

1569th meeting, 15-16 September 2026 (DH)

H46-31 M.C. and A.C. (Application No. 12060/12) and Association ACCEPT and Others (Application No. 19237/16) v. Romania

Supervision of the execution of the European Court's judgments

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Decisions

The Deputies

1. recalled that the *M.C. and A.C.* case concerns the authorities' failure to conduct an effective investigation into a physical and verbal attack on the applicants during a Pride march; further recalled that the *Association ACCEPT and Others* case concerns the authorities' failure to protect the applicants' right to peaceful assembly during an LGBTI event and to investigate verbal abuse directed at participants;

As regards individual measures

2. recalled that no further individual measures are possible in the *M.C. and A.C.* case; and having considered the information provided in the *Association ACCEPT and Others* case, agreed that no further individual measures are possible in that case;

As regards general measures

3. welcomed the legislative, institutional and operational measures adopted since the Committee's last examination of the *M.C. and A.C.* case, which have strengthened the criminal justice response to hate crime;

4. emphasised the importance of inter-institutional cooperation and data collection for assessing the impact of the adopted measures, and strongly encouraged the authorities to:

- adopt a joint methodology for investigating hate crimes for use by the Romanian Police and the Prosecutor's Office; and
- implement the new ECRIS system and establish an integrated data collection system for full traceability and comprehensive analysis of homophobic hate crimes within the National Strategy framework;

5. as regards the *Association ACCEPT and Others* case, noted with concern the refusal by local authorities in Oradea to authorise the holding of a Pride march, and encouraged the authorities to ensure that requests to hold peaceful assemblies are examined in light of Article 11 of the Convention and the Court's case-law;

6. encouraged the authorities to continue their cooperation with civil society and fully use the Council of Europe's expertise;

7. in the light of the progress achieved, decided to transfer the *M.C. and A.C.* case from enhanced to standard supervision procedure and to follow in that context the issues set out in paragraph 4 above, as well as the further impact of all the measures adopted; invited the authorities to provide the Committee with information and statistics on the different aspects referred to above and on the remaining issues identified in the Secretariat's analysis in both cases by 30 September 2027.