



Legal Gender Recognition Guaranteeing the human rights of transgender persons

Peer to Peer Study Visit for the Macedonian Delegation to Malta

Organised by Council of Europe SOGI Unit in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of North Macedonia and the Human Rights and Integration Directorate of the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality

A detailed overview of Malta's *Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act* and its full implementation in practical terms

Date: 12-14 February 2020

List of Venues:

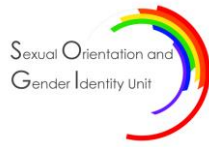
<u>HRID:</u>	A3 Towers, Level 0, Triq I-Arkata, Paola
<u>Identity Malta:</u>	Head Office, Valley Road, Msida
<u>MEDE:</u>	MEDE, Great Siege Road, Floriana
<u>ODPM:</u>	Palazzo Castellania, 15, Merchants Street, Valletta

Agenda

Day One – Wednesday, 12th February:

- 09:00** Pick up from Hotel to HRID
- 09:30 – 09:45** Introductions
- 10:00 – 13:00** Framing the Maltese situation prior to the entry into force of this Act; an overview of the reasoning behind the initial Bill and amendments until the conception of the Act; international collaborations with the Council of Europe, ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe; the drafting process; trans and intersex considerations; elements considered which are specific to the Maltese context. Q&A throughout the session.
- 13:00 – 14:30** Lunch
- 14:30 – 15:30** Meeting at HRID with Dr Victoria Buttigieg, State Advocate on the legislative aspect of developing and implementing this Act, together with how this Act works in sync with other national laws.

Close of day one



Day Two – Thursday, 13th February:

- 09:30** Pick up from Hotel to ODPM
- 10:00 – 11:00** Meeting at Ministry for Health (ODPM) with Dr Alexia Bezzina on the internal process within the national healthcare system to create a Gender Clinic and have all transgender issues within the remit of national healthcare.
- 11:30 – 12:30** Meeting at Identity Malta Head Office with Identity Malta officials on how the provisions works in practice to implement the Act and the X Marker provisions on ID Cards and Passports.
- 12:30 – 15:00** Lunch
- 15:30 – 16:30** Meeting at HRID with LGBTIQ Activists and NGO representatives on the process towards the enactment of this Act and civil society perspectives.

Close of day two

Day Three – Friday, 14th February:

- 09:15 – 09:45** Meeting at MJEG Offices with Hons. Rosianne Cutajar, Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms.
- 10:00 – 11:15** Meeting at MEDE Offices with the Directors General for Curriculum and Student Services Dr Stephen Cachia and Dr Maria McNamara respectively and Ms Sandra Cortis Director, National Student Support Services on ensuring LGBTIQ inclusive schools including the policy on Trans, Gender Variant and Intersex Students.
- 11:30 – 12:00** Meeting with Notarial Council president Clinton Bellizzi

End of Study Visit