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At the last Council meeting, Hungary and Poland blocked the adoption of a regulation which would simplify legal proceedings concerning the dissolution of relationships between couples living and working in the EU, the death of one partner, separation, separation of property and other matters. According to Barna Berke, Minister of State for European and International Judicial Cooperation, since same-sex unions are neither recognised nor legalised in Hungarian law, Hungarian courts cannot be expected to adjudicate in matters concerning same-sex marriages or partnerships between people born in other Member States.

In addition to further excluding members of the LGBTI community, this gives rise to other questions, as the veto by Hungary and Poland also means that heterosexual couples will not be able to benefit from the rights set out in the legislation.

What will the next stage of the legislative procedure be, and what action does the Commission plan to take in this regard?