



COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

Fighting against discrimination of EU citizens in the EU Member States and protection of minorities

Thursday 4 May 2017 from 09h00 to 12h30

European Parliament Brussels, ASP Building, Room A3E-2

09.00 - 09.15: *Opening remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Petitions, Ms. Cecilia Wikström*

09.15 - 09.45: *Presentation of the Study “Discrimination(s) as emerging from petitions received” commissioned by Policy Department C for the Committee on Petitions*

Ms Chiara Favilli, Professor, Department of Legal Sciences (DSG), University of Florence

Ms Nicole Lazzerini, Researcher, Department of Legal Sciences (DSG), University of Florence

Panel I

The citizens’ right to equality and non-discrimination with respect to EU law and the Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union

Moderator: Ms Tatjana Zdanoka

09.45 - 10.00: *The principles of equality before the law and of non-discrimination in EU law (including directives 2000/43 and 2000/78 on discrimination) in EC policy*
Mr Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of Unit, DG JUST D.1, Non-discrimination and Roma coordination, on behalf of Commissioner Jourová (Justice and Gender Equality)

10.00 - 10.30: *The jurisprudence of the CJEU (and ECHR) on the principles of equality and non-discrimination (issues related to minority protection)*
Mr Tamas Lukacsi, EP Legal Service,
and

Ms Vesna Crnic-Grotic, Professor of International Law at Law University of Rijeka, Croatia and Chair of the ECRML Committee of Experts, Council of Europe

10.30 - 10.45: *Unofficial or indirect discrimination in education and some general aspect relating to the protection of minorities.*

Ms Katarzyna Miksza, Associate Professor at the Institute of International and European Union Law at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius

10.45 - 11.00: Questions & Answers

Panel II

Combating the discrimination of minorities: actions and remedies in the decisions of the Commission on petitions and in the practices of some Member States
(see list of petitions*)

Moderator: Mr Pál Csaky

11.00 - 11.15: *Cases of discrimination against LGB families moving between Member States and national best practices in favour of LGB family rights' recognition in the EU*

Dr Alina Tryfonidou, Associate Professor in EU Law, School of Law, University of Reading

11.15 - 11.30: *Case study(ies) raised in some open petitions affecting EU citizens and focussed on minorities' rights, e.g., the loss of EU citizenship (Petition 1315/2015)*

Mr. Ágoston Korom, PhD, Assistant lecturer, National University of Public Service in Budapest, Faculty of Political Sciences and Public Administration, Institute of State Governance and Public Policy

11.30 - 11.45: *Language as the most recurrent ground of discrimination concerning the rights of national minorities*

Mr Petteri Laihonon, Adjunct Professor, Centre for Applied Language Studies, University of Jyväskylä

11.45- 12.00 Floor to three petitioners (Mr Tomasz Snarski - Petition 0358/2011, Mr Ernő Fancsali- Petition 0111/2016 (*tbc*), Mr Rafal Bartek - Petition 1433/2016)

12.00 - 12.15: Questions and & Answers

12.15 - 12.30 Concluding remarks by Mr Pál Csaky

** Petitions selected as possible case studies:*

<i>1 and 2) 0642/2009, 1833/2009</i>	<i>10) 0709/2015</i>
<i>3) 1227/2011</i>	<i>11) 0943/2012</i>
<i>4) 1315/2015</i>	<i>12) 0111/2016</i>
<i>5) 0052/2015</i>	<i>13 and 14) 1081/2015 and 0513/2016</i>
<i>6) 0141/2016</i>	<i>15) 1433/16 and 0193/2017 (tbc)</i>
<i>7, 8 and 9) 0358/2011, 0942/2011 and 0217/2014</i>	