



NEWS REPORT

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Title: Equality body finds pre-trial detention facilities in breach of the prohibition on infrastructural inaccessibility
Country: Bulgaria
Context:
Issue at stake: Conditions for detainees with disabilities
Ground of discrimination: Disability
Source: National equality body decision (administrative case No 16/2010)
Field: Access to public infrastructures

Content

Decision of the body: On 3 December 2010, the Protection against Discrimination Commission ruled that the public authorities in charge of prisons and detention centres were liable for direct discrimination against a detainee in a wheel-chair, for failing to provide dignified material conditions in detention. The lack of independent, free and easy accessibility to diverse places, including restrooms, within the pre-trial detention centre constituted less favourable treatment. The equality body ordered the authority in charge to stop discriminating in this way against detainees with disabilities, and to transfer them to adequately accessible facilities.

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