

**Second cycle follow-up seminar on the implementation of
the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
in Montenegro**

Podgorica, 7 February 2017

PROGRAMME

09:30	Registration of participants	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome	Mr. Mehmed Zenka, Minister of Human and Minority Rights
	<u>Opening address</u>	
10:10 - 10:15	Mr. Leon Gjokaj, MSci	Director General of the Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights – the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights
10:15 - 10:25	Ms. Petra Roter	President of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention of National Minorities

First Session - recent developments in the jurisprudence of the Advisory Committee

Moderator	Mr. Fikret Ljuljanovic	Independent Advisor I Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights – the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights
10:30 - 11:00	Ms. Petra Roter	President of ACFC “Fourth Thematic Commentary on the Scope of Application of The Framework Convention: a key tool to managing diversity through minority rights”
	Ms. Brigitta Busch	Vice-President of the ACFC “Third Thematic Commentary on the Language Rights of Persons belonging to National Minorities”

Thematic discussion: Combatting intolerance, racism, and xenophobia in particular against

Roma, including in the and the political arena¹

11:00 - 11:20	Mr. Sokolj Beganaj, MSci	Independent Advisor I Department for the promotion and protection of the rights of Roma and Egyptians - the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights
11:20 - 11:40	Mr. Samir Jaha	Representative of NGO “Young Roma”
11:40 - 12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00 - 12:45	Discussion	
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch	

Second Session –

Moderator Mr. Fikret Ljuljanovic

Thematic discussion: Education and linguistic rights of national minorities²

14:00 - 14:20	Mr. Marash Dukaj	Director General of the Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights – the Ministry of Education
14:20 - 14:40	Mr. Genci Nimanbegu	President of the Albanian Minority Council
14:40 - 15:20	Discussion	

¹ Issues raised in the CM Resolution on Montenegro (doc. ref. [CM/ResCMN\(2015\)2](#)) : potential discriminatory impact of the electoral legislation on the Roma; acquisition of identity documents by internally displaced persons (IDPs); closure of the Konik Camp; integration or return opportunities for the camp’s inhabitants; the right for education for all Roma children regardless of their status.

² Issues raised in the CM Resolution on Montenegro (doc. ref. [CM/ResCMN\(2015\)2](#)) :

- school curricula - inclusion of issues of interest to national minorities; quality of textbooks in NM languages at all levels of education; efforts to remedy shortcomings faced by Roma children in the field of education;
- introduction of bilingual topographical signs and for the use of minority languages in dealings with the administrative authorities in the municipalities inhabited by persons belonging to national minorities and the right to use a minority language in relations with the administrative authorities.

Consultative mechanisms: functioning of Councils of national minorities³

15:20 – 15:40	Mr. Gazmend Cuca	Independent Advisor I Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights – the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights
15:40 - 16:00	Mr. Momcilo Vuksanovic	President of the Albanian Minority Council
16:00 - 16.20	Mr. Leon Gjakaj, MSci	Director General of the Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights - the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights
16:20 - 17:00	Discussion and Conclusions	

³ Issues raised in the CM Resolution on Montenegro (doc. ref. [CM/ResCMN\(2015\)2](#)) : legal provisions and administrative practice regulating the election and functioning of the Councils of Minority Nations (representativity, status and co-operation with the authorities).