
*“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”
Article 1 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

**Conference
“Crimes against Human Dignity: Interaction of International and National Remedies”**

**organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with
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Crimes against human dignity are egregious violations of human rights which require robust remedies in both national and international law.

Such violations may primarily affect physical and moral integrity of a person, notably through ill-treatment, domestic violence, trafficking in human beings and other forms of modern slavery. The core provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and the related case-law of the European Court of Human Rights are of particular relevance in combatting these phenomena.

The Conference will address the relevant national and international remedies against such crimes and serve for exchange of good legal practices in that regard.

The practicing lawyers from different countries will share their experience regarding the identification, qualification and assessment of such violations, the assessment of evidence in criminal proceedings, and the work with victims.

The Conference is expected to raise awareness about accessibility and enforceability of remedies in respect of such crimes and to spread the practices of successful national and international litigation in this area.

After a general introductory session thematic sessions will be held to highlight the specifics of legal work at different procedural stages to prevent, combat and remedy such violations.

Agenda

- 08.30 – 09.30 **Registration of participants and welcoming business breakfast**
- 09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and opening**
Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department of the Council of Europe
Yuriy Pilipenko, President of the Federal Bar Association, S.J.D., Professor of the Kutafin Moscow State Law University
Denis Novak, PhD in Law, Vice-Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation, State Justice Advisor
Radmila Dragichevich Dichich, Vice-President of the International Commission of Jurists, Judge of the Supreme Court of Serbia
Ilya Subbotin, Deputy Director of the Department of Pan-European Co-operation of the Russian Foreign Ministry
Petr Sich, Head of Council of Europe Programme Office in the Russian Federation

Session I: Identification, qualification and assessment of crimes against human dignity

- Moderator *Natalia Berebenya, PhD in Law, Policy Advisor, HELP in Russia, Council of Europe*
- 10.00 – 10.20 Human trafficking: international legal framework and main challenges
Radmila Dragichevich Dichich, Vice-President of the International Commission of Jurists, Judge of the Supreme Court of Serbia
- 10.20 – 10.40 Main challenges of the national legislation: problems of identification and qualification of crimes against human dignity
Sergey Vinokurov, PhD, Associate Professor, Honoured Lawyer of the Russian Federation, leading research fellow of NII of the General Prosecutor's University of the Russian Federation
- 10.40 – 11.00 Prohibition of torture and ill-treatment in respect of vulnerable social groups: international standards in the Russian case-law
Dmitry Bartenev, Advocate, Head of ONEGIN group of advocates for human rights case-law, professor at the faculty of law of the Saint-Petersburg State University.
- 11.00 – 11.20 *Coffee break*
- 11.20 – 11.40 Ill-treatment of children in the family: problems and perspectives
Natalia Koval, PhD, Associate Professor for preparation of magistrates at the Prosecutor's University of the Russian Federation

11.40 – 12.00 Interaction between domestic legislation and international norms: initiatives in the area of legislation development as regards crimes against human dignity

Olga Sadovskaya, Deputy Chairman of the MROO “Committee against torture”, UN external expert on the development of the legislation in respect of ensuring human rights

12.00 – 12.20 Discussion: questions and answers

Session II: Investigation and evidence in crimes against human dignity. Legal remedies.

Moderator *Vadim Klugant, Vice-president of the Moscow Bar Association, Partner at Pen&Paper Legal Firm*

12.20 – 12.40 Article 3 of the Convention on Human Rights and the ECtHR general approach on the torture and human degrading treatment; the ECtHR autonomous approach on assessment of evidence (proof beyond reasonable doubt)

Marina Khatuntseva, Assistant Lawyer, ECHR

12.40 – 13.00 Effectiveness of judicial control in the pre-trial investigation – international practices and ways for their national implementation

Dmitry Nurumov, Consultant, International Commission of Jurists

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.20 Investigation and evidence in crimes against human dignity: general overview

Vadim Klugant, Vice-president of the Moscow Bar Association, Partner at Pen&Paper Legal Firm

14.20 – 14.40 Compensation and other remedies in cases about crimes against human dignity: international legislation review

Radmila Dragichevich Dichich, Vice-President of the International Commission of Jurists, Judge of the Supreme Court of Serbia

14.40 – 15.00 Discussion: questions and answers

Session III: Professional training of practicing lawyers as a factor of the efficiency of remedies

Moderator *Tamara Shashikhina, Head of the European Studies Institute of MGIMO University, expert of the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe*

15.00 – 16.15 Co-operation between the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe in the framework of HELP Programme – Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

Tigran Karapetyan, Head of Department for Eastern Partnership & Russian Federation Unit in the Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department

Vasilissa Neshataeva, PhD in Law, HELP Programme Co-ordinator in Russia, Associate Professor, International Law Department of the Russian State University of Justice (RGUP)

Oksana Kachalova, S.J.D., Associate Professor, Head of Department of Criminal Justice, Russian State University of Justice, expert of the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe

Concluding session: The role of advocates in the framework of the Council of Europe conventions

Moderator	<i>Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department of the Council of Europe</i>
16.15 – 16.45	<i>Henry Reznik, PhD in Law, Honoured Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Vice-President of the Federal Bar Association of Russia, First vice-president of the Moscow Bar Association, Member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights</i> <i>Anatoly Kovler, S.J.D., Honoured Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Russia (1999 – 2012), Professor of the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation, Member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights</i>
17.00	Reception

The Conference will take place
in Moscow on the 28th of March 2019
(Azimut Smolenskaya Hotel, Smolenskaya street, 8)

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