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### **NEWS REPORT**

<b>Country:</b>	Slovenia
<b>Title:</b>	New Equality Body Established and New Advocate Nominated
<b>Date:</b>	24 January 2017
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<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Following the adoption of the new protection against Discrimination Act a new equality body has been set up in Slovenia
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	All grounds
<b>Source:</b>	National equality body, political development
<b>Field:</b>	All fields
<b>Applicable law:</b>	Protection against Discrimination Act of 21 April 2016

### **Content**

**Policy development:** Following the adoption of the new Protection against Discrimination Act passed on 21 April 2016, a new Advocate of the Principle of Equality (Mr. Miha Lobnik) was nominated at the National Assembly of Slovenia on 25 October 2016.<sup>1</sup> Since then the new Advocate engaged in establishing the legal personality of the new independent body, setting up an organizational structure, hiring personnel, arranging premises where the new body will function and undertaking all other necessary complex tasks for the new body to be established. The budget of the new body is 200.000 EUR for 2017 (130.000 EUR for human resources) and 180.000 EUR for 2018.

**Key points of analysis:** The establishment of the new equality body was one of the main objectives of the 2016 Protection against Discrimination Act. The previous equality body consisted only of one civil servant who was employed at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities which raised doubts on its independence and sufficient institutional capacity to address all tasks as required by the Racial Equality Directive.

**Internet link source:** Decision of the national Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia of 25 October 2016, available at: <http://imss.dz-rs.si/imis/edd2e0ae07fd9c9161d4.pdf>.

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