

## **Montenegro Legalizes Same-Sex Civil Partnerships - July 2, 2020**

The Balkan nation of Montenegro legalized same-sex partnerships on Wednesday. President Milo Djukanovic described the moment as "one step closer to joining the most developed world democracies." Montenegro is considered a predominantly conservative and male-dominated society, where the LGBT+ community has often faced rejection and harassment.

In the Balkan countries, which have a conservative social structure, NGOs and states are making extraordinary efforts, especially in recent years, to normalize and encourage LGBT.