

Rainbow Family Rights in Europe – Part 1: The Coman Case Three Years On

In the first part of our mini-series on rainbow family rights, during which we we're looking at the issues affecting LGBTI partners, parents and their children across Europe, we meet Adrian Coman from Romania.

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Three years ago, Adrian and his partner Clai were successful bringing their case to the Court of Justice of the European Union, which judged that same-sex spouses are fully recognised as spouses under the EU freedom of movement directive.

As a result, Adrian and Clai, who is American, should have been granted a residence permit in Romania. To this day, the judgement has not been enacted by the Romanian state, and in December 2020, the couple took their

case to the European Court of Human Rights to finally get their rights recognised.

We're also joined by Arpi Avetisyan, head of litigation at ILGA-Europe, to talk about the wider implications of the latest developments in the Coman case.