

The Contact Forum for national minorities and central authorities
31 October – 1 November
Hotel Best Western Karl Johan, Karl Johans gate 33, Oslo

Monday, 31 October

- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-13:15 Opening statement – Director General Petter Drefvelin
- 13:15-14:30 Council of Europe - Ms. Michele Akip and Ms. Aleksandra Bojadzieva
A brief presentation of
- The Council of Europe (aim and organisation) and the instruments that give national minorities special protection (Framework convention for the Protection of National Minorities and European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages)
 - Questions
 - The Third Opinion on Norway (adopted on 30 June 2011) – The Advisory Committee’s process preparing the opinion and The Advisory Committee’s recommendations
- Questions and discussion
- 14:30-14:45 Break
- 14:45-16:00 Presentation of various research issues, including the project “Romani language and culture” – The Research Council of Norway
- 16:00- Closed meeting between the organisations
- 19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, 1 November

- 09:00-09:05 Opening
- 09:05-09:20 National minorities and culture - State Secretary Lubna Jaffery (Ministry of Culture)
- 09:20-10:05 The organisations submit their proposals to the Ministry of Culture
- 10:05-10:25 Briefings from the Ministry of Government Administration, Reform and Church Affairs
- 10:25-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:15 Research networks – Ms. Pia Lane
- 11:15-12:15 “Contact forum for national minorities” - form and content (discussion)
- 12:15-12:30 Concluding remarks
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch