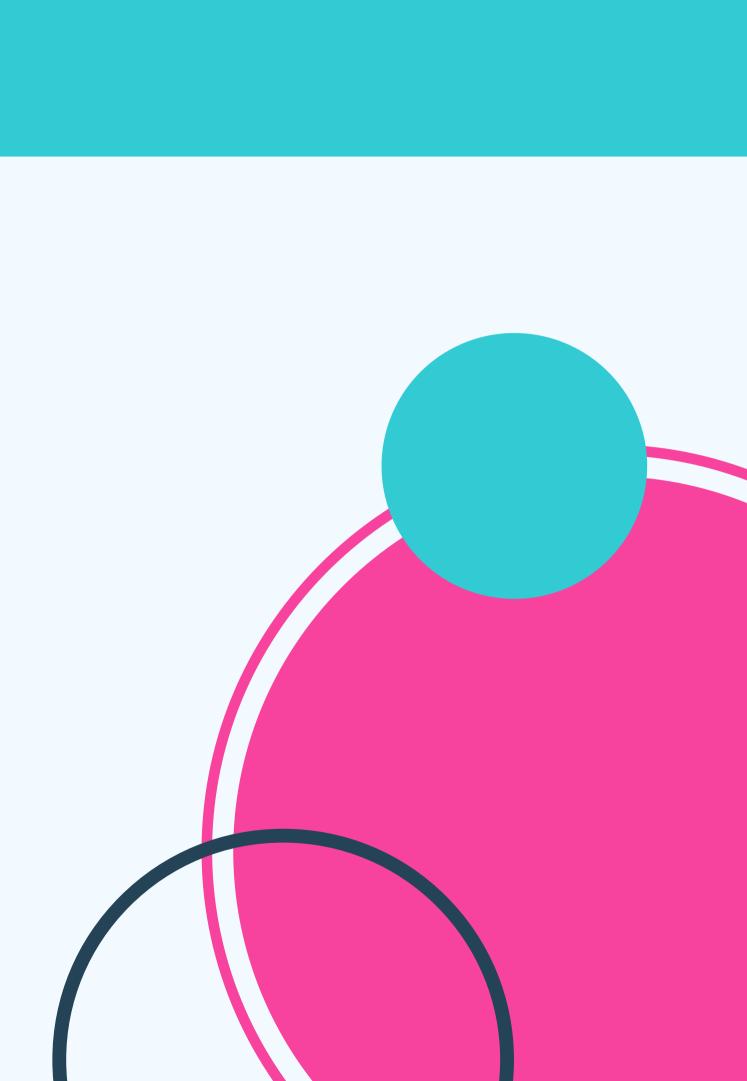


A TRANS RIGHTS NGO working with equality bodies

In Hungary 2014-2020

Equinet Seminar 17 December 2020 - Tina Kolos Orbán



EGYENLO BÁNÁSMÓD HATÓSÁG

Equal Treatment Authority





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





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.





5th European Transgender Council

THE COMMISSIONER FOR MENTALRIGHT

it is my honour to welcome you in Budapest, at the meeting of the 5th Europea ansgender Council.

As it is stipulated in several international documents and in Hungarian Basic Law a vell: every human being is entitled to equally enjoy universal human rights, irrespective of ndividual characteristics such as race, age, health issues or gender identity. Equal human nity and the idea of universal human rights are common values in European democracie nd at the same time the preconditions for a tolerant, inclusive society.

In the last decades, the legal and institutional framework to combat discrimination wa up in Hungary. However Hungarian researches and the EU LGBT survey published by the ntal Rights Agency in 2013 equally show that for real tolerance, there is still a lot of work to be done. I am confident that this meeting will contribute to make safety and equality" shared values for every human being, so that every person may equally enjoy the lable right to life and dignity.

I wish you every success to the meeting and to the work of the Council



COMMISSIONER DR. LÁSZLÓ SZÉKELY



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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