EU Ministers must act on the serious breach of EU's rule of law and values in Poland

News, Civil Rights and Freedom, European Union, Poland, Rule of Law

> While Poland keeps attacking LGBTI people and their rights, ILGA-Europe have signed a joint letter along with 86 other NGOs asking EU Ministers to take action.

ILGA-Europe, along with 86 other NGOs, have written a letter to EU Ministers to act decisively on Poland's rule of law crisis, ahead of the upcoming General Affairs Council meeting on Tuesday 22 February.

The letter addresses the major rule of law concerns in Poland, including media freedom, civic space, SRHR and LGBTI rights. It outlines how systemic rule of law violations have enabled Poland to directly attack the human rights of LGBTI people and their defenders.

In it, we all call for decisive action under Article 7 to protect rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights in Poland. This comes in light of the decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) on 16 February, which confirms the legality of the EU's rule of law conditionality.

According to the judgement, member states now have the tools to properly and effectively defend the rule of law in Poland. We call for these tools to be used immediately and unequivocally.

Read the letter to EU Ministers.

Further information:

- Find out more about CJEU judgment of February 16
- Learn more in our submission to European Commission's 2022 Rule of Law Report.