

Round Table

“Combating Discrimination in Serbia”

**organised by ECRI in co-operation with the Protector of Citizens and
the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality**

**16 November 2011
Belgrade,
Palace of Serbia (official entrance), Belgrade Room**

PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION: 9:00

9:30 – 9:50

OPENING

Moderator: Mr Dragan Janjić, Senior Adviser , Protector of Citizens

- Mr Predrag Marković, Minister of Culture, Media and Information Society
- Ms Winnie Sorgdrager, Member of ECRI
- Mr Saša Janković, Protector of Citizens
- Ms Nevena Petrušić, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality

9:50 – 11:00 - SESSION I – ECRI’S REPORT ON SERBIA

Moderator: Ms Winnie Sorgdrager, Member of ECRI

9:50 – 10:20

ECRI’s Report and relevant CERD Concluding Observations on Serbia

Mr Gun Kut, Member of ECRI and Member of CERD

10:20 – 10:40

Measures to follow up on ECRI’s recommendations

Mr Nenad Djurdjević, Director of the Department for Human Rights and National Minorities, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Self Government

10:40 – 11:00

Questions from the floor

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 –13:00 - SESSION II – LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Moderator: Ms Vesna Rakić-Vodinelić, Member of ECRI

11:15 –11:30

Role of the Commissioner for the Protection of Equality and challenges in the application of the Law on the Prohibition of Discrimination

Ms Nevena Petrusić, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality

11:30 – 11:45

Criminal Justice and Racism

Mr Vesko Krstajić, judge, Supreme Court of Cassation

11:45 – 12:00

Questions from the floor

12:00 – 12:15

Role of the Protector of Citizens

Mr Goran Basić, Deputy of the Protector of Citizens

12:15 – 12:30

Role of Civil Society

Ms Vesna Petrović, Executive Director, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

12:30 – 13:00 Questions from the floor
13:00 – 14:30 Open buffet lunch

14:30 – 15:30 - SESSION III – FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Moderator: Mr Dragoljub Djordjević, University of Niš

14:30 – 15:15

- **International and European standards on the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion**
- **The Law on Churches and Religious Minorities: its application and possible amendments**
- **Restitution of Property to Churches and Religious Communities**

Panellists:

- Mr Vladimir Djurić, Special Adviser to the Minister of Religion and Diaspora
- Mr Nenad Djurdjević, Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac

15:15 – 15:45

Contributions and questions from the floor

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17.15 - SESSION IV – INTEGRATION OF ROMA

Moderator: Mr Saša Gajin, Deputy Member of ECRI

16:00 – 16:45

- **How to improve access of Roma to education, employment, health and housing**
- **Overcoming barriers for providing identity documents to Roma**
- **Local initiatives to empower Roma**

Panellists:

- Ms Slavica Denić, State Secretary, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Self Government
- Mr Goran Bašić, Deputy of the Protector of Citizens
- Mr Stephan Müller, Council of Europe expert
- Mr Dusko Jovanović, Director of the Office for Roma Inclusion of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina
- Ms Ivanka Kostić, Executive Director, Praxis

16:45 – 17:15

Contributions and questions from the floor

17:15 – 17:30

CONCLUSIONS

Wrap-up and concrete steps for action

Mr Gun Kut, Member of ECRI and Member of CERD