

# Immediate opportunities for law reform in Europe and Central Asia



GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO  
**End All Corporal  
Punishment of Children**

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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 If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email [info@endcorporalpunishment.org](mailto:info@endcorporalpunishment.org).

State	Opportunities for enacting prohibition	Prohibition included
Armenia	New Criminal Code being drafted (2015); draft amendments to Family Code, 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); Bill on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under discussion (2018)	YES
Belarus	Draft domestic violence law under discussion (2015)	?
Belgium	Bill amending the Civil Code 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); comprehensive Law on Children's Rights being considered (2017)	YES
Czech Republic	No known opportunities	-
France	Legislation to prohibit corporal punishment under discussion (2018)	YES
Georgia	Draft law on Adoption and Foster Care, draft law on Early Learning and Preschool Education (2016)	[NO]
Italy	No known opportunities	-
Kazakhstan	No known opportunities	-
Kyrgyzstan	Bill on protection from domestic violence under discussion (2015)	?

Monaco	No known opportunities	-
Republic of Kosovo	Draft Law on Child Protection under discussion (2016); Law on the Family under review (2017); new Criminal Code under discussion (2018)	YES
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	-
Tajikistan	Criminal Code under review (2017)	?
Turkey	No known opportunities	-
UK	Offences Against the Person Act 1861 under review (2015); Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill under discussion (2017); legislation to remove legal defence under discussion in Wales (2018); Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill in discussions (2018); review of the use of "pain-inducing restraint" in secure training centres and young offenders institutions (2018)	SOME
Uzbekistan	Amendments to Family Code possibly under discussion (2013); Juvenile Justice Act being drafted (2012)	?