

Ministry of Justice (Belgium)

1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

(Opinion from legal advisor of the Belgian Government, Ministry of Justice):

In the Belgian LGR-law, the need to live for a certain period of time in the acquired gender, has not been included.

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?

No

If yes, please outline these comments.:

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

Don't know

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?

Not Answered

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The LGR should be available as well to non-binary people. In Belgium, the Constitutional Court has assessed that the Belgian law on LGR was unconstitutional (art. 10 "all people are equal"), because it didn't include non-binary people. Belgium has moved to a system of self-declaration, and we didn't reported any problem as a result of this. It only has had a positive impact on trans communities, we did not receive any negative feedback from any other community.

5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?

Not Answered

If yes, please outline these comments.: