

## ECRI's seminar with national Specialised Bodies<sup>1</sup>

### The role of national Specialised Bodies in addressing underreporting of discrimination and hate crime

Strasbourg Palais de l'Europe Room 8 – 28-29 May 2015

#### Programme

##### Thursday, 28 May 2015

9:30 - 9:45

#### **OPENING**

Snezana Samardzic-Markovic, Director General of Democracy  
Barbara John, ECRI's Vice-Chair

9:45 - 11:00

#### **SESSION I – UNDERREPORTING OF DISCRIMINATION AND HATE CRIME**

Chair: Barbara John, ECRI's Vice-Chair

- **Monitoring underreporting of discrimination and hate crime** Gün Kut, Member of ECRI
- **Measuring discrimination** Vasco Malta, Communication and Outreach Department, FRA
- **Measuring hate crime** Cristina Finch, Head of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE/ODIHR
- **Main challenges for Specialised Bodies** Anne Gaspard, Executive Director, EQUINET

Discussion with contributions from the floor

11:00 - 11:15

*Coffee break*

11:15 – 12:30

#### **SESSION II – GOOD PRACTICES: ADDRESSING UNDERREPORTING**

Chair: Sinisa Bjekovic, ECRI member, Deputy Ombudsman, Office of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms, Montenegro

- **Effective legal and institutional mechanisms** Vasileios Karydis, Deputy Ombudsman, Office of the Greek Ombudsman
- **Proximity to victims and first warning mechanisms** Jacques Toubon Défenseur des Droits (France)

Discussion with contributions from the floor

12:30 - 14:30

*Lunch break*

<sup>1</sup> Independent authorities expressly entrusted with the fight against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, intolerance and discrimination on grounds such as ethnic origin, colour, citizenship, religion and language (racial discrimination), at national level.

14:30 – 15:45

### **SESSION III – GOOD PRACTICES : REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION**

Chair: Renee Laiviera, ECRI member, Commissioner, National Commission for the Promotion of Equality, Malta

- **New methods of reporting** Jackie Driver, Director, Externally Funded Programmes, Equality and Human Rights Commission (United Kingdom)
- **Improving communication** Freek Van Severen, Inter-federal Centre for Equal Opportunity (Belgium)

Discussion with contributions from the floor

15:45 - 16:00

*Coffee break*

16.00 – 17.30

### **SESSION IV – THE ROLE OF OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN CONTACT WITH VICTIMS**

Chair: Adam Weiss, Legal Director, European Roma Rights Centre

- **NGOs**  
Marcell Lőrincz, Subjective Values Foundation, ENAR delegate  
Ronald Eissens, Director, Magenta Foundation, Delegate of the International Network against Cyber Hate – INACH
- **Police / Prosecutors**  
Stefano Chirico, Representative of State Police/Carabinieri Observatory for the security against acts of discrimination (OSCAD)  
Elena Sereda, Head, Directorate for International Relations, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation

Discussion with contributions from the floor

17:30 - 18:30

*Reception*

## **Friday, 29 May 2015**

9:30 - 11:00

### **SESSION V – HOW IGOS, INGOs AND NETWORKS CAN SUPPORT SPECIALISED BODIES IN ADDRESSING UNDERREPORTING**

Chair: Andreas Stein, Head of Equality Legislation Department, Directorate Equality, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**Panel discussion with:**

- Nikolaos Sitaropolous, Head of Division, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- Yury Boychenko, Chief of the Anti-Discrimination Section, UN OHCHR
- Evelyn Collins, Chair of EQUINET Executive Board
- Michael Cerulus, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA - Europe
- Robin Sclafani, A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe, CEJI

Contributions from the floor

11:00 - 11:15

*Coffee break*

11:15 - 12:00

### **CONCLUSIONS AND TOPIC OF THE 2016 SEMINAR**

Barbara John, ECRI's Vice-Chair