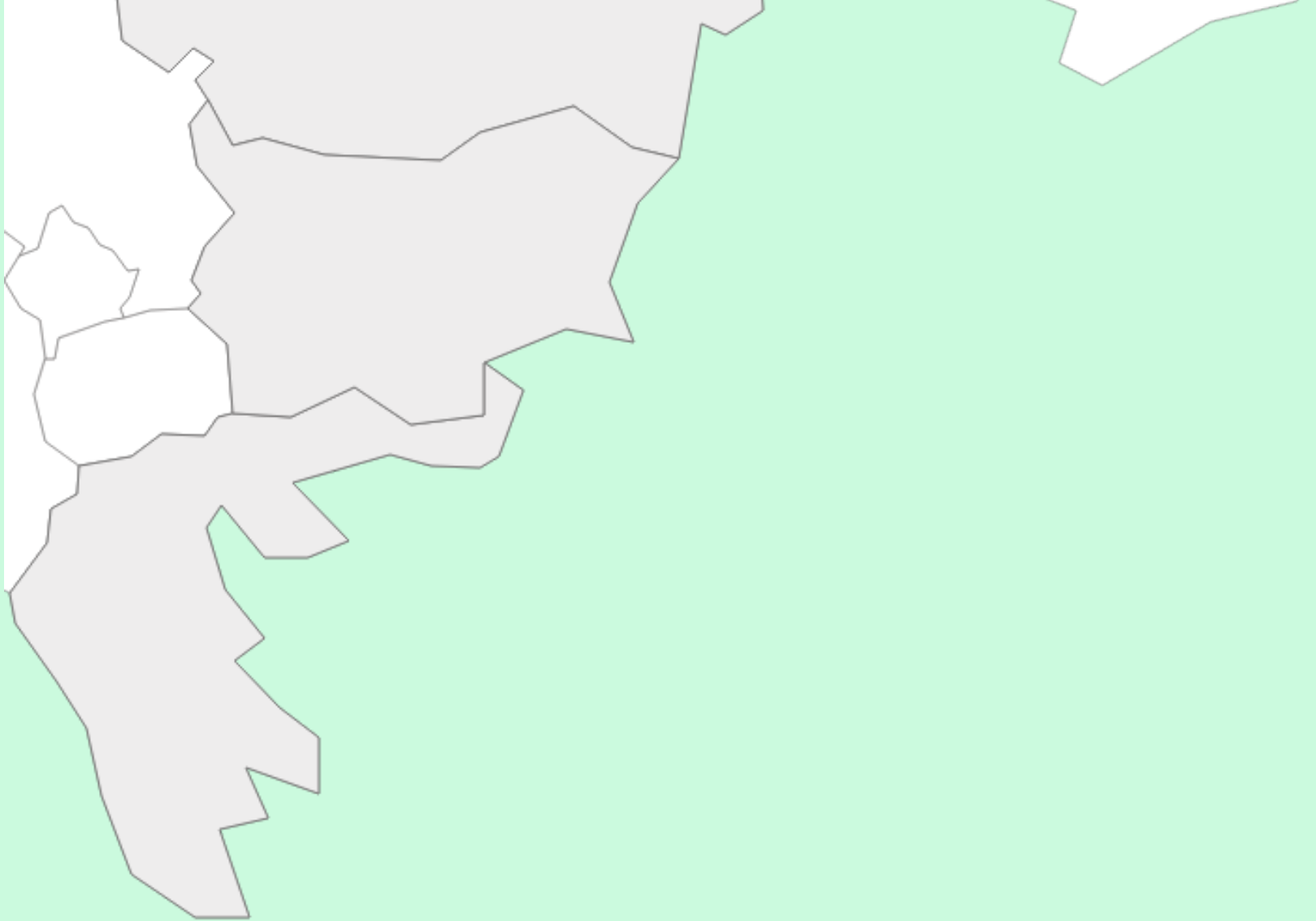
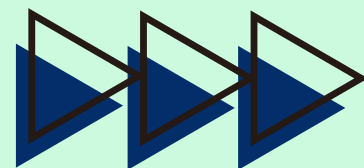




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Key highlights

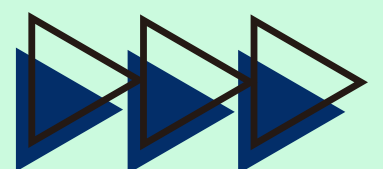


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Inclusive Legal Framework

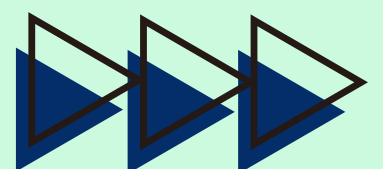
Cyprus has ratified major international anti-discrimination treaties and transposed the EU equality directives through dedicated legislation.





Disability Rights

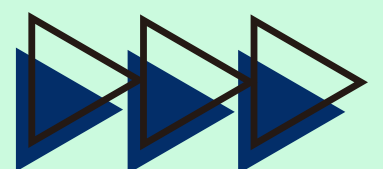
Disability law reflects the social model of disability, and reasonable accommodation duties extend beyond employment, improving inclusion protections.





Restrictive Constitutional Interpretation

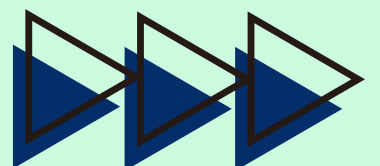
Courts have interpreted equality provisions in ways that can justify differential treatment, creating concerns about compliance with EU equality standards.





Roma Marginalisation

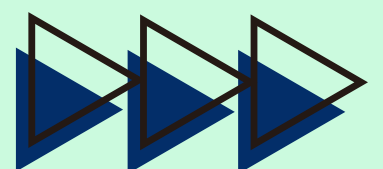
Roma are not recognised as a distinct community and continue to face housing and school segregation, while targeted policies remain absent.





Weak Enforcement Mechanisms

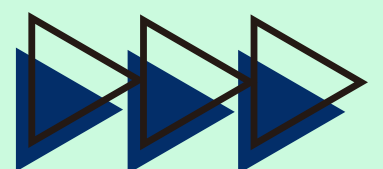
Procedures for repealing discriminatory laws are rarely effective, and recommendations from the equality body often do not lead to legislative change.





Limited Access to Justice

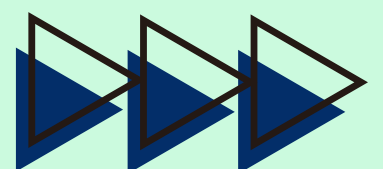
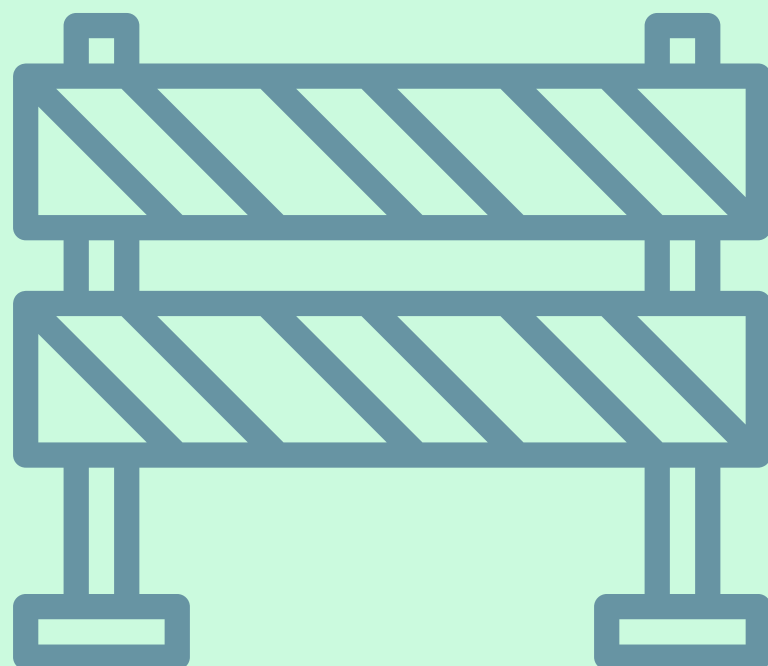
High costs, delays, restrictive legal standing for organisations and limited legal aid discourage discrimination claims, especially among vulnerable groups.

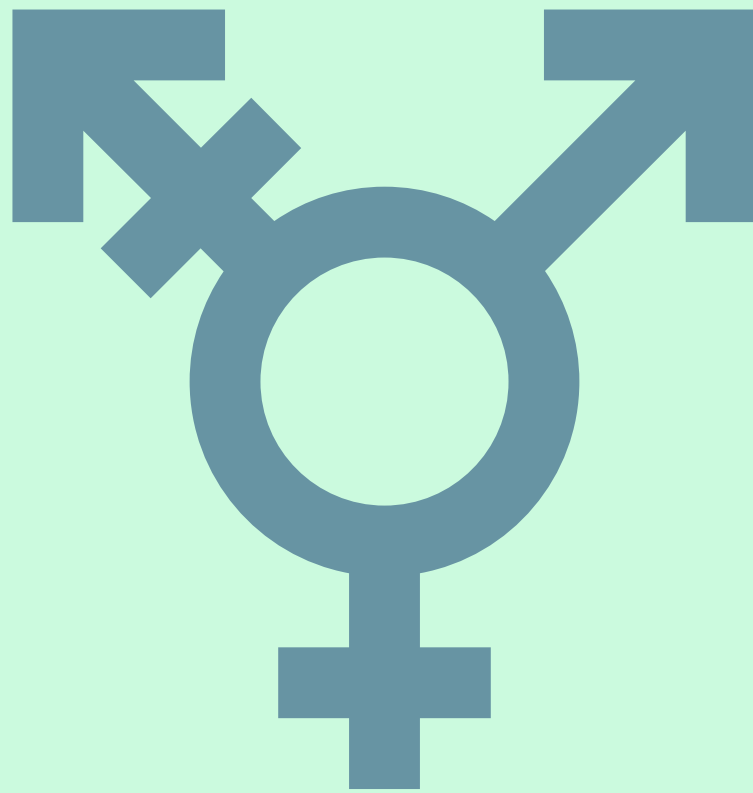




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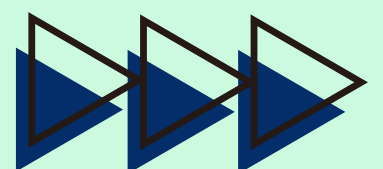
The Equality Body has a broad mandate and issued a notable binding decision in 2022, but concerns persist over transparency, effectiveness and reduced anti-discrimination activity since 2017.





Stalled Equality Strategies

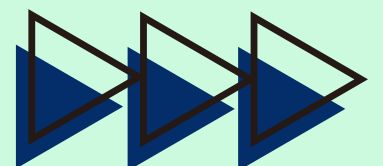
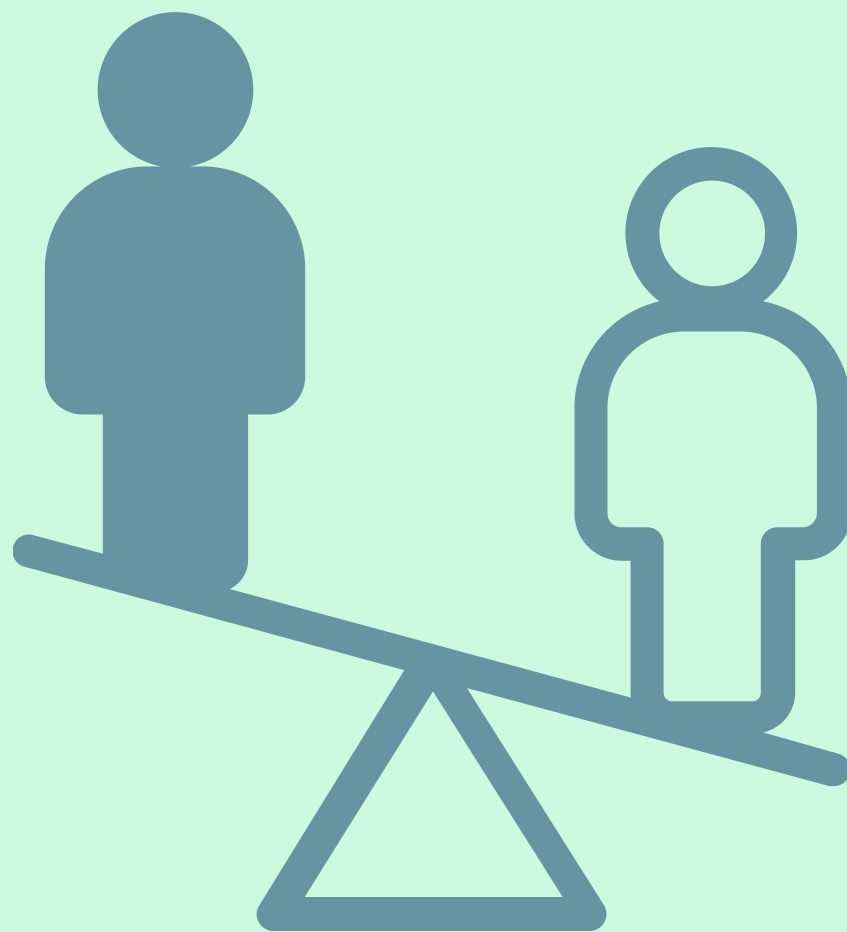
An LGBTIQ action plan is expected in 2026, yet broader anti-discrimination and anti-racism action plans remain undeveloped despite longstanding discussions.

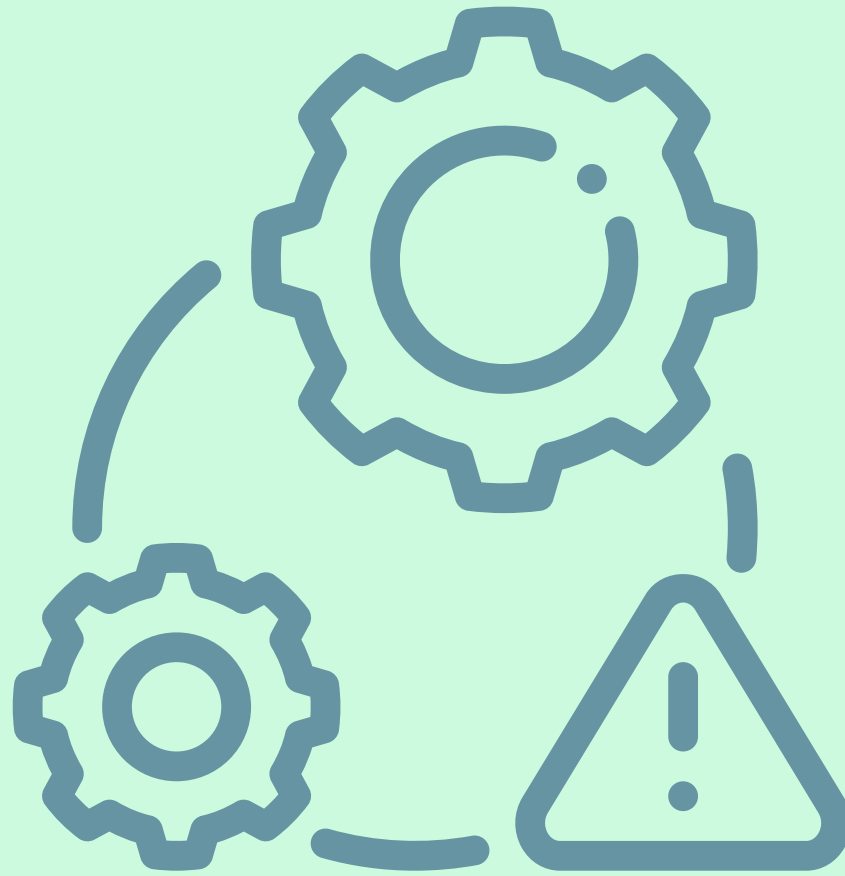




Ethnic Equality Concerns

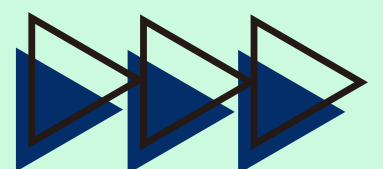
Courts have continued to reject challenges by Turkish Cypriots relating to property rights, reflecting ongoing tensions linked to the unresolved Cyprus issue.

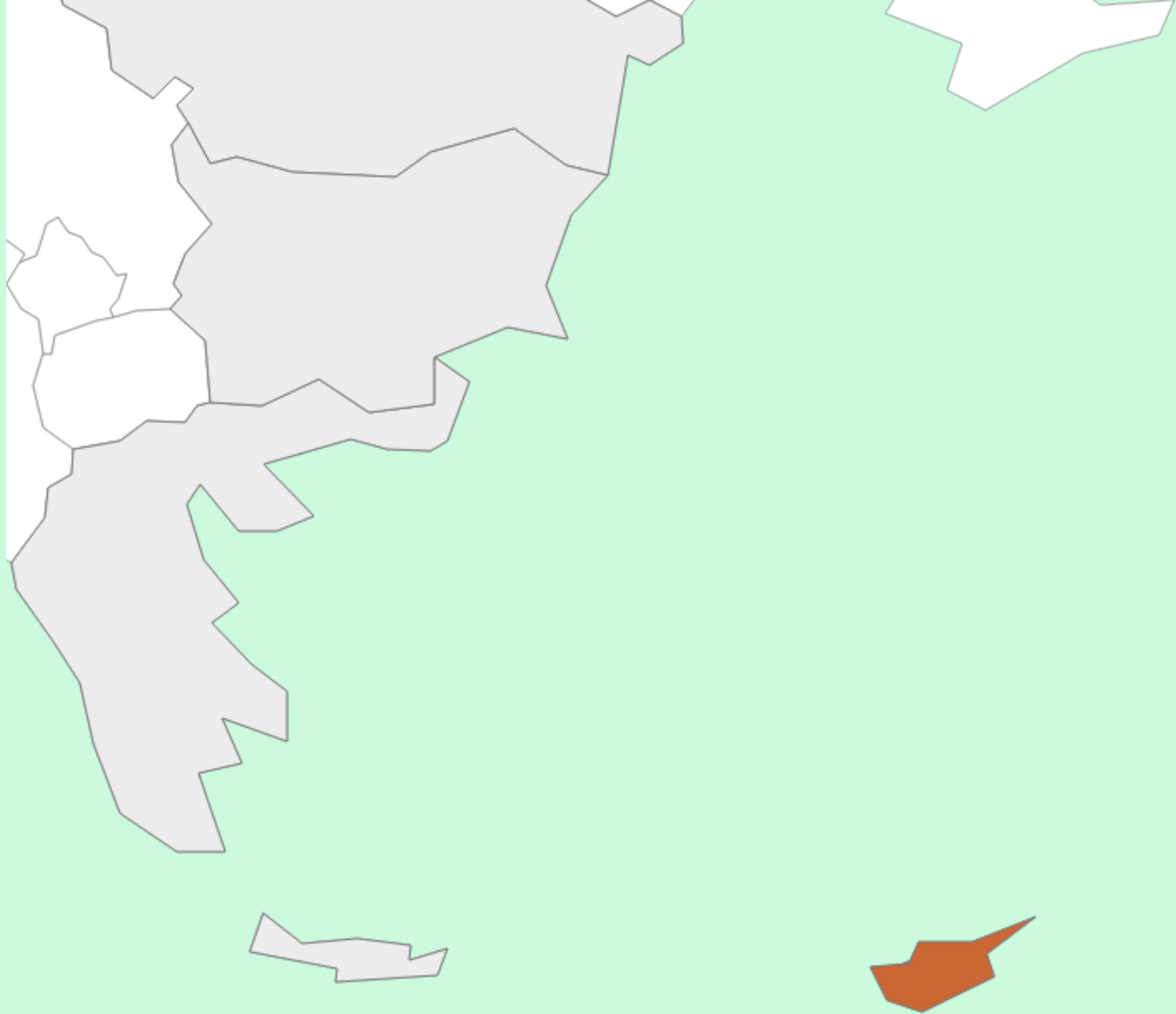




Limited 2025 Progress

The report records no relevant equality-related legislative amendments and no equality cases decided by courts or the Equality Body during 2025.





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