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Conclusions from the Round Table organised by ECRI and the Institution of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo 19. 11. 2014

- It is necessary to establish mechanisms of tracking implementation and following up of ECRI recommendations. There is no effective system in place.
- Ombudsman Institution needs stronger support in creating better conditions for its effective work, especially in the area of its Antidiscrimination Law mandate.
- Round table was successful, as it created a forum of honest and open dialog for all key players and relevant institutions, in facing reality and challenges of the country, that in the future will contribute to possible problem solutions.
- In dealing with hate speech, more preventive activities need to be put in place: As examples from the Round table showed, these activities give valuable results, especially if they are implemented jointly with different relevant actors.
- Lack of judgments in the cases of hate speech shows that judiciary and prosecutors are not ready to deal with this type of cases, which indicates the need for more training and education to be provided in this area.
- Non- discriminatory education and access to education should be provided in cooperation with different actors: parents, school, teachers, psychologists and relevant government bodies, without influence of politics.
- The Ombudsmen Institution is planning to produce a Special Report related to Education, focusing on situation analysis and implementation of Rights on Education.
- The Ombudsmen Institution produced a Special Report on a status of Roma in a Bosnia and Herzegovina, with an emphasis on the right to education. This report was welcomed as an objective, fact finding report. Another report on the implementation of its recommendations is currently being prepared.