

**Seminar with national Specialised Bodies  
to combat racism and racial discrimination**  
**Anti-discrimination bodies: recent trends and challenges**

31 May – 1 June 2012  
Strasbourg, AGORA Building – Room G02

**Programme**

**Thursday, 31 May 2012:**

**OPENING SESSION**

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| 9:30 – 9:40  | Welcome address and introductory remarks - Jenö Kaltenbach, Chair of ECRI   |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | Recent trends and challenges: setting the scene - Jozef De Witte, Executive Director, Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, Chair of Equinet |

**SESSION 1: Merging Specialised Bodies with the view of creating institutions with wider objectives in the field of human rights**

Chair: Winnie Sorgdrager, ECRI member

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | French example - Dominique Baudis, Défenseur des droits, France                 |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | UK example - Diana Copper, Equality and Human Rights Commission, United Kingdom |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Irish example - Michael Farrell, ECRI member                                    |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Discussion with contributions from the floor                                    |

11: 15– 11:30 Coffee break

**SESSION 2: Mandate's enlargement**

Chair: Michael Head, ECRI member

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| 11:30 – 11:45 | Dutch example - Stans Goudsmit, Commissioner, Equal Treatment Commission, Netherlands |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | FRA example - Jonas Grimheden, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights           |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Discussion with contributions from the floor  |

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

**SESSION 3: The role of the Ombudsman as a Specialised Body**

Chair: Zdenka Čebašek-Travnik, Human Rights Ombudsman, Slovenia

14:30 – 14:45	Cypriot example - Eliza Savvidou, Ombudsman of the Republic of Cyprus
14:45 – 15:15	Serbian example - Goran Basic, Deputy Ombudsman, and Milovan Batak, Assistant Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, Serbia
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion with contributions from the floor

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

**SESSION 4: Synergies**

Chair: Michael Farrell , ECRI Member

16:00 – 16:30	Synergies between human rights structures and specialised bodies in combating racism and racial discrimination - Bruce Adamson, Scottish Human Rights Commission
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion with contributions from the floor

17.00 – 18:00 Reception

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**Friday, 1 June 2012:****SESSION 5: Standards in theory and practice**

Chair: Michael Head, ECRI member

9:30 – 10:00	Panel discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ECRI</li><li>• Office of the Commissioner for HR</li><li>• UN - OHCHR</li><li>• EU - FRA</li><li>• OSCE - ODHIR</li><li>• EQUINET</li></ul>
10:00 – 10:45	Contributions from the floor
10:45 – 11:00	Wrap-up and conclusions - Michael Farrell , ECRI Member

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

**CLOSING SESSION**

Chair: Jenö Kaltenbach, Chair of ECRI

11:15 – 11:30	Proposals for the theme of ECRI's 2013 seminar with Specialised Bodies – ECRI Secretariat
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00	Closing of the seminar - Jenö Kaltenbach, Chair of ECRI