

Immediate opportunities for law reform in Council of Europe member states



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Note: The dates given in brackets indicate the most recent information held by the Global Initiative, but to our knowledge all bills, draft laws, etc referred to below are currently still “live” and still present opportunities for enacting prohibition of corporal punishment. Information in square brackets is unconfirmed. If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

| State | Opportunities for enacting prohibition | Prohibition included |
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| Armenia | New Criminal Code being drafted (2015); draft amendments to Family Code, draft Law on Domestic Violence and draft Law on the Rights and Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities under discussion (2015) | [YES] |
| Azerbaijan | Draft Law on Protection of Children against All Forms of Corporal Punishment prepared (2011); Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2015) | YES |
| Belgium | Draft legislation which would prohibit under discussion (2016) | YES |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Law on Social Protection and Law on Protection of Families with Children being drafted (2012); new domestic violence legislation being drafted in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2012); amendments to the Family Law, the Law on Social and Child Protection, the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, the Criminal Code, the Law on Health Care, the Framework Law on Preschool and Primary Education and Upbringing and the Sports Law under discussion (2017) | YES |
| Czech Republic | No known opportunities | - |
| France | No known opportunities | - |
| Georgia | Draft law on Adoption and Foster Care, draft law on Early Learning and Preschool Education (2016) | [NO] |
| Italy | No known opportunities | - |
| Monaco | No known opportunities | - |

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| Montenegro | No known opportunities | - |
| Russian Federation | Law on Domestic Violence being drafted (2014) | [NO] |
| Serbia | Draft Civil Code Law and amendments to Family Law under discussion (2015); draft Law on the Rights of the Child and Law on Juvenile Offenders and Protection of Juveniles in Criminal Proceedings being discussed (2017) | [YES] |
| Slovakia | New Civil Code being drafted (2015) | [YES] |
| Switzerland | No known opportunities | - |
| Turkey | No known opportunities | - |
| UK | Offences Against the Person Act 1861 under review (2015); consultations on the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill under way (2017) | SOME |

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