



Promotion of Diversity and Equality in Serbia

**Follow-up Seminar on the Implementation of the
Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities of the Council of Europe
by Serbia**

based on the evaluation and recommendations contained in the Fourth Opinion on Serbia by the Advisory
Committee on the Framework Convention (adopted on 26 June 2019)

16 June 2021, from 10:00 to 17:00,
Hyatt Regency hotel, Milentija Popovica 5, 11070 Belgrade (link for live stream:
<https://crn.interpret.world/loginlink?token=S-W9NlrkqE>)

Programme

09:30 – 10:00 **Arrival and registration of participants**

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening remarks**

Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of Council of Europe Office in Belgrade
Ivana Antic, Assistant Minister for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue
Dirk Lorenz, Head of Political Section of the European Union Delegation in Serbia

Session 1 Promoting multicultural and intercultural education

Themes based on the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:

- *history curricula and teaching materials provide knowledge on the national minorities*
- *bilingual or multilingual education*
- *Roma children in mainstream education*
- *intercultural competences and interaction between ethnic groups*
- *capacity of the Councils for Inter-Ethnic Relations and the National Councils of National Minorities*

10:15 – 10:30 **Presentation of the Advisory Committee's recommendations**

Marie B. Hagsgård, Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the
Protection of National Minorities

10:30 – 11:30 **Expectations and proposals for the implementation of the recommendations**

Representatives of the National Councils of National Minorities (NCNMs)
CSO partners
Academic experts

11:30 – 12:00 **Planned measures and timeline for implementation of the recommendations**

Anamarija Vicek, State Secretary at the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological
Development
Sasa Movic, Assistant Minister for Public Administration and Local Self-Government
Nina Mitic, Assistant Minister for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue

12:00 – 12:15 **Questions & Answers**

12:15 – 12:30 **Wrapping up by national authorities on Session 1**

12:30 – 12:45 **Break**

12:45 – 13:00 **Roadmap for implementation: Summary of the agreed measures**
Marie B. Hagsgård, Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

Session 2 **Collecting and using data about the actual number of persons belonging to national minorities**

Themes based on the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:

- *information campaign ahead of the census*
- *additional data collection about the number of persons belonging to national minorities and the number of persons speaking minority languages*
- *assessment of inter-ethnic relations*
- *indicators to improve participation of Roma in economic and social life*

14:00 – 14:15 **Presentation of the Advisory Committee's recommendations**
Petter Wille, Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

14:15 – 15:15 **Expectations and proposals for the implementation of the recommendations**
Representatives of the National Councils of National Minorities (NCNMs)
CSO partners
Academic experts

15:15 – 15:45 **Planned measures and timeline for implementation of the recommendations**
Representative of the Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs (TBC)
Representative of the Ministry of Culture and Information (TBC)
Snezana Lakcevic, Deputy Director of the State Statistical Office

15:45 – 16:00 **Questions & Answers**

16:00 – 16:15 **Wrapping up by national authorities on Session 2**

16:15 – 16:30 **Break**

16:30 – 16:45 **Roadmap for implementation: Summary of the agreed measures**
Petter Wille, Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

16:45 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**
Ivana Antic, Assistant Minister for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue
Nadia Cuk, Deputy Head of Council of Europe Office in Belgrade