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## Conference on combating hate speech in South-Eastern Europe

Sarajevo, 17-18 November 2011  
Hotel Holiday Inn, st. Zmaja od Bosne 4  
Conference room Hercegovina, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

### Thursday, 17 November 2011

**9:00 - 9:30** Registration of participants

**9:30** **Opening of the conference**

Mr Barisa Colak, Minister of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms Dunja Mijatovic, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Mr Andy McGuffie, Spokesperson and Head of Communication Section,  
Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms Mary-Ann Hennessey, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo

**SESSION 1: Hate speech - the concept and the legal framework according to European standards**

*Moderator:* Ms Borka Rudic, Journalists Association, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**10:00** **Hate speech – where and when it proliferates**

*Speaker:* Mr Svetlozar Kirilov, Associate Professor of Sociology, PhD  
Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication  
Sofia University, Bulgaria

Discussion

**11:00** Coffee break

**11:30** **Council of Europe standards on promoting a culture of tolerance and combating hate speech**

Speaker: Ms Anne Weber, Legal Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Discussion

**12:30** Lunch break

**SESSION 2: Hate speech – national regulation and practice**

Moderator: Mr Mehmed Halilovic, media expert and lawyer, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**14:00** Regulation (panel discussion)

Speakers: Ms Bissera Zankova, Ministry of Transport, IT and Communications, Bulgaria  
Ms Helena Mandic, Communications Regulatory Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Mr Boro Kontic, Director, Media Centar Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Mr Kristina Todorovic, lawyer, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM), Serbia

Discussion

**16:00** Coffee break

**16:30** The role of self-regulation in combating hate speech (panel discussion)

Speakers: Mr Stephen Pritchard, Readers' Editor of The Observer, United Kingdom, former President of the Organisation of News Ombudsmen  
Ms Nina Porra, Council Secretary, Council for Mass Media, Finland (member of the Alliance of Independent Press Council in Europe - AIPCE)  
Ms Ljiljana Zurovac, Executive Director of the Press Council, Bosnia and Herzegovina (AIPCE member)  
Mr Ognian Zlatev, Managing Director, Media Development Center, Bulgaria (AIPCE member)

Discussion

**18:00** End of first day

## **Friday, 18 November 2011**

### **SESSION 3: Current challenges**

*Moderator:* Mr Igor Bozic, news editor, TV Vojvodina, Serbia

#### **9:30 Hate speech and the Roma (panel discussion)**

*Speakers:* Ms Ioana Avadani, Executive Director, Center for Independent Journalism, Romania

Mr Svetlozar Kirilov, Associate Professor of Sociology, PhD  
Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication  
Sofia University, Bulgaria

Mr Tomo Zoric, Spokesman and Senior Adviser in State  
Prosecutors Office, Serbia

Discussion

**11:00** Coffee break

#### **11:30 Hate speech on the Internet (panel discussion)**

*Speakers:* Dr Pierre-François Docquir, lecturer at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Perelman Centre for Legal Philosophy, Vice-president of the Supreme Council for Broadcasting, Belgium

Mr Matija Babic, Director of INDEX portal, Croatia

Mr Srdjan Puhalo, psychologist and civil rights activist, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr Adis Karadza, Editor in Chief of Sarajevo-x portal, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms Nada Dalipagic, lawyer, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

#### **13:00 Closing session**

Conclusions and recommendations for further work

*Moderator:* Ms Lejla Dervisagic, Programme Advisor, Media Section, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe