



NEWS REPORT

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Title:	New Aliens Act Recognizes Family Reunification Rights to Same-Sex Couples
Country:	Slovenia
<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	The 2011 Aliens Act recognizes registered (including same-sex) partners of EU nationals and third-country nationals as family members for the purpose of family reunification.
Ground of discrimination:	Sexual orientation
Source:	Legislation
Field:	Social protection, other (family reunification rights)
Legislative provisions:	2011 Aliens Act, Articles 47 and 127

Content

Law: On 15 June 2011 the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia passed a new Aliens Act (ZTuj-2, Official Gazette No. 50/2011). The act was published on 27 June 2011, entered into force on 27 July 2011, however, it will not be used before 27 October 2011. With this law the scope of family members who can claim family reunification rights in Slovenia was expanded. To the spouses who have been able to invoke these rights under the 1999 Aliens Act, also registered partners were added, without any differentiation on the basis of the partner's sex and sexual orientation. This means that as of 27 October 2011, also the registered partners of both Slovenian and EU nationals as well as third country nationals residing in Slovenia will be able to join their partners, provided that other general conditions are met (e.g. valid passport, health insurance, sufficient means of subsistence).

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