

**2015 Council of Europe
Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue**

“Building inclusive societies together”

**This Exchange will deal with the role of religions and non-religious beliefs in
preventing radicalisation and violent extremism**

Programme

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina – 2 and 3 November 2015

Sunday 1 November 2015	Arrival of participants
	Registration of participants at the hotel
20.00	Dinner <i>Host: Mr Predrag JOVIĆ, Deputy Minister for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> <i>Venue: Hotel Europe - Restaurant</i>
Monday 2 November 2015	Venue: Building of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH
9.30 - 11.00	Opening of the Exchange <i>Venue: Big Hall, 1st Floor</i> <i>Chaired by Mr Almir ŠAHOVIĆ, Ambassador, Bosnia and Herzegovina Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers</i> Ms Semiha BOROVIĆ , Minister for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr Jakob FINCI , President of the Jewish Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, President of the Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ms Anne BRASSEUR , President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Ms Johanna MIKL-LEITNER , Minister of Interior of the Republic of Austria
11.00 – 11.30	Press Conference <i>Venue: Conference Hall – 3/2</i> Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00	<p>Setting the scene - Preventing radicalisation and violent extremism: the role of religions and non-religious beliefs</p> <p>Keynote presentations by:</p> <p>Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Mr Ismail SERAGELDIN, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina</p> <p>Debate</p>
13.00 – 14.30	<p>Lunch Venue: Ground floor</p>
14.30 – 16.30	<p>SUB-THEME I <i>Session chaired by Mr Drahoslav STEFANEK, Ambassador, Co-Chair of the Exchange</i></p> <p>“The role and place of religion in the public space”</p> <p>Welcome by:</p> <p>His Eminence Husein KAVAZOVIĆ, Grand Mufti of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Introduction to the sub-theme by:</p> <p>Mr Francesco RAGAZZI, Assistant Professor in International Relations, Leiden University, Netherlands</p> <p>Debate</p>
16.30 – 16.45	<p>Coffee break</p>
16.45 – 19.00	<p>SUB-THEME II <i>Session chaired by Ms Michèle EISENBARTH, Ambassador, Chair of the Exchange</i></p> <p>“Teaching about religions and non-religious beliefs at school”</p> <p>Welcome by:</p> <p>Mgr GRIGORIJE, Bishop of Zahumlje-Herzegovina and the Littoral from the Serbian Orthodox Church, member of the Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Introduction to the sub-theme by:</p> <p>Baroness Sayeeda WARSI, member of the House of Lords, United Kingdom</p> <p>Debate</p>
20.30	<p>Dinner and Cultural Programme <i>Venue: Hotel Europe – Vienna Hall</i></p> <p><i>Host: Ms Semiha BOROVAC, Minister for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></p>

Tuesday 3 November 2015

Venue: Building of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH

9.30 – 11.00

Closing session**“Building inclusive societies together”***Chaired by Mr Almir ŠAHOVIĆ, Ambassador, Bosnia and Herzegovina Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers*

Welcome by:

His Eminence Cardinal Vinko PULJIĆ, Archbishop of Vrhbosna

Presentations by:

Mr Jean-Claude FRECON, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe – The role and contribution of local authorities in building inclusive societies**Mr Michel AGUILAR**, Chair of the Human Rights Commission of the Council of Europe’s INGOs Conference – The role and contribution of NGOs in building inclusive societies

Debate

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30

Concluding remarks by the Chair(s)

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch*Venue: Ground floor*