



## EVENT PROGRAMME

ECRI annual seminar with Equality Bodies

# Joining Forces to Promote and Protect the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons

Strasbourg 18 October 2021

Online meeting – KUDO Platform

8.30 - 9.00 Welcome and Connectivity check

### OPENING

9.00

Moderator: **Maria Daniella Marouda**, ECRI's Chair

**Bjørn Berge**

Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**Dunja Mijatović**

Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

**Helena Dalli**

European Union Commissioner for Equality

### REALITY CHECK: THE SITUATION OF LGBTI PERSONS ACROSS MEMBER

9.45

**STATES** Moderator: **Domenica Ghidai Biidu**, First Vice-chair of ECRI

**Testimony** from a transgender activist

**Testimony** from an LGBTI refugee from Zambia: The asylum saga

**Aida Grgić Boulais**

Case law of the European Court of Human Rights on LGBTI rights

**Juul Van Hoof**

LGBTI Human Rights through numbers: 2019 Survey of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency

**Discussion with contributions from the floor**

11.15 Coffee break

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## LEGISLATION

### SESSION I

Moderator: **Michael Farrell**, ECRI's Vice-Chair and Chair of ECRI's Task Force on LGBTI issues

**Laurence Vanceunebrock**

Member of the French National Assembly

*Draft law on Prohibiting practices to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity*

**Kirsty Blackman**

Member of the UK Parliament on behalf of the Scottish National Party for Aberdeen North

*The Scottish Hate Crime bill*

**Natasa Boskova**

Coalition "Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities - MARGINS"

*Draft Gender Recognition Legislation in North Macedonia*

**Sakris Kupila**

LGBTI Association "Seta"

*The drafting of a revised gender recognition act in Finland*

**Discussion with contributions from the floor**

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12.30

Lunch break

14.00

## PREVENTION

### SESSION II

Moderator: **Barbara John**, Chair of ECRI's Working Group on Relations with Civil Society and Equality Bodies

**Eleni Tsetsekou**

Head of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Equality Unit (SOGI) of the Council of Europe

*Activities of the SOGI Unit*

**Iustina Ionescu**

Association "ACCEPT"

*Raising awareness about LGBTI Human Rights in Romania*

**Karolina Gierdal**

Association "Kampania Przeciw Homofobii" (KPH)

*Obstacles and Solutions to Raising awareness on LGBTI Human Rights in Poland*

**Benedetto Zacchioli**

National Anti-Racial Discrimination Office - UNAR, Italy

*An ongoing Awareness Raising Campaign against discrimination and intolerance toward LGBTI people #RightToBe / #DirittoDiessere*

**Discussion with contributions from the floor**

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15.30

Coffee break

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### PROTECTION AND STRATEGIC LITIGATION

#### SESSION III

Moderator: **Neža Kogovšek Šalamon**, Office of the Advocate of the Principle of Equality – Slovenia

#### **Pijus Beizaras**

Applicant to the European Court of Human Rights in the case of BEIZARAS AND LEVICKAS V. LITHUANIA

#### **Robert Gadja**

Albanian Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination

[Administrative Litigation in LGBTI cases](#)

#### **Lilit Martirosyan**

Transgender Association “Right Side”

[Protecting LGBTI rights in Armenia](#)

#### **David Tišer**

Roma LGBTI Association “ARA Art”

[Intersectional Discrimination of Roma LGBTI in the Czech Republic](#)

#### **Cem Öztürk**

LGBTI+ Helpline Coordinator - Association “SPoD”

[Helpline on counselling and support service for LGBTI people in Turkey](#)

#### **Discussion with contributions from the floor**

17.15

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

Concluding remarks by **Michael Farrell**, ECRI’s Vice-Chair and Chair of ECRI’s Task Force on LGBTI issues