

**Preliminary draft programme of the CDDH Workshop:
Protection and promotion of the civil society space in Europe**

organised by the CDDH at its 90th meeting
under the aegis of the Finnish Presidency
of the Committee of Ministers

Place and date: **Strasbourg, Thursday 29 November 2012 (14:00-17:15)**

Participants: representatives of member States, Council of Europe, international organisations, civil society

Moderator: Ms Debbie KOHNER, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions

14:00 – Opening session

(3 ') Welcome to t Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Chair of the CDDH Mr

(3 ') Speech by Ms Henna KOSONEN, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe

(7 ') Speech by Ms -DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

(7 ') Speech by Ms Krista -NISTONEN, Chair of the CDDH

14:20 – Working session I – Commitment of the Council of Europe and other international partners to protect and promote the civil society space in Europe

(7 ') Speech by Ms A Secretary to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

(7 ') Speech by Mr Furkat the South-Eastern Europe Commissioner for Office of Human Rights

(7 ') Speech by Ms Pwaram Mander CIVIL Society, Cooperation, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

(7 ') Speech by Ms Dragan Justice, Office of the National Social Rights Unit, or, Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR

(7 ') Speech by Ms Jenni fthe OSCE/ODIHR Human Rights Department and o

Discussion – *What should be the further steps to strengthen the role of the civil society in Europe?*

15:20 – Coffee break

15:45 – Working session II – Current challenges facing civil society actors in Europe

(7 ') Speech by Ms Anna Ruffino of the INGOs of the Council of Europe

(7 ') Speech by Ms Hanna Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland

(7 ') Speech by Mr Philip LYNCH, Director of the International

(7 ') Speech by Mr T O'LEARY, Legal Resources Centre from Moldova

(7 ') Speech by Mr Padraig HUGHES, Media Legal Defence Initiative (tbc)

Discussion – *How to reverse shrinking democratic space in Europe?*

17:10 – Conclusion

(5 ') Concluding Hans-Jörg BEHRENS, Chair of the CDDH

17:15 – V i n d ' h offered by the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers