

“Combating racial discrimination and intolerance in Romania”

Round Table

**organised by ECRI in co-operation with
the National Council for Combating Discrimination
of Romania**

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Hotel Capitol, Bucharest

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration of participants**

OPENING

9:00 – 9:30 **Statements by:**

Mr Christian Ahlund, ECRI's Chair

Mr Razvan Horatiu Radu, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of External Affairs

Mr Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, President of the National Council for Combating Discrimination

INTRODUCTION

NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND ECRI'S REPORT ON ROMANIA

Chair: Prof. Dr Raluca Bestelium, Member of ECRI

9:30 – 9:45 **General Policy Recommendation No. 7 on National legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination**

Mr Pierre Masson, Programme adviser, ECRI Secretariat

9:45 – 10:00 **ECRI's report and main recommendations**

Mr Dalibor Jílek, ECRI member

10.00 – 10.10

Ms. Eniko Lacziko, Under-Secretary of State, Department for Interethnic Relations

10:00 – 10:20 *Discussion with contributions from the floor*

10:20 – 10:40 *Coffee break*

SESSION II

LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COMBATING RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Chair: Mr Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, President of the National Council for Combating Discrimination

- 10:40 – 11:00 **Legislation against racially motivated public insults and defamation, and against support and participation in organisations promoting racism**
- Mr Istvan Haller**, National Council for Combating Discrimination
- Mr Florian Alexandru**, "Elie Wiesel" Institute
- 11:00 – 11:20 **Training judges, prosecutors and law-enforcement officials on the criminal legal framework aimed at fighting racism**
- Ms. Beatrice Ramascanu, Judge**, National Institute of Magistracy
- Ms. Delia Nita**, Legal Resource Center
- 11:20 – 12:05 **Data collection on the application of criminal law provisions against racism and racial discrimination**
- Ms Mihaela Mereuță**, Adviser for European Affairs, Department for European Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Justice
- Mr Constantin Sima, Chief Prosecutor of service, Documentation and Statistical Service, the General Prosecutor of the HCCJ**
- Mr. Lucian Marin**, The General Inspectorate of Romanian Police, Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Ms. Delia Nita**, Legal Resource Center
- 12:05 – 12.45 *Discussion with contributions from the floor*
- 12.45 – 14:20 *Buffet lunch hosted by ECRI*

SESSION III

DECREASING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE MAJORITY POPULATION AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

Chair: Ms. Elena Iordanescu, Ministry of European Funds

14:20 – 14:50 **Combating hate speech against Roma**

Ms Adriana Iordache, Romanian Academic Society

Mr Mircea Toma, Activewatch

Mr Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, National Council for Combating Discrimination

14:50 – 15:20 **Combating racist violence against Roma**

Mr Iulian Stoian, National Agency for Roma

Ms Dorina David, adviser, People's Advocate

Ms Raluca Negulescu, Policy Centre for Roma

15:20 – 15:50 **Fostering a climate of tolerance between minority groups and the majority population**

Ms Christiane Gertrud Cosmatu, Under-Secretary of State, Department for Interethnic Relations

Mr Josef Moldovan, member in the Chamber of Deputies, and member of the Parliamentary Committee for information technologies and communications

Mr Francis Dobos, the Roman-Catholic Church (tbc)

15:50– 16:30 *Discussion with contributions from the floor*

CONCLUSIONS

16:30 – 17:00 **Wrap-up and concrete steps for action**

Mr Christian Ahlund, ECRI's Chair

Mr Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, President of National Council for Combating Discrimination

