

CONCLUSIONS BY Ms DZHUMALIEVA, CHAIR OF the CPD
ECRI ROUND TABLE IN BULGARIA
SOFIA, 24 APRIL 2025

Ms. Dzhumalieva expressed her gratitude to ECRI for the trust placed in the CPD to organize the round table. She especially thanked the ECRI representative, Mr. Bertil Cottier, the Vice-Chair, Ms. Irena Ilieva, and the ECRI rapporteur for the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Jens Vedstedt-Hansen. She also expressed her gratitude to all participants in the round table and especially to Deputy Prime Minister Atanas Zafirov for his speech at the opening of the event.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of Roma health mediators, their successes and the need for additional funding for their activities. Education was the other critical area of development identified by Ms. Dzhumalieva.

Regarding the non-governmental organizations present at the round table, the CPD Chairlady expressed her gratitude to the organization of Jews in Bulgaria “Shalom” for their work in the field of non-discrimination and pointed out that anti-Semitism and racism should be treated more seriously than minor administrative offenses in the judicial system. Gratitude was also expressed to the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, along with the need to increase the visibility of the LGBT community in Bulgaria, pointing to the opening of new LGBT centers and the creation of new organizations for the protection of the rights of the LGBT community as steps in the right direction.

On behalf of the CPD, Ms. Dzhumalieva expressed her readiness to support the organization of dialogues and meetings between LGBT NGOs and various state institutions, as well as the creation of courses between the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee and the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Support was also expressed for the idea of the Employment Agency, through integrated mediators and mobile teams, carrying out activities in less populated areas of the country.