

## **“Combating racial discrimination and intolerance in the Czech Republic”**



### **Round Table**

organised by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance  
in co-operation with the Public Defender of Rights  
and the Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Legislation

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**The Office of the Government, Prague**

## DRAFT AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants
- 9:00 – 9:20 **OPENING**  
Mr Christian Ahlund, ECRI's Chair  
Mr Jiří Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Legislation  
Ms Anna Šabatová, Public Defender of Rights
- SESSION I **ECRI'S REPORT ON THE CZECH REPUBLIC**  
Chair: Mr Dalibor Jílek, ECRI member
- 9:20 – 9:40 **ECRI's Report: main recommendations**  
Ms Eva Smith Asmussen, Mr Thomas Büchel, ECRI members
- 9:40 – 10:00 **Measures to follow up on ECRI's recommendations**  
Ms Martina Štěpánková, Vice-Minister for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Discussion with contributions from the floor*
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- SESSION II **LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COMBATING RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**  
Chair: Mr Emil Ruffer, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Challenges in the application of the Anti-Discrimination Act**  
Ms Barbara Havelková, Oxford University  
Mr Petr Polák, Office of the Public Defender of Rights, Equinet Board Member  
Ms Radka Korbelová Dohnalová, Attorney at Law

11:30 – 12:00

**Role of the Public Defender of Rights/Extension of her powers**

**Mr Ľubomír Majerčík**, Constitutional Court

**Ms Šárka Dušková**, League of Human Rights

12:00 – 12:30

*Discussion with contributions from the floor*

12:30 – 14:00

*Buffet lunch hosted by ECRI and Office of the Government*

SESSION III

**ROMA INTEGRATION**

**Chair: Mr David Beňák**, Human Rights Section, Office of the Government

14:00 – 14:20

**Tackling hate speech against Roma/“Campaign against Racism and Hate Violence”**

**Mr Lukáš Houdek**, Office of the Government, Agency for Social Inclusion

**Ms Klára Kalibová**, In IUSTITIA

14:20 – 15:00

**Improving Roma access to education and housing**

- Introduction of one year of compulsory and free of charge preschool for all children

- Reduction of the number of children in practical schools

- Progress on social housing law and ending sub-standard accommodation in hostels and dormitories

**Mr Svatopluk Pohořelý**, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

**Ms Linda Sokačová**, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

**Mr Martin Kaleja**, Faculty of Pedagogics, University of Ostrava

**Mr Nikola Taragoš**, Romodrom Association

15:00 – 16:15

*Discussion with contributions from the floor*

16:15 – 17:00

**CONCLUSIONS**

**Wrap-up and concrete steps for action**

**Mr Christian Ahlund**, ECRI's Chair

**Ms Martina Štěpánková**, Vice-Minister for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities