**Answers to questions by the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity**

1. *How did the State evaluate the situation of LGBT persons vis-à-vis the pandemic and potential specific vulnerabilities?*

The State did not evaluate the situation of LGBT persons vis-à-vis the pandemic and potential specific vulnerabilities.

1. *What measures were adopted by the State to ensure that LGBT persons would not be subjected to discrimination in the implementation of COVID-19 related interventions?*

No measures were adopted by the State.

1. *Did LGBT civil society participate in the design of measures taken to respond to the pandemic? If no, why not?*

Civil society did not participate in the design of those measures, as it was not invited to participate by the State.

1. *What is the information available to the State as to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the general situation of LGBT persons and their access to education, housing, health and employment and on their living conditions?*

After the end of the epidemic in the Republic of Slovenia, civil society organisation Legebitra sent briefs to supporting political parties informing them of the effects of COVID-19 epidemic and measures taken to contain the epidemic on LGBTI persons and invited them to take into account the impact on minorities in the case of follow-up measures.

1. *Can you identify good practices in the State interventions in relation to COVID-19 and LGBT persons? Can you identify good practices stemming from civil society actions? Have lessons be learned from the pandemic on how not to leave LGBT persons behind in emergency situations?*

There were no State interventions in relation to COVID-19 and LGBTI persons. One of the good practices by civil society organizations is the organization of an online youth centre for LGBTI youth by CSO Legebitra, in which they were followed by other youth centres. We have learned that special care must be taken when designing measures in response to the epidemic so that the effects on LGBTI persons are not disproportionate compared to the rest of the population.