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Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities: Application in BiH – content, purpose, reports and recommendations

**Friday, 12 April 2019
Hotel Sunce, Neum**

Agenda

- MODERATOR:** **Želimir Lalić**, Head of the Department for Protection of Rights and Cooperation with National and Other Minorities, Religious Communities and NGOs of the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH
- 09:00 - 09:30 Participant registration and press statements
- 09:30 - 09:35 **Introductory remarks**
Želimir Lalić, Head of the Department for Protection of Rights and Cooperation with National and Other Minorities, Religious Communities and NGOs of the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH
- 09:35 - 09:50 **Speakers**
Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek
Head of Office, Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo
- Gianluca Vannini,
Acting Head of Operation Section for Social Development, Civil Society and Cross Border Cooperation of EU Delegation to BiH
- Saliha Đuderija,
Assistant minister, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH
- 09:50 - 10:15 **Content and obligations**
Marco Leidekker, Executive secretary and Head of Division, Framework convention for the protection of national minorities
- 10:15 - 10:40 **Legal framework for national minority rights in BiH and recommendations of Council of Europe expert with regards to legal amendments**
Saliha Đuderija, Assistant minister, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH

- 10:40 - 11:05 **Institutional capacities in BiH**
Tihomir Knežiček – Member, Council of national minorities BiH
Mujo Fafulić – Chair, Roma Board
Vesna Temelkoska Vuković – Chair, Council of national minorities RS
Mehmed Mujić – Deputy Chair, Council of national minorities FBiH
- 11:05 - 11:20 Coffee break
- 11:20 - 11:50 **Presentation of recommendations and Resolution no. CM/ResCMN(2019)X regarding the implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities**
Besarion Bokhasvili, President, Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
- 11:50 - 12:10 **Results of the Council of Europe/European Union projects dealing with FCNM recommendations**
Lejla Divović- Expert Advisor for European Integration, Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH (Quality education in multi-ethnic societies)
Mujo Fafulić- Director, Center for Roma support (Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment at local level ROMACTED)
Maja Lukić-Schade- Project Officer, Council of Europe (Strengthening the protection of national minorities in BiH)
- 12:10 – 12:20 **Current situation in the area of protecting national minority rights in BiH**
Vesna Temelkoska Vuković, Council of national minorities RS
- 12:20 - 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 – 16:00 Discussion with presentation of individual competent bodies authorities on successes and obstacles with regards to implementing FCNM
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:00 Dynamics and ways of realisation until the start of drafting V national report and conclusions