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## High-level conference

### ***Council of Europe norms and standards on national minority rights: Results and challenges***

**Strasbourg, 29 June 2021**

### **Draft Programme**

*Hemicycle, Palais de l'Europe and via live webcast*

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- 9:00 - 9:20     **Opening**  
Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Gergely Gulyás, Minister heading the Office of the Prime Minister of Hungary
- 9:20-10:45     **Panel 1: The Council of Europe instruments on the protection of national minorities and their monitoring procedures: results and challenges**  
*Moderator: Snežana Samardžić-Marković Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe*
- Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Vesna Crnić-Grotić, Chair of the Committee of Experts on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
  - Marie B. Hagsgård, President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
  - Elisabeth Sándor Szalay, expert eligible in respect of Hungary to serve on the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
  - Vello Pettai, Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, Germany
- 10:45-11:15     *Coffee break*

- 11:15-12:30 **Panel 2: Minority protection mechanisms in the Council of Europe: the role of the Parliamentary Assembly and the European Court of Human Rights**  
*Moderator: Ambassador Ferenc Kalmár, former member of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ministerial Commissioner for developing neighbourhood relations of Hungary*
- Zsolt Németh, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE), Head of the Hungarian PACE delegation
  - Elvira Kovács, member of the Serbian PACE delegation, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
  - Hajnalka Juhász, member of the Hungarian PACE delegation
  - Ivana Jelić, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
- 12:30-14:30 *Lunch break*
- 14:30-16:30 **Panel 3: The reform of the Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms on national minorities: Experiences and achievements**  
*Moderator: Ambassador Judit József, former Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe*
- Ambassador Harry Alex Rusz, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies of the Council of Europe, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe
  - Ambassador Roeland Böcker, Chair of the Committee of Ministers' rapporteur group on Human Rights, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe
  - Ambassador Christian Meuwly, Chair of the Committee of Ministers' rapporteur group on Legal Co-operation, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe
  - Krista Oinonen, Director, Unit for Human Rights Courts and Conventions, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- 16:30-16:45 **Closing remarks**  
Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 18:00-18:45 Concert by János Bálint, flautist, accompanied by József Balog, pianist