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ECRI's Round Table in Austria

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
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PROGRAMME

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| 8:45 | REGISTRATION |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | OPENING Opening Address by Mr Matthias ELLMAUER, parliamentarian Welcome and introductory statement by Prof. Stefan KARNER, member of ECRI and Moderator of the morning session of the Round Table |

9:15 – 10:15 THEME I – ECRI'S REPORT ON AUSTRIA

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| 9:15 – 9:25 | Introduction to ECRI's work by Mr Michael HEAD, Chair of ECRI |
| 9:25 – 9:45 | Conclusions to be drawn from ECRI's Report on Austria by Prof. Arvydas Virgilijus MATULIONIS, member of ECRI |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | Discussion: open to the floor |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Coffee Break |

10:30 – 12:30 THEME II – ASYLUM, IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION: POLICIES AND PRACTICES

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| 10:30 – 10:45 | Asylum procedure and the reception of asylum-seekers in Austria, by Mag. Wolfgang TAUCHER, Head of the Federal Asylum Office |
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- 10:45 – 11:00 The situation of asylum seekers and new coming immigrants in Austria,
by Mag. Andreas LEPSCHI, Head of Department for Refugees and Migration, Caritas Austria
- 11:00 – 11:15 Practical initiatives for the integration of immigrants and ethnic minorities at the local level,
by Dr. Kurt STÜRZENBECHER, member of the Vienna City Council
- 11:15 – 12:30 Discussion: open to the floor
- 12:30 – 2:00 Lunch break

Moderator of the afternoon session: DI Helmut STROBL, deputy member of ECRI and member of the EUMC Management Board

2:00 – 3:30 THEME III – RACISM, ANTISEMITISM AND XENOPHOBIA IN POLITICAL DISCOURSE AND IN PUBLIC SPHERE

- 2:00 – 2:15 The use of racist, antisemitic and xenophobic arguments in political discourse – the European perspective,
by Mr Michael HEAD, Chair of ECRI
- 2:15 - 2:30 Racism, antisemitism and xenophobia in political discourse and in public sphere in Austria,
by Prof. Ruth WODAK, Head of the Research Center “Discourse, Politics and Identity”, Professor of Applied Linguistics at the University of Vienna and Professor of Discourse Studies at the Lancaster University
- 2:30 – 3:30 Discussion: open to the floor
Special Contribution by Dr. Beate WINKLER, Director of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC)
- 3:30 – 3:45 Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:30 THEME IV – THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY – IMPLEMENTING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

- 3:45 – 4:00 ECRI’s General Policy Recommendation No.7 on national legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination,
by Ms Isil GACHET, Executive Secretary to ECRI

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- 4:00 – 4:15 Recent developments in the field of anti-discrimination legislation in Austria,
by Mag. Dieter SCHINDLAUER, Director of ZARA and President of the Litigation Association of NGOs against Discrimination
- 4:15 – 4:30 The establishment of a national specialised body to combat discrimination – the challenges ahead,
by Dr. Ingrid NIKOLAY-LEITNER, Ombudsman for Equal Treatment
- 4:30 – 5:30 Discussion: open to the floor
- 5:30 – 6:00 Conclusions of the Round Table
- Presentation of the conclusions of the Round Table by the Moderator of the afternoon session