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Declaration on gender equality in the European film industry

The conference was organized by the ministries of Civil Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Sarajevo Film Festival in the framework of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers, and was attended by representatives from ministries of culture and film funds from across Europe. Adil Osmanović, Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina opened the Conference. Throughout the day, a number of expert speakers from organisations including national film funds and the EWA network shared case studies and examples of best practice from their respective countries.

You can find the full text [here](#).



Combatting discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity

An [online database](#) on "Good practices and promising policies on combatting discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity" has just been launched by the Council of Europe, presenting long-term, impact-oriented policies and projects that have proved efficient and can be transferred to other countries and regions. The database aims to support policy makers in implementing new policy initiatives at national, regional and local levels. It includes examples of National Action Plans for the promotion and protection of the Human Rights of LGBT people, local and national policies and examples of good practices from non-European countries.

Another recent initiative - a new [publication](#) on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights on sexual orientation and gender identity looks at the key articles of the Convention under which violations of LGBT rights might fall. It also analyses solutions applicable at the European level, and those which are decided largely by states, for example, relating to adoption and marriage.



Competences for Democratic Culture: Invitation to take part in testing descriptors from July to mid-September

Following consultation with international experts on the Model of Competences, the Education Department of the Council of Europe now welcomes feedback from education professionals at all levels on descriptors for these competences. This questionnaire is available in English, French, Russian, Georgian, Italian, Romanian and Spanish. German and Serbian will be added shortly. By answering this questionnaire, you will be contributing to the development of a framework of reference for democratic culture that will be available for use in educational planning and teaching in the 47 member states of the Council of Europe. We estimate that it will take you about 45 minutes. Whether teacher, teacher trainer, lecturer, curriculum designer or education policy maker your participation will be greatly appreciated.

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