

**Agenda of the Final Conference of the EU funded project  
“Enhancing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans rights in BiH  
in line with the EU standards”**

**IT IS TIME FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERSHIP IN BiH.**

**Private and family life of LGBTI people**

Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, 10-12AM  
Delegation of the European Union, Skenderija 3a

Bosnia and Herzegovina has made relevant progress on achieving equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people. Post-Dayton developments have brought anti-discrimination and hate crime legislation, covering sexual orientation and gender identity. In 2015 and 2016, the entity and the state level governments adopted gender equality and anti-discrimination action plans that include concrete and important LGBTI related measures and activities. Judiciary and police agencies are taking important steps. Nevertheless, inequality of LGBTI people continues to exist. Same-sex couples and their relationship are still not legally recognized. On the other hand, international human standards are becoming clearer. The European Court for Human Rights ruled in different cases on this issue. On July 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 the Strasbourg Court found Italy to be in breach of the European Convention of Human Rights in the case of Oliari vs. Italy. The decision set a precedent for potential future cases regarding the states that currently do not recognise same-sex couples' right to family life.

Does Bosnia and Herzegovina need to wait to lose a case in front of the European Court for Human Rights or has the time come for the adoption of same-sex partnership laws?

***Opening speeches***

Massimo Mina, Head of Operation Section for Social Development, Civil Society and Cross-Border Cooperation (Delegation of the EU to BiH)

***Presentations***

Why should countries regulate same sex partnerships?

Goran Selanec, Deputy Gender Equality Ombudsman Croatia

Same sex partnership laws in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vladana Vasić, Sarajevo Open Centre

***Discussion and closing remarks***

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