people marched in Berlin's Pride parade on June 21, redmondredd said. Among them were more than 300 LGBT police officers from the European Gay Police Association who also attended the parade. He says many of the officers were in the city for a conference.

- Jareen, CNN iReport producer

More than 200 members of the European Gay Police Association (EGPA) marched in [THE STREETS](#) of the German capital during the parade that marked Berlin Pride 2014, also known as Christopher Street Day or CSD. The association consists of members from 13 European countries where homosexuality is accepted and protected under the law. The police members came from Germany, Holland, Sweden, England, Scotland, Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Italy, and Spain among others. They were in Berlin during Pride Week participating in the EGPA convention that was attended also by police counterparts from the USA, Australia, and Israel. The association's participation during the CSD Berlin was significant because it marked the first time ever in any country that gay, lesbian, and transgender police members marched at a Pride Parade in full uniform or official police attire. To see uniformed police men, women and transgenders marching in a gay demonstration is not only historical but also symbolic and ironic when remembering the past. The start of the gay movement was sparked by the NYC riots in 1969 resulting from police violence against gays and transvestites in the Stonewall Inn located at Christopher Street.....the very

reason why today Gay Pride is celebrated in many countries all over the world.

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