



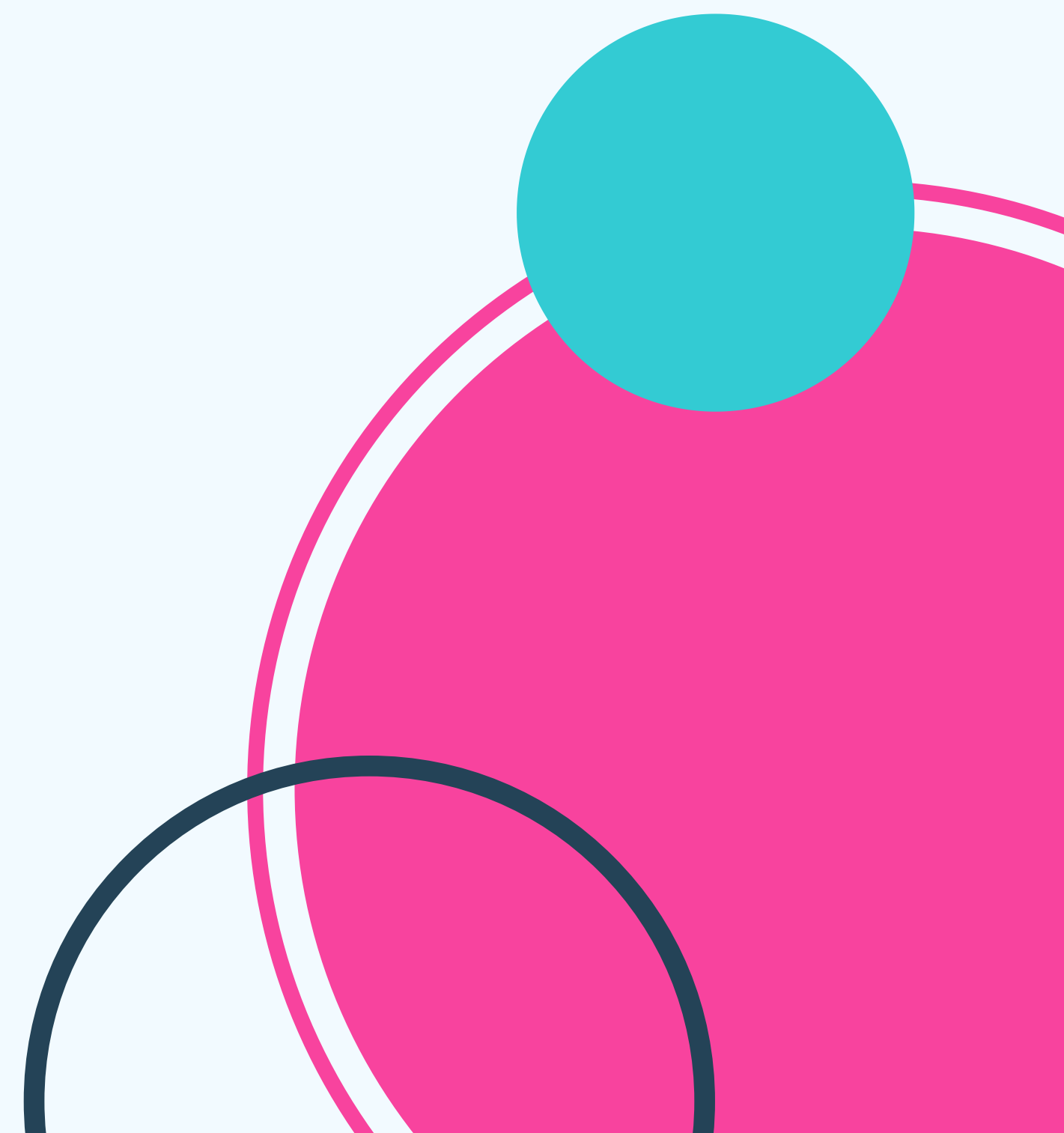
TRANSVANILLA
transgender association

A TRANS RIGHTS NGO

working with equality bodies

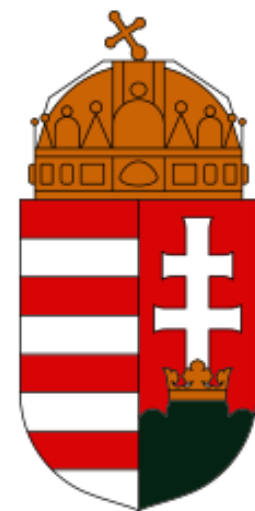
In Hungary 2014-2020

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HUNGARIAN EQUALITY BODIES

EQUAL TREATMENT AUTHORITY

independent administrative organisation
quasi-judicial body
has a broad mandate to investigate cases of
discrimination based on gender identity
public sector - private sector
settlement - punishment

COMMISSIONER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

ombudsman-type institution responsible for the
protection of fundamental rights
Parliament elects for 6 years
public sector
has only soft powers to remedy violations

ETA

2005-2020

Blocking LGBTQI websites
from the local self-government's
computer network



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CONDEMNING
DECISION

Protected characteristics:
sexual orientation,
gender identity

WHAT WORKED WELL

had a few cases based on gender identity in the past years
LGBT organisations could use when public authorities and
private companies discriminated against them
raised concerns around the ban of legal gender recognition

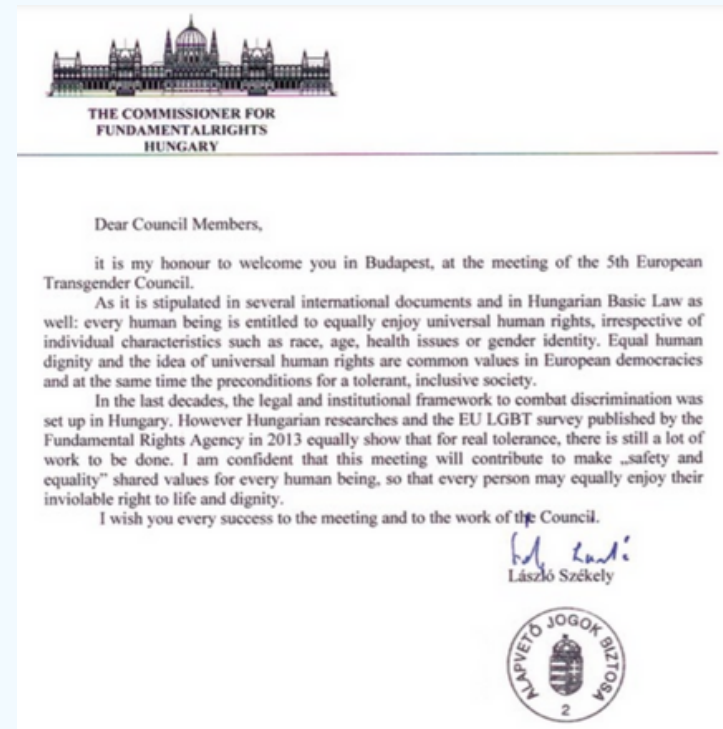
WHAT WE MISSED

stopped doing research
stopped doing awareness raising campaigns
stopped working with civil society
knowledge of trans issues among it's staff



COMMISSIONER

DR. LÁSZLÓ SZÉKELY



THE BEGINNING

May 2014 the Commissioner welcomed participants of the 5th European Transgender Council in a letter

THE INVESTIGATION AND THE FIRST REPORT ON LGR

Based on requests from Transvanilla and 2 individual applicants investigated regulatory issues around legal gender recognition and published a 29 page comprehensive report September 2016. The report was in line with international human rights standards.

Called on authorities to solve the issues and problems.

COLLABORATION

After the report was published LGR procedures were suspended by authorities as of 14 November.

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PHASE II

Transvanilla gathered data on procedural issues again and informed the Commissioner on the situation June 2017.

ROUNDTABLES ON DEPATHOLOGIZATION AND LEGAL GENDER RECOGNITION

Organised jointly by the Office of the Commissioner and Transvanilla on 25 October 2017.

SUCCESS

December 2017. Government decree 428/2017. "Codified" LGR. and procedures restarted January 2018.

THE SECOND REPORT ON LGR

May 2018 LGR was suspended again. The Commissioner published a report based on an individual complainant's case in October 2018. Calling on again authorities to solve the issues.

EQUAL TREATMENT AUTHORITY

ABOLISHED AS OF 1 JANUARY 2021
DUTIES TO BE ASSUMED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

THE NEW COMMISSIONER

REMAINS SILENT ON TRANS ISSUES
DOES NOT EVEN REPLY TO CIVIL SOCIETY
IS NOT REPRESENTED HERE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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