

Agenda

Follow-up meeting to the Fifth Opinion on North Macedonia by the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities 22 May 2023, Skopje (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

09:30 – 09:40	Opening remarks and presentation of the objectives of the follow-up meeting Mr. Filip Tosevski , State Secretary at the MFA of North Macedonia Ms. Emma Lantschner , 1 st Vice-president of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
09:40 – 09:50	Introductory session: The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and its monitoring procedure Prof. Melina Grizo , former member to the Advisory Committee in respect of North Macedonia
09:50 -11:20	I Session ¹ - Promotion of an integrated society based on respect and trust between the various communities. - Sustainability of the Strategy One Society for all and Interculturalism - An intercultural approach to education Moderator: Mr. Robert Alagjazovski , National coordinator for interculturalism, one society, cultural development and interdepartmental cooperation
11:20 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	II Session - Preventing cases of human rights violations against Roma by the police - Effective oversight mechanisms within the Ministry of the Interior, the Public Prosecutor's Office and in the Ombudsperson's Office.
12:30 – 13:30	Break
13:30 – 15:00	III Session: Roma rights, specifically: education and health care Moderator: Mr. Elvis Memeti , Advisor for Roma Inclusion at the Office of the Prime Minister
15:00 – 15:30	Concluding remarks and summary of the result of the dialogue -Ms. Emma Lantschner, 1 st Vice-president of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities -Ms. Elena Bodeva, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia

¹The three thematic sessions mainly focused on the recommendations for immediate action, with a possibility to address the others as well, during which:

- Ms. Emma Lantschner, 1st Vice-president of the Advisory Committee, provides information about the main principles of the Framework Convention, presents summary of the 5th Opinion on North Macedonia, the concerned recommendations and provides additional information or further clarification on their meaning and context.
- Dialogue: representatives from the relevant authorities, Ombudsperson Office, Commission for Prevention and Protection against Discrimination, ethnic communities.