

CONFERENCE

Rights of LGBTIQ+ People in Europe International Conference

6th of November, 2025
French Institute, pl. P.R. Slaveikov № 3

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee	11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Att. Denitsa Lyubenova – Co-Chair of LGBTI organization Deystvie H.e. Marie Dumoulin – Ambassador of France in Bulgaria	12:00 – 13:00	Panel II Real People, Real Problems – How the non-implementation affects the lives of LGBTIQ+ People What does it mean to be deprived of over 300 rights? What does it mean to fight legal battles for over a decade just to win the right to live a life of dignity? This panel will focus on the real life stories of representatives of the LGBTIQ+ communities Speakers: Tea Kutseva – Parent in a same-sex family Iveta Savova – Parent in a same-sex family Moderator: Vladislav Petkov
10:00 – 11:30	Panel I Non-Implementation of CJEU Rulings as a Constitutional Issue and an Issue of the Rule of Law This panel will also examine key rulings of the Court of Justice of the EU concerning the rights of LGBTI+ people, and the systemic cases of their partial or complete lack of implementation by some Member States. It will seek answers to the question of what legal and policy instruments are in place to ensure the implementation of these rulings. This panel will focus on the CJEU cases: The European Commission v. Hungary, C-769/22, C-4/23 Mirin, C-247/23 Deldits, C-673/16, Coman C-490/20, V.M.A. v Stolichna obshtina, rayon „Pancharevo“ and the last pending case C-43/24, Shipov in the context of the rule of law and the national and constitutional identity of the Member States. Speakers: Prof. Dainius Žalimas – Member of the European Parliament, Lithuanian lawyer, jurist and former chairman of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania from 2014 to 2021 Yonko Grozev – Lawyer and former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights Denitsa Lyubenova – Lawyer and Co-Chair of LGBTI organization Deystvie PhD Eszter Polgari – Lawyer and Director of the Legal program of the Hungarian LGBTI organization Háttér Társaság Moderator: PhD Teodor Slavev – Program Director at the Bulgarian Institute for Legal Initiatives	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
		14:00 – 15:30	Panel III Implementations of the ECtHR judgements Bulgaria's implementation of European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) judgments is characterized by a persistent backlog of cases, especially those requiring general measures, and a significant number of judgments under enhanced supervision by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. LGBTI issues are small problem in the process of non-implementation naming the cases: Koilova and Babulkova v. Bulgaria (Application N: 40209/20) and P.H. v. Bulgaria (Application N: 46509/20) Speakers: Adam Bruton – Policy Advisor, Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity, SOGIESC, Council of Europe PhD Deyana Marcheva – Lawyer and Professor at New Bulgarian University Radoslav Stoyanov – Co-chair of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee Moderator: Denitsa Lyubenova – LGBTI organization Deystvie

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