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

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Draft Programme

Hemicycle, Palais de l'Europe and via live webcast

- 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
- 10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*

- 11:00-12:30 **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
 - Ambassador Nina Nordström, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe
- 16:30-16:45 **Closing remarks**
Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 17:00-17:45 Concert by János Bálint, flautist, accompanied by József Balog, pianist