

# ECRI

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## ECRI's Round Table in Hungary

**Novotel Budapest Centrum, Rákóczi út 43-45  
Budapest, 16 November 2009**

### PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION: 8:45

9:00 – 9:20

#### OPENING

- Opening by Ms Eva Smith Asmussen, Chair of ECRI
- Opening Address by Mr Vilmos Szabó, Senior Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

<b>9:20 – 10:45 - SESSION I – ECRI'S REPORT ON HUNGARY</b>
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**Moderator of session I: Ms Judit József, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe**

9:20 – 9:40

**Main conclusions of ECRI's fourth Report on Hungary**  
Mr Christian Åhlund, Member of ECRI

9:40 – 10:00

**Measures to follow-up on ECRI's recommendations**  
Mr Dezső Avarkeszi, Senior State Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement

10:00 – 10:30

Discussion: open to the floor

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

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## **10:45 –12:30 - SESSION II – FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, ANTISEMITISM AND INTOLERANCE IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE**

**Moderator of session II : Mr Gábor Halmai, Director of the Hungarian Human Rights and Documentation Centre (INDOK)**

10:45 –11:00

**Hungarian legislation and case law regarding racist expression: state of play and challenges**

Mr András Kádár, Co-chair of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee

11:00 – 11:25

**European standards for combating racist expression: the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and ECRI General Policy Recommendation N°7 on national legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination**

Mr Jeremy Mc Bride, Barrister, Monckton Chambers, London and Member of the Scientific Committee of the European Union's Fundamental Rights Agency

11:25 – 11:45

**Legislative attempts to strike a new balance between freedom of expression and fighting racism and intolerance**

Mr Gergely Bárándy, Member of Parliament

11:45 – 12:30

Discussion: open to the floor

12:30 – 2:00

Lunch Break

## **2:00 – 4:00 - SESSION III – RESPONDING TO RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE**

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**Moderator of session III: Mr Jenö Kaltenbach, Member of ECRI, Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Board**

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| 2:00 – 2:20 | <b>Public response to anti-Roma violence in Hungary</b><br>Mr András Turi, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement  |
| 2:20 – 2:40 | <b>Equal protection for all: the role of the criminal justice system</b><br>Ms Lilla Farkas, Human Rights Lawyer, Chance for Children Foundation                             |
| 2:40 – 3:00 | <b>The point of view of Roma on integration policies (including education, employment, housing and health)</b><br>Ms Angela Kocze, Sociologist, Hungarian Academy of Science |
| 3:00 – 3:45 | Discussion: open to the floor  |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Coffee break   |

<p><b>4:00 – 5:15 - SESSION IV – IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-RACIAL DISCRIMINATION POLICIES: SELECTED ISSUES</b></p>
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**Moderator of session IV: Ms Judit Demeter, President, Equal Treatment Authority**

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| 4:00 – 4:15 | <b>Monitoring racism and racial discrimination, including questions related to specialised bodies and ethnic-data collection</b><br>Mr András Pap, Professor of Law, Senior Research Fellow<br>Hungarian Academy of Sciences           |
| 4:15 – 4:30 | <b>Managing ethnically diverse societies at local level: from non-discrimination legislation implementation to participation of minority communities</b><br>Ms Petra Kovacs, OSI Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative |

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4:30 – 5:00

Discussion: open to the floor

5:00 – 5:15

**CONCLUSIONS** of the Round Table

Presentation of the conclusions of the Round Table  
by Ms Eva Smith Asmussen, Chair of ECRI