

## **SUBSTANCE**

### **Equality before the law / legal protection of the law – article 3**

#### **Equal protection**

Equality presupposes that the law protects everyone without discrimination (*APDH*, para 146). Failure to place political candidates in an election on equal footing for instance through an imbalance in the composition of the electoral body amounts to a violation of the right to equal protection (*APDH*, paras 149-151).