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ROUND TABLE ON "STATES' ACTION PLANS AND REPORTS FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN COURT'S JUDGMENTS:
CURRENT PRACTICE AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES"

Council of Europe, Agora building, Room G03

Strasbourg, 13-14 October 2014

PROGRAMME

The general objective of the round table is to allow an exchange of experiences on the practice of action plans and reports, as observed since the introduction of the twin-track supervision procedure over three years ago, and to encourage reflection on the perspectives for improvement of these tools and the optimisation of their use.

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

9.00 – 9.30 : Registration of participants

9.30 – 9.40 : Opening address by Ms Geneviève Mayer, Head of the Department for the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

SESSION 1 – ROLE AND PRACTICE OF ACTION PLANS AND REPORTS IN THE SUPERVISION PROCESS

Chair: Mr Özgür Derman, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

9.40 – 10.00 : Action plans and reports, a necessary tool for the effective monitoring of the execution of judgments by Mr Fredrik Sundberg, Deputy Head of Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

10.00 – 10.45 : Issues and difficulties in the drafting of action plans and reports

Participants will be invited to present, during a "tour de table", their experience in the preparation of AP/AR, by sharing not only good practices already established and the successes recorded, but also the ongoing difficulties and needs

10.45 – 11.15 : Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30 : Discussion

12.30 – 14.30 : Lunch break

SESSION 2 – REFLECTIONS ON THE POTENTIAL OF ACTION PLANS AND REPORTS, BEYOND THE SUPERVISION PROCESS

Chair: Ms Corinne Amat, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

14.30 – 15.00 : Action plans/reports, instruments to stimulate a wider national debate on important questions

– Romania's experience, by Ms Irina Cambrea, Co-Agent of the Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest

15.00 – 15.15 : Action plans/reports, instruments of dialogue between the executive, the judiciary and the legislative

– Slovakia's experience, by Ms Marica Pirošiková, Government Agent, Ministry of Justice, Bratislava

– Turkey's experience, by Mr Hacı Ali Acıkgül, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Justice, Ankara

15.15 – 16.00 : Discussion

16.00 – 16.15 : Coffee break

16.15 – 16.30 : Action plans/reports, instruments of dialogue with the European Court, by Mr Abel De Campos, Deputy Section Registrar, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

16.30 – 16.45 : Action plans/reports and co-operation programmes with the Council of Europe, by Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Development Department, Council of Europe

16.45 – 17.30 : Discussion and closure of the first day

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

SESSION 3 – PERSPECTIVES OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE PRACTICE OF ACTION PLANS AND REPORTS

Chair: Mr Fredrik Sundberg, Deputy Head of Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

9.30 – 10.00 : Aim, structure and contents of action plans/reports, by Mr Özgür Derman, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

10.00 – 10.45 : Importance of national co-ordination for the swift production of an action plan/report

- The United Kingdom's experience, by Ms Laura Dauban, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg

- Germany's experience, by Mr Danny Polk, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Berlin

- Ireland's experience, by Mr Peter White, Government Agent, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dublin

10.45 – 11.15 : Coffee break

11.15 – 11.45 : The importance of a timetable and the updating of plans/reports to ensure the transparency of the execution process – impact on the procedure before the Committee of Ministers, by Ms Corinne Amat, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

11.45 – 12.30 : Discussion

12.30 – 13.00 : Conclusions