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## **Strengthening the Human Rights Ombudsman to Fight Discrimination**

### **National Human Rights Institutions of the Western Balkans**

#### **Regional Conference**

**“Exchange of best practices of addressing human rights violations with  
a special focus on combating discrimination”**

**Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
15 - 16 February 2018**

*Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trg BiH 1*

## **PROGRAMME**

**15 February 2018  
Blue conference room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

*Chair: Mr Sergey Dikman, Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department, Directorate  
General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG-I), Council of Europe*

9:00 - 9:30

***Registration of participants***

9.30 – 9.50

***Opening***

- Mr Jan Snidauf, Head of Political and Economic Section in the European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ambassador Drahoslav Štefanek, Head of Office of the Council of Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ambassador Bruce Berton, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia

and Herzegovina

- Ms Nives Jukić, Ombudsperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr Borislav Bojić, Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:50 - 11:10

***The role and experience of the National Human Rights institutions in the judicial and administrative procedures***

- Mr Šučko Baković, Ombudsman, Montenegro
- Ms Vlasta Nussdorfer, Ombudsman, Republic of Slovenia
- Mr Şeref Malkoç, Chief Ombudsman, Republic of Turkey
- Ms Tatjana Jokanović, Assistant to Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, Serbia
- Ms Irma Baraku, Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination, Albania
- Ms Janja Pavković, Legal Affairs Advisor to the Ombudswoman Office of the Ombudswoman, Republic of Croatia
- Mr Zoran Pavlović, Provincial Ombudsman of Vojvodina, Serbia
- Mr Hilmi Jashari, Ombudsman, Kosovo\*
- Ms Jasminka Džumhur, Ombudsperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:10 – 11:30

***Discussion***

11:30 – 11:45

***Coffee break***

***Chair:*** Mr Fermin Cordoba, Director of Human Dimension Department, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:45 – 12:15

***Review of the academics of the role of the National Human Rights institutions in the judicial and administrative procedures***

- Ms Lejla Balić, Mr Midhat Izmirlija, University of Sarajevo, Law Faculty
- Ms Ranka Račić, University of East Sarajevo, Law Faculty
- Mr Mile Matijević, University for Business Studies
- Mr Samir Zuparević, University of Vitez, Law Faculty in Vitez

12:15 – 12:45

***Discussion***

12:45 – 13:45

***Judiciary of the role of the National Human Rights institutions in the judicial and administrative procedures***

- Ms Amra Hadžimustafić, Judge, Supreme Court of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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\* All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- Mr Zlatko Kulenović, Judge, Constitutional Court of Republika Srpska
- Mr Branko Morait, Judge, Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ms Dražena Pejanović, President, Municipal Court in Kalesija
- Ms Selma Šaćirović, Judge, Basic Court in Bijeljina
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13:45 – 14:15

***Lunch***

VIP restaurant, ground floor

**Chair:** Ms Jasna Dobričik, Deputy Director of Human Dimension Department, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:15 -15:15

**Discussion**

15:15 – 15:45

**Position of the civil society organisations on the role of the National Human Rights institutions in the judicial and administrative procedures**

- Ms Nikolina Grbić Pavlović, Research Center in Banjaluka
- Ms Tamara Udovičić, Human Rights Center in Banjaluka

15:45 – 16:00

***Coffee break***

16:00 – 16:15

***Situation testing discrimination***

- Mr Miloš Bogičević, Legal Advisor, Human Rights Department, OSCE mission to BiH

16:15 – 16:45

**Discussion**

16:45

**Conclusions of day 1.**

- Mr Sergey Dikman, Human Rights Policy and Co-operation department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG-I), Council of Europe

17:30

**Reception**

Restaurant “Four Seasons”, Alta Shopping mall, Franca Lehara St. 2

**16 February 2017**  
**Blue conference room, 4th floor**

**Chair:** Ms Alma Suljić, Assistant to Ombudspersons, Bosnia and Herzegovina

9:30 - 10:00	<b><i>Registration of participants</i></b>
10:00 – 10:40	<b><i>Obstacles in exercising the mandate of the National Human Rights institutions</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Siniša Bjeković, Deputy Ombudsman, Montenegro</li><li>- Mr Zoran Bilbiloski, State Counsellor to the Ombudsman Institution, „The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia“</li><li>- Mr Predrag Raosavljević, Assistant to Ombudsman and Head of Department for Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination, Bosnia and Herzegovina</li></ul>
10:40 – 11:15	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>
11:15 – 11:45	<b><i>Role of the National Human Rights institutions in combating discrimination at the national level and cooperation with Civil Society Organisations</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms Emina Bošnjak, Executive Director, Sarajevo Open Center</li><li>- Mr Edin Hodžić, Director, Analitika, Center for Social Research</li><li>- Ms Vlasta Nussdorfer, Ombudsman, Republic of Slovenia</li></ul>
11:45 – 12:00	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
12:00 – 13:00	<b><i>Regional efforts to fight discrimination: challenges for future</i></b> <b><i>Discussion</i></b>
13:00 – 13:15	<b><i>Conclusions and Closing remarks</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Sergey Dikman, Human Rights Policy and Co-operation department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG-I), Council of Europe</li></ul>
13:15	<b>Lunch</b> VIP restaurant, ground floor