

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 STATES

9.45

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 Right in Finland -Seta

The drafting of a revised gender recognition act in Finland

Discussion with contributions from the floor

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

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 Gajda

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