

"Filo" magazine, created by Ryszard Kisiel, was one of the first magazines in Poland and Central Eastern Europe for non-heterosexual people. Its foundation is considered a direct reaction to the Polish anti-gay militia "Operation Hyacinth", during which the Secret Police collected information about homosexuals in Poland, which they later used as blackmail. Founded in 1986 as a small underground zine, "Filo" evolved into a monthly magazine after the collapse of socialism in 1989, when it received a regular distribution.