

**FOLLOW-UP SEMINAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK  
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN THE  
SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**PROGRAMME**

Bôrik Hotel, Bratislava  
22nd to 23rd February 2012

**First Day - 22 February 2012**

08.30-09.00 Registration of participants

9:00 to 9:15 **Opening remarks**

*Rudolf Chmel, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Human Rights and National Minorities*

09:15 to 09:30

*Krzysztof Zyman - Secretariat of the Advisory committee on the Framework convention for the protection of national minorities, Council of Europe*

9:30 to 11:00 **Initial assessment meeting**

Chair:

09:30 to 10:00. A summary of the main conclusions of the evaluation report of the Advisory Committee, the implementation of the Framework Convention in Slovakia

*Krzysztof Zyman - Secretariat of the Advisory committee on the Framework convention for the protection of national minorities, Council of Europe*

10:00 to 10:30 The opinion of the Government of the Slovak Republic to the conclusions of the Advisory Committee

*Emil Kuchár - Slovak Ambassador at the Council of Europe*

10:30 to 11:00 General discussion (open)

11:00 to 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 to 12:45

**Theme 1 - Legislative and other measures in language rights of national minorities**

*Chair: Jarmila Lajčáková – Centre for the research ethnicity and culture*

11:15 to 11:35 legislative amendment in the field of use of minority languages and the measures of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Human Rights and National Minorities for the application of relevant legislation

*László Juhász - Directorate General of National Minorities, Office of the Government of the Slovak republic*

11:35 to 11:55 Assessment of legislative changes and other measures in the use of minority languages

Csaba Cúth – Hungarian roundtable in Slovakia

11:55 to 12:45 Discussion

Topics:

- legislative changes in the use of minority languages;
- other measures in the use of minority languages;
- other necessary steps in the use of minority languages.

12:45 to 13:45 Lunch buffet

13:45 to 15:45

## **Theme 2 - Culture, language and identity of national minorities in education**

*Chair: Jarmila Lajcáková – Centre for the research ethnicity and culture*

13:45 to 14:00 Teaching of minority languages in schools with Slovak as the main language and culture and identity of national minorities in textbooks

*Jaroslav Ivanco, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic*

14:00 to 14:15 Training and education of national minorities in the Slovak Republic

Pavol Bogdan - Representative of the Ukrainian national minority

14:15 to 15:00 Discussion

Topics:

- teaching of minority languages in schools with Slovak language;
- quality of teaching of minority languages in schools with minority language;
- textbooks for national minorities.

15:00 to 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 to 16:45

## **Theme 3 – Principles of encouraging the maintenance and development of culture of national minorities in the Slovak republic**

*Chair: Jarmila Lajcáková – Centre for the research ethnicity and culture*

15:15 to 15:45 The promotion of minority cultures

*Lajos Ján, Director of the Department of Culture of National Minorities, Office of the Government of the Slovak republic*

15:45 to 16:45 Discussion

Topics:

- grant program of the Office of the Government of the Slovak republic;

- other options for raising funds for minority cultures;
- funding for professional arts institutions of national minorities.

18:00 - Presentation of the dance theater Ifjú Szivek - Young Hearts (takes place on Mostová street no. 8, Bratislava)

## **Second Day - 23 February 2012**

9:20 to 11:20

*Chair: Jarmila Lajcáková – Centre for the research ethnicity and culture*

### **Theme 4 - Programmes and strategies to improve the situation of Roma**

Chair:

9:20 to 9:20 Improving the situation of the Roma - proposals and visions

*Miroslav Pollak, Government Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities*

9:40 to 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 to 10:20 Evaluation of programs and strategies to improve the situation of Roma

*Klara Orgovánová- Roma Institute*

10:20 to 11:20 Discussion

Topics:

- measures to improve the situation of Roma in education  
employment  
health care and housing;
- measures for desegregation and countering placement of Roma children in special schools.

11:20 to 12:00

### **Final evaluation**

11:20 to 12:00 Workshop Evaluation

11:20 to 11:40 Workshop Evaluation

*Chair: Jarmila Lajcáková – Centre for the research ethnicity and culture*

12.00-13.00 Lunch Buffet