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# National Human Rights Institution

## Current situation

- There is no National Human Rights Institution in the Czech Republic despite long-standing calls for expanding the capacities and responsibilities of the ombudsperson to meet the requirements of the Paris Principles.



# National Human Rights Institution

## Recommendations

- Strengthen the position of Ombudsperson to take up the role of National Human Rights Institution according to Paris Principles.



# Women's rights and gender equality

## Current situation

- The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence has not been ratified.
- In 2021, the Government approved a new Strategy for Equality of Men and Women (2021-2030). This document plans specific steps in eight areas – work, health, decision-making, safety, institutions, public awareness, foreign policy, and civil society
- The legal definition of rape is not consent-based.



# Women's rights and gender equality

## Recommendations

- Ratify, and implement into domestic law, the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.
- Fully implement the Strategy for Equality of Men and Women (2021-2030), including by ensuring that it is adequately resourced.
- Change the legal definition of rape within the criminal code to be based on a lack of consent, rather than use of force or threat.



# LGBTI rights

## Current situation

- Czech civil law does not allow same sex couples to marry, nor does it allow them to enter a civil union with equal rights.
- The Czech criminal law does not explicitly recognize sexual orientation and gender identity (unlike race, religion, nationality, ethnicity) as a valid basis for hate crimes.
- Sterilization is still required as a necessary step in gender affirmation Civil code.



# LGBTI rights

## Recommendations

- Extend the right of marriage to same-sex couples by amending the Civil Code.
- Amend criminal and anti-discrimination law to reduce criminal offences as well as prejudice and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Specifically, amend the Czech Criminal Code to the effect that victims of crimes motivated by hate towards LGBTI people receive the same protection as victims of other hate motivated crimes, for example race or religion.



# LGBTI rights

## Recommendations

- Abolish the requirement of sterilization in the process of legal gender recognition due to it being a violation of human rights according to the European Court of Human Rights.

