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High-level Seminar

Protection and promotion of human rights in culturally diverse societies

Strasbourg, 13-14 June 2016

Palais de l'Europe, Room 5

Programme

Monday, 13 June 2016

4 p.m.– 6 p.m.

- Welcome address by Ambassador Katrin Kivi, Permanent Representative of the Estonian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers

Challenges faced by culturally diverse societies in Europe

chaired by Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- Mr Harald Bergmann, Thematic Spokesperson on Human rights at local and regional levels, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- Ms Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations

- Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, EU Fundamental Rights Agency

6 p.m

Cocktail in front of Room 5

Tuesday, 14 June 2016

9.00 a.m – 9.30 a.m

Continued

- Mr Pierre Yves Le Borgn', Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly and member of the Assembly's No-Hate parliamentary alliance

9.30 a.m. – 11.10 a.m.

Protection and promotion of human rights in culturally diverse societies

chaired by Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- **How freedom of religion or belief can contribute to more diversity in society**, Dr Heiner Bielefeldt, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (*video*)
- **The Framework Convention and the management of diversity**, Dr Petra Roter, President *a.i.* of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
- **The European Convention on Human Rights and respect for diversity**, judge Işıl Karakaş, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights
- **Committee of Ministers' Guidelines to member States on the protection and promotion of human rights in culturally diverse societies**
 - *Previous CDDH work*, Mr Philippe Wéry, former DH-DEV Chair
 - *General presentation of the Guidelines*, Ms Krista Oinonen, former CDDH-DC Chair
 - *Adoption process in the Committee of Ministers*, Ambassador Guido Bellatti-Ceccoli, Permanent Representative from San Marino and Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H)

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| | Discussion |
| 11.10 a.m.- 11.30 p.m. | Break |
| 11.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m. | <p>Panel One: Seeking to address the reality of discrimination and promote equality– key concepts chaired by Ms Françoise Tulkens, former Judge and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Direct discrimination, indirect discrimination and harassment</i> Dr. Mathias Möschel, Associate Professor, Acting Chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law Programme, Central European University, Budapest • <i>Multiple discrimination</i>, Dr. Snježana Vasiljević, Assistant Professor, Chair of European Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb • <i>Effective equality</i>, Dr. Dorota Anna Gozdecka, <i>SFHEA</i> Senior Lecturer, Australian National University College of Law, Adjunct Professor (Docent) University of Helsinki • <i>Living together in culturally diverse societies</i>, Mr Rodolphe Féral, Legal draftsperson, Sub-directory of human rights, Directory of Legal Affairs, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs <p>Discussion</p> |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 1.40 p.m. – 2 p.m. | <p>Building inclusive societies chaired by Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, DGII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of diverse societies, Ms Astrid Thors, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities |
| 2 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. | <p>Panel Two: Effective implementation: Good practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Developing community cohesion in the United Kingdom</i>, Prof. Ted Cantle, former Chair the Community Cohesion Review Team, United Kingdom Home Secretary • <i>Mother tongue as a tool for integration in Swedish schools and society</i>, Ms Beata Engels Andersson, Head of Department, Language Centre in Public Schools, Malmö • <i>Promotion and protection of human rights from an intercultural perspective: Barcelona, City of Human Rights</i>, Mr Jaume Asens, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona in charge of Civil Rights, Diversity and Transparency • <i>Organising intercultural and interreligious activities: a toolkit for local authorities</i>, Mr Harald Bergmann, Thematic Spokesperson on Human Rights at local and regional levels, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities • <i>“Forgotten women” project</i>, Mr Michaël Privot Director of the European Network against Racism (ENAR) • <i>School for Syrian refugee children in the Russian Federation</i>, • Mr Hussam Mohy Eddin, Civic Assistance Committee <p>Discussion</p> |
| 3.45 p.m.- 4.05 p.m. | Break |
| 4.05 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. | Summing up by Ms Brigitte Konz, Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Human Rights |