

Second Meeting of the Horizontal Facility II Beneficiary Steering Committee

Belgrade, 9 March 2021

Venue: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal Hall, Milentija Popovića 5

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Hybrid event

Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants in Belgrade

09:00 – 09:30 Opening of the meeting and update on the implementation of the Horizontal Facility II

Welcoming remarks: Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

- Ms Jadranka Joksimović, Minister of European Integration
- H.E. Mr Sem Fabrizi, Ambassador/Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Serbia
- Ms Pilar Morales, Head of Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

09:30-10:00 Keynotes

- Ms Maja Popović, Minister of Justice on “Ensuring Justice”
- Ms Gordana Čomić, Minister of Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue on “Promoting anti-discrimination and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups”

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:30 Parallel thematic breakout groups - Exchange on the ongoing actions:

Theme 1: Ensuring Justice

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Moderator: Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

Rapporteur: Ms Majda Kršikapa, Deputy Director, Judicial Academy

1. *“Strengthening independence and accountability of the judiciary”* (HF 9)
 - **Mr Čedomir Backović**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Justice
 - **Mr Artashes Melikyan**, Head of Unit, Justice and Legal Co-operation Department, Council of Europe
2. *“Strengthening the effective legal remedies to human rights violations in Serbia”* (HF 10)
 - **Ms Nataša Plavšić**, Judge, Constitutional Court
 - **Ms Zorana Jadrijević Mladar**, Government Agent of the Republic of Serbia before the European Court of Human Rights
 - **Mr Daniel Schmidt**, Head of Unit, South East Europe and Turkey Unit, Council of Europe
3. *“Enhancing the human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons in Serbia”* (HF 11), including the country specific component of the regional action *“Enhancing penitentiary capacities in addressing radicalisation in prisons in WB”* (HF38)
 - **Ms Aleksandra Stepanović**, Head of Department for Protection of Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, Prison Administration, Ministry of Justice (HF 11)
 - **Mr Milan Tanasković**, Head of the Department for Material and Financial issues, Prison Administration, Ministry of Justice (HF 38)
 - **Ms Tanja Rakušić Hadžić**, Head of the Criminal Law Cooperation Unit, Council of Europe
4. *“Freedom of expression and freedom of the media in Serbia (JUFREX 2)”* (HF 36)
 - **Ms Zorana Delibašić**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Cassation and an elected member of the High Judicial Council
 - **Mr Milan Todorović**, Secretary General, Regulatory Authority for Electronic Media
 - **Ms Ardita Abdiu**, Head of Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression, Information Society Department, Council of Europe

Theme 2: Promoting anti-discrimination and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups

Venue: Belgrade Hall

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Moderator: Ms Nadia Ćuk, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

Rapporteur: Ms Anamarija Viček, State Secretary, Ministry of Education

1. *“Promotion of diversity and equality in Serbia”* (HF 25)
 - **Ms Brankica Janković**, Commissioner for Protection of Equality
 - **Ms Jelena Stojanović**, Deputy Protector of Citizens
 - **Mr Aleksandar Ivanović**, CSO “Monitor” Novi Pazar

- **Mr Stefano Valenti**, Head of Unit, No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit, Council of Europe

- 2. *“Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings in Serbia”* (HF 26)
 - **Mr Mitar Djurašković**, National Anti-trafficking Coordinator, Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior
 - **Mr Milan Aleksić**, CSO Atina (Citizens association for combating trafficking in human beings and all forms of gender-based violence)
 - **Ms Lilia Kolombet**, Head of Cooperation unit, Anti-Trafficking in Human Beings Division, Council of Europe

- 3. *“Quality education for all”* (HF 27)
 - **Ms Snežana Vuković**, Head of Department for Human and Minority Rights in Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development
 - **Ms Sarah Keating**, Head of Division of Co-operation and Capacity Building, Education Department, Council of Europe

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12.00– 12.30 Conclusions of the parallel workshops and recommendations

- **Reports from parallel workshops (Rapporteurs)**
 - Ms Anamarija Viček**, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia (Theme 2: Promoting anti-discrimination and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups)
 - **Ms Majda Kršikapa**, Deputy Director of the Judicial Academy (Theme 1: Ensuring Justice)

12.30– 12.45 Closing remarks

- **Mr Jugoslav Milačić**, Special Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of European Integration
- **Ms Pilar Morales**, Head of Programming Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe
- **Ms Mateja Norčič Štamcar**, Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to Serbia
- **Mr Tobias Flessenkemper**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade