

# THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT PARTIALLY ABOLISHES SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF LAW NO. 80/2021 "FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS"

## Victory for the Civic Sector and Organizational Freedom

The Albanian Helsinki Committee (AHC) in partnership with the organizations Civil Rights Defender (Tirana Branch), the Albanian Media Council, the Alliance against LGBT Discrimination and the Balkan Network for Investigative Journalism Albania - Balkans (BIRN Albania) invested the Constitutional Court in January 2023, through a request requesting the repeal of some of the key provisions of law no. 80/2021 "On the registration of non-profit organizations".

With the argued belief that these provisions violate the constitutional right to organize, provided for in Article 46 of the Constitution and Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, contrary to the provisions of Article 17 of the Constitution and international standards, the representative legal representative of the AHC, representing the legitimate interests of other partner organizations, submitted concrete requests, answered the questions addressed by the members of the judging panel, as well as proactively exchanged opinions and thoughts with the representatives of the other litigating party.

After the public hearings held by the Constitutional Court on October 10, 2023 and November 6, 2023, yesterday it was decided to partially accept the request filed at the Constitutional Court. More concretely:

- ✔ Non-profit organizations no longer face the obligation of initial registration with the Tirana Judicial District Court within a 30-day deadline.
- ✔ Repeal of provisions burdening the chancellor with specific attributes, now consolidating the Court as the sole competent body regarding any organizational actions.
- ✔ Elimination of elements imposing administrative sanctions on non-profit organizations, previously subject to fines based on false data declaration or failure to meet registration obligations within legal deadlines.

This decision marks a significant step towards protecting the autonomy and rights of non-profit entities, ensuring fair and just procedures aligned with constitutional and international standards.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all partners and supporters who contributed to this achievement. This success reaffirms our commitment to upholding fundamental rights and liberties for all. Together, we continue to strive for a more just and equitable society. 🌟

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