

NEWS REPORT

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Title: Proposal of the New Family Code Includes Equal Rights of Same-Sex Couples
Country: Slovenia

Context

Issue at stake: The Draft Family Code awards same-sex couples the right to marry and adoption rights.

Ground of discrimination: of sexual orientation

Source: Draft Family Code, proposal of September 2009

Field: employment, social protection, social advantages, housing, other

Legislative provisions: Articles 3, 4 and 213 of Draft Family Code

Content

Draft Law: In September 2009, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs publicly presented a draft of a new Family Code which, if adopted, will replace the 1976 Marriage and Family Relations Act. The draft law foresees a change in the definition of marriage, which is currently defined as “legally regulated partnership between a man and a woman,” while the proposed definition reads as “marriage is a life community of two persons.” The draft law also recognized civil partnership of same-sex couples in the same way as it is already recognized for opposite sex partners, as the proposed definition reads “civil partnership is a long-term community of two persons.”

The draft law has been made available for a 30-day public debate which included a public hearing in the National Assembly on 12 October 2009.

Internet link source and additional information:

http://www.mddsz.gov.si/fileadmin/mddsz.gov.si/pageuploads/dokumenti_pdf/DZa_k_22.12.2009_pdf