

MILICA DORDEVIC and others v. Serbia

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Ban on Belgrade Pride marches

(Application nos. 5591/10 17802/12 23138/13 25474/14), 17 November 2014

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- This group of cases relate to the banning of the 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Belgrade Pride marches, because of the possible danger of violent counterdemonstrations. The applicants complained of State's failure to protect their **freedom of assembly** due to **discriminatory intent** on the part of the state authorities based on the actual or perceived sexual orientation of the applicants and potential participants in the Parade.
- ILGA-Europe together with the International Commission of Jurists submitted the following:
 - States should be afforded a narrow discretion in relation to the means used or measures to be taken in preventing violence or disorder, particularly where the threat of violence or intimidation comes primarily from counter-demonstrators; can reasonably be anticipated; and is directed at groups most at risk.
 - States must put in place an adequate legislative and administrative framework to guarantee and facilitate the right to freedom of assembly.