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| **1387th meeting, 28 October 2020**1 General questions**1.7 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights**Document prepared by the Secretariat |

The overall framework for the organisation of the celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights is set out in document [CM/Inf(2019)23](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Inf(2019)23" \o "70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights) which was discussed by the Ministers’ Deputies at their 1363rd meeting on 11 December 2019. This document, which contains information concerning: 1. Official programme of activities of the 70th anniversary and Human rights-related publications in 2020, 2. Activities organised by member States, 3. Activities in Council of Europe Offices, Programme Offices and Liaison Offices, was presented to the Ministers’ Deputies at their 1375th meeting on 6 May 2020. It has now been revised on the basis of additional information received, taking into account the situation with regard to COVID‑19.

**1. Official programme of activities of the 70th anniversary**

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| 27 January, Strasbourg | Joint statement by the Secretary General, the President of the Committee of Ministers, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and the President of the European Court of Human Rights marking the 70th anniversary of the ECHR (during the Parliamentary Assembly session) |
| 28 January, Strasbourg | International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, with particular emphasis on Human Rights and the ECHR |
| 31 January, Strasbourg | Opening of the judicial year at the ECtHR and Judicial Seminar 2020: “The European Convention on Human Rights: Living Instrument at 70”  |
| 27 February, Strasbourg | International High-Level Conference on Environmental Protection and Human Rights “Human Rights for the Planet” |
| March-December, online | Compass training for trainers in human rights education (TOTHRE)  |
| Capitals western Balkans (Tirana, Sarajevo, Podgorica, Skopje, Belgrade, Pristina) [dates tbc] | No-hate speech ambassadors’ campaign across the Western Balkans will mark the 70th anniversary  |
| 15 June, Strasbourg | Launch of a web platform dedicated to human rights at territorial level, as well as an online awareness campaign aimed at local and regional elected representatives and national associations in the 47 member States  |
| 8-9 July, online | European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals HELP Annual e-Conference  |
| 1 September-30 November, Strasbourg | Publication online of “ECHR70” mini-site; 12 animations of ECHR rights (with EU Delegation to the CoE); social media campaign |

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| 4 September, Strasbourg | Launch by La Poste in France of stamps commemorating the 70th anniversary of the ECHR and the 25th anniversary of the Palais des Droits de l’Homme |
| 18 September, Strasbourg | European Court of Human Rights Judicial Seminar: “the European Convention on Human Rights at 70 - Milestones and Major Achievements” |
| 5 October, Strasbourg | International Conference on Human Rights and Environmental Protection “Human Rights for the Planet” |
| 6 October–23 December, Strasbourg | Exhibition on the 70th anniversary of the ECHR |
| 8 October, Strasbourg, hybrid | Conference to mark the 70th anniversary of the ECHR: A “Living Instrument” For Everyone: The Role of the European Convention on Human Rights in Advancing Equality for LGBTI Persons |
| 9-16 November, Georgia | Marking of the 70th anniversary of ECHR by the ‘I Choose Equality’ campaign in Georgia (Equality Week) |
| 4 November, Athens, hybrid | 130th Session of the Committee of Ministers  |
| 4 November, Athens | Ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the ECHR  |
| 4 November, Strasbourg | Launch with the City of Strasbourg of a video competition for young people illustrating ECHR articles |
| 4 November, online | Exhibition on Human Rights at local and regional levels  |
| 5 November, online | 16th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport with a session dedicated to Human Rights in Sport |
| 9 November, online | Ministerial Conference of Ministers of Justice on “Independence of Justice and the Rule of Law” |
| 12-13 November, online | In the framework of the CDCPP Plenary Session, launch of a Manifesto on Freedom of Expression and Arts/Culture in the Digital Era and of a concept for a digital #exhibition “Free to Create – Create to be Free” organised by the Council of Europe on this issue |
| 14-16 December, online | 93rd meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)  |

**Human rights-related publications in 2020**

**Published**

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| Book on the 70th anniversary of the ECHR with contributions from the ECtHR President and other former Presidents and personalities  |
| “Human rights challenges in the digital age” |
| Revised and updated version of “Freedom of expression and the Internet” |
| German, Greek and Spanish versions of the pocketbook “An introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights” |
| Italian version of “Journalists at risk” |
| Russian version of “The Individual Application under the European Convention on Human Rights” |
| Russian version of “Protecting the right to a fair trial under the European Convention on Human Rights” |
| Updated version of the pocket version of the Convention (free brochure) in English, French, Georgian and German  |
| New Brochure on ECHR “A living instrument” |
| “University education and professional training on the ECHR – Practical guide” – online |
| “Promotion of the human rights of older persons – follow-up of Recommendation [CM/Rec(2014)2](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2014)2" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the promotion of human rights of older persons (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 February 2014 at the 1192nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) of the Committee of Ministers, compilation and overview of measures and practices in place in member States, Proceedings of the Workshop (21 June 2018)” |
| Proceedings of the High-level Conference “Environmental Protection and Human Rights” – online |
| “Protection of victims of terrorist acts – Revised guidelines of the Committee of Ministers, compilation and overview of measures and practices in place in member States, Proceedings of the Seminar (20 June 2019)” |
| “Protection, promotion and development of the ombudsman institution” – online |
| “Enhancing the national implementation of the system of the ECHR” |
| “Access to official documents” |
| Series of Thematic Factsheets aim to present an overview of selected legislative and caselaw developments in member States, following the execution process of judgments and decisions of the Court  |

**To be published**

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| Second volume of the “Human Rights Handbook for local and regional authorities” |
| 2020 version of Compasito, the manual for human rights education with children  |
| “A Mission to inform: journalists at risk speak out” |
| “Contribution to the evaluation foreseen by the Interlaken Declaration – Final report of the CDDH” |
| “CDDH Report on the place of the European convention on Human rights in the European and international legal order” |
| “Human rights in policing” – in English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian  |

**2. Activities organised by member States**

|  | **Commemorative stamps** | **Op-Ed articles** | **Specific seminars** | **Translation of ECHR texts** | **Other** |
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| Armenia | ○ | ○ |  | ○ |  |
| Austria |  |  | ● |  | ● |
| Azerbaijan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Belgium |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Croatia | ○ | ○ | ● | ● | ● |
| Cyprus |  |  |  |  |  |
| Czech Republic |  |  | ● |  | ● |
| Denmark | ○ |  |  | ○ | ○ |
| Estonia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finland | ○ | ○ |  | ○ | ● |
| France | ○ |  | ● | ○ |  |
| Georgia |  |  |  | ● | ● |
| Germany | ○ | ○ |  | ○ | ○ |
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| Hungary | ○ | ○ | ⇨ | ● | ○ |
| Iceland |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Italy |  |  | ● |  |  |
| Latvia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liechtenstein |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lithuania | ○ |  | ● | ○ | ● |
| Luxembourg |  |  |  |  |  |
| Malta |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republic of Moldova |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monaco | ● |  | ● |  |  |
| Montenegro |  |  |  |  |  |
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| North Macedonia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Norway |  |  | ● |  |  |
| Poland |  |  | ⇨ |  |  |
| Portugal |  |  |  | ○ | ● |
| Romania |  |  |  |  |  |
| Russian Federation |  |  | ● |  |  |
| San Marino |  |  |  |  |  |
| Serbia |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slovak Republic |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Switzerland |  |  |  |  | ● |
| Turkey | ○ | ○ | ○ | ● | ● |
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| United Kingdom |  |  |  |  |  |

(○) No (●) Yes 🕒 Under consideration ⇨ Postponed until 2021

**Detailed information on national initiatives[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Andorra**

*Translations*

Le Ministère des Affaires étrangères s'occupe actuellement de traduire et de valider officiellement en catalan le document d'information pour les personnes souhaitant saisir la Cour, qui figure sur le site Internet de la Cour.

**Armenia**

*Specific seminar*

Séminaire organisé par M. Yerighe Kirakosyan, Agent gouvernemental de l’Arménie auprès de la Cour européenne des Droits de l’Homme – septembre 2020.

**Austria**

*Specific seminar*

Conference on “70 years European Convention on Human Rights” organised by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Fundamental and Human Rights and the University of Vienna on 5 November 2020

*Other*

A number of events and publications on the 100th anniversary of the Austrian constitution celebrated on 1 October 2020 included reference to the ECHR and its anniversary as the Convention became part of Austrian constitutional law in 1964

**Croatia**

*Specific seminar*

* The Office of the Representative of the Republic of Croatia before the European Court of Human Rights (hereinafter: the Office) co-operates with various national bodies in providing education, professional training and other awareness-raising activities for judges, prosecutors, public officials, members of government, legal professionals, etc. The purpose of these activities is to further develop knowledge and expertise in the application of the Convention at the national level.
* The Representative and senior lawyers regularly hold seminars and give lectures at the Police Academy, the State School for Public Administration, ministries, State agencies and universities. They have given seminars on the specific Convention rights at the Centres for Social Welfare, the State Attorney’s Office as well as at the Judicial Academy. Since 2007 the Representative has been giving lectures on various topics concerning the ECtHR caselaw and its application at the annual Human Rights School in Novi Vinodolski, Croatia.

As of 2016 the Croatian Association of Criminal Sciences and Practice holds annual seminars a part of which focuses on the effective implementation of the Convention standards at the national level. This particular platform brings together prominent legal practitioners from public and private sector, distinguished delegates from the ECtHR and COE as well as members of civil society with a view to ensuring an exchange of experiences aimed at promoting effective protection of human rights in the criminal sphere. Seminars also provide training sessions hosted by ECtHR’s judges/lawyers on how to effectively implement the Convention standards in everyday work of lawyers, judges, prosecutors and other human rights advocates. In 2017, the seminar included a round table devoted to the effective execution of the ECtHR’s judgments, panellists of which were high level officials from the ECtHR, CM CoE, Croatian judiciary, Bar, Academia and Government.

*Translations*

* The website of the Office of the Representative of the Republic of Croatia before the European Court of Human Rights [www.uredzastupnika.gov.hr](http://www.uredzastupnika.gov.hr) contains general information on the Convention including the full text of the Convention in the Croatian language, a link to the full text of the Convention in the English language as well as the Croatian version of the video on the European Convention on Human Rights produced by EctHR.
* The website also provides general information on the ECtHR, the full text of the Rules of Court in Croatian, the Croatian versions of useful documents (such as Court in brief, ECHR in 50 questions, Questions & Answers), the Croatian version of the Film on the Court produced by the ECtHR and the links to the ECtHR’s website.
* Information on the ECtHR’s reform is also available, including full texts of the Brighton, Izmir, Interlaken, Brussels and Copenhagen Declaration in the Croatian and English language.
* As to the admissibility criteria, the website contains the Practical Guide on Admissibility Criteria translated into the Croatian language, information on the procedure before the ECtHR and the instructions on how to draft and lodge a valid application. The Croatian version of the video on admissibility conditions produced by the ECtHR is available, as well as links to useful documents in Croatian published on the ECtHR’s website (Case-processing: The life of an application, Simplified case-processing flow chart by judicial formation, Notes for filling in the application, Your application to the ECHR, Rule 47 of the Rules of Court, COURTalks- disCOURs – admissibility criteria video).
* The Office ensures Croatian translation of all the ECtHR’s judgements and decisions related to Croatia. These translations are available in the public caselaw database on the Office’s website. Likewise, the Office selects the ECtHR’s judgements and decisions in respect of other States relevant for the development of the ECtHR caselaw, ensures their translation into the Croatian language and stores them in the Office’s database.

Furthermore, the Office ensures translation of other useful materials such as factsheets, caselaw guides, ECtHR’s annual reports, Croatia – country profile etc. (all available on the Office’s web site).

The Office also translates and publishes on its website the CM CoE recommendations important for the implementation of the Convention on national level and disseminates them to the relevant domestic authorities. The most recently published translation is the translation of the CM Recommendation [CM/Rec(2019)5](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2019)5" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights in university education and professional training (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 October 2019 at the 1357th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) to member States on the system of the European Convention on Human Rights in university education and professional training adopted in 2019.

*Other*

The Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities (GOHRRNM) organised antidiscrimination activities and public campaigns targeted at reducing social prejudice in general population as well as educational activities for experts and public servants. The Article 14 of ECtHR, as well as Protocol 12 (Article 1) were referenced and promoted through these activities.

GOHRRNM has initiated another EU-funded project, whose main purpose is to eliminate discriminatory practises in relation to access of persons who have been granted international protection to their guaranteed rights and services and, equally important, to prevent discriminatory media portrayal of themes related to refugee and migrant flows that will, ultimately, result in changes in attitudes of local communities in relation to their new neighbours. The above-mentioned is in line with the Article 14 of ECtHR, as well as with the Protocol 12 (Article 1).

Main project activities are:

* formalisation of co-operation with local self-government units by appointing local integration co‑ordinators that will closely co-operate with stakeholders at national level;
* inclusion of persons under international protection in creation of integration policies and practices;
* educational activities for representatives of local and regional self-government units (decision-makers) and representatives of public institutions (in crucial integration fields: education, health care, social care, employment, social participation) and non-governmental organisations at local level – including themes related to anti-discrimination legal framework and anti-discriminatory practices.
* system for collecting data on social inclusion of persons under international protection, in order to accurately monitor the implementation of integration measures and activities and progress in their socio-economic integration – the process of monitoring and reporting on the implementation of integration measures contained in national policy documents will take place on the up-dated on-line platform;
* research on the role of media in integration of persons under international protection. Guidelines for objective media coverage of humanitarian migrations-related themes;
* activities related to exchange of good integration practices with other EU member States;
* activities related to fostering social contact between persons who have been granted international protection and domicile population.

Name of the project is “INCLuDE” – Intersectoral Co-operation in Empowering third-country nationals (co‑financed through Fond AMIF).

In addition to activities described above, National plan for protection and promotion of human rights and combating discrimination 2021–2027 is being drafted, and accompanying action plan will include implementation measures aimed at raising awareness and informing general public on the ECtHR. The e‑publication will be prepared by experts and published on websites of public bodies.

**Czech Republic**

*Specific seminars*

A half-day expert seminar “The Contribution of the European Court of Human Rights to the Development of Public International Law” organised on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on the margins of the 59th CAHDI meeting on 23 September 2020 in Prague.

International conference “70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights”, to be held on 26‑27 November 2020 at the Charles University, Prague. The conference is jointly organised by the Human Rights Research Centre (VCLP-UNCE), International Law Department of the Faculty of Law, Charles University and the Czech Society of International Law (CSMP-CSIL).

*Other*

Publication of Volume 11 (2020) of the Czech Yearbook of Public & Private International Law. The profile topic of this volume will be focused on the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights in the context of general international law and should be published on October or November 2020.

**Finland**

*Specific Seminar*

The possibility of organising an ECHR–themed online seminar is being considered, tentatively scheduled for November/December 2020.

*Other*

An information campaign on the ECHR and its impact on various social media platforms organised by the Permanent Representation of Finland to the Council of Europe/Ministry for Foreign Affairs; a number of blog posts on specific ECHR related themes in both Finnish and Swedish.

**France**

*Specific seminars*

- Automne 2020 (date à déterminer) à Strasbourg (Sciences Po) : organisation par la Représentation permanente de la France auprès du Conseil de l’Europe, la Ville de Strasbourg et Science Po Strasbourg d’une conférence à destination des étudiants sur les acquis de la Convention EDH et les défis actuels ;

- 26-27 octobre à Bordeaux : Conférence sur le 70e anniversaire de la Convention européenne des droits de l’homme qui sera organisée au sein de l’École nationale de la magistrature ;

- 10 décembre 2020 à Paris (Assemblée nationale) : organisation par la délégation française à l’APCE d’une table ronde sur l’impact de la convention européenne des droits de l’Homme sur le système juridique français.

**Georgia**

*Translation of ECHR texts*

New Translation of the ECHR with Additional Protocols: In 2020 the Legislative Herald of Georgia published the new and comprehensive translation of the European Convention on Human Rights with its Additional Protocols, including Nos. 15 and 16. The new version was printed and disseminated. It includes Convention in both English-Georgian languages as well as glossary encompassing terminology of the Convention which assures unified translation of the Court’s caselaw. Furthermore, electronic version is available at the website of the Legislative Herald.

*Other*

27 February 2020 – International High-Level Conference on Environmental Protection and Human Rights – Strasbourg, Council of Europe

As part of the Presidency priority and in response to the threats to climate and biodiversity, the Georgian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe organised a high-level conference on 27 February 2020 on the Environmental Protection and Human Rights.

The Conference was attended by Ministers and high-level representatives of the Council of Europe member States.

The participants discussed the relationship between human rights and environmental protection in the context of national policies and explored further steps for better meeting their obligations in this field. The discussion was based on the European Convention on Human Rights and other pertinent Council of Europe instruments. The participants also reviewed current, as well as previous initiatives at universal, regional and national levels related to the environmental protection.

The Conference was concluded with the adoption of the Presidency Declaration on Environmental protection and Human Rights, calling on reviewing the relevant Council of Europe legal instruments and complementing them by adopting a recommendation and a strategy in this field. The importance of further substantiation of the ECtHR caselaw, as well as the caselaw of the ECSR on environmental protection is also stressed in the Declaration.

https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/human-rights-and-the-environment

5 October 2020 – International Conference on Human Rights and Environmental Protection “Human Rights for the Planet” – Strasbourg, European Court of Human Rights

The Georgian Presidency provided a financial support to the organisation of the International Conference on Human Rights and Environmental Protection “Human Rights for the Planet” by the European Court of Human Rights.

How to address human rights class-actions stemming from large-scale environmental pollution? Where to draw the line between a policy decision within the State’s margin of appreciation and a State’s failure to strike the right balance between conflicting interests? Whether to allow legal standing to applicants who vindicate collective and intergenerational rights? Ought the Court rely on the precautionary principle and adopt a new causation test in applications concerning global warming? Or should it rather refrain from taking up the role of Europe’s climate change tribunal? In the event violations are found, what measures of redress and prevention should be imposed on member States? How to ensure better State compliance?

Meaningful answers to these questions call for a general and conceptual reflection on the role of international human rights tribunals in reviewing member States’ efforts to comply with their obligations under the environmental law to mitigate and adapt to the effects of the climate crisis and to stop nature’s degradation.

The conference aimed at facilitating a debate between renowned practitioners and academic experts in the field of international environmental law and human rights.

Initially, the Conference was planned to be held on 9 April 2020 in Strasbourg, but due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Conference was postponed for 5 October 2020.

Presentation of the joint project “ECHR-70” carried out by the Government Agent’s Office (Department of State Representation to the International Courts of the Ministry of Justice) together with the Legislative Herald of Georgia (legal entity of public law within the Ministry of Justice of Georgia representing an official gazette of Georgia) and public statement by the Prime Minister of Georgia on 10 December 2020 (Human Rights Day) including a reference to the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Within the scope of the “ECHR-70” project (January-July 2020), the Georgian version of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Constitution of Georgia and various codes and laws were analysed and the Legislative Herald’s site (https://matsne.gov.ge/en) was updated to include links to relevant sources.

**Germany**

*Specific seminar*

Conference on Human Rights protection in Europe in the context of the German Presidency of the CoE’s Committee of Ministers 2020/21and its EU Council Presidency 2020-II, tentatively planned for December 2020.

**Hungary**

*Specific seminar*

Seminar on the topic of “The European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in the practice of the Hungarian courts” (postponed until 2021).

*Translation of ECHR texts*

Hungarian translation of the Rules of Court of the European Court of Human Rights.

**Ireland**

*Op-Ed articles*

An Op-Ed will be supported on the importance of the European Convention of Human Rights. It is proposed to appear in November to coincide with the anniversary of Ireland signing the Convention in November 1950.

**Italy**

*Specific seminar*

International Conference to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights jointly organised by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University “La Sapienza”, to be held on the 30 October 2020 at the University “La Sapienza” in Rome.

**Lithuania**

*Specific seminar*

Seminar/discussion to be organised by the Government Agent to the ECtHR on the impact of the ECHR on the implementation of human rights in Lithuania, tentative dates – last quarter of 2020

*Other*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania together with other partners will be organising the National Forum on Human Rights (NFHR) on 10 December 2020. The NFHR is an annual event organised on Human Rights Day, which invites the public to discuss the current situation and what could be done to make Lithuania a good place to live for people of all nationalities, races, genders, social statuses, beliefs, and convictions – for everyone. In 2020, the NFHR will be dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Mykolas Romeris University is planning 2 conferences and 1 week devoted to human rights. The first conference will focus on business and different human rights issues and will take place on 11 June 2020. The conference will bring together academic professional and practitioners and is being organised with the support of the Nordic Council of Ministers. The second conference will take place on 17 September 2020 and will be devoted to the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights. The third cycle of events will take place around 10 December 2020 and will consist of public lectures, informal meetings, events for and organised by the students.

In December 2020, Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Law, together with the Institute of Law of Lithuania, preliminarily plans to organise the Annual Scholarly Conference devoted to the Day of Human Rights and the Anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights. Information about previous conferences of this cycle: <http://teise.vdu.lt/mokslas/konferencijos/zmogaus-teisiu-apsaugos-baudziamajame-procese-aktualijos-ir-problematika>

**Monaco**

*Commemorative stamps*

Une flamme postale faisant figurer le logo du 70e anniversaire de la CEDH et l'organisation d'un colloque dédié à cette date Anniversaire de la Convention été éditée par l'Office des Timbres de Monaco.

*Specific seminar*

Un Colloque sur le thème « La Principauté de Monaco et la Convention Européenne des Droits de l'Homme », co-organisé par le Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération et par la Direction des Services Judiciaires, se tiendra le lundi 7 décembre 2020 à Monaco. Ce colloque sera articulé en deux parties, l'une consacrée à la norme monégasque à l'épreuve de la Convention EDH, l'autre à la justice monégasque à l'épreuve de la Convention EDH. Le rapport général du Colloque sera assuré par le Juge à la Cour EDH Alexander Linos Sicilianos. Les intervenants et le public invités au Colloque seront constitués de Magistrats, d'avocats, d'universitaires et de juristes de renom, de diplomates et de hauts fonctionnaires de l'Administration monégasque et du Conseil de l'Europe. La tenue de ce Colloque donnera lieu à une communication appropriée et une revue juridique renommée assurera la publication de ses actes.

**Norway**

*Specific seminars*

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights, the City of Kristiansand organised an international conference to celebrate and draw attention to the importance of the Convention and the Court. The conference took place on the European Day, 5 May 2020 in a digital format. The President of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, delivered an Anniversary Address at the opening. Former SG of the Council of Europe and former PM of Norway, Thorbjørn Jagland, former PM of Sweden Carl Bildt, Vice President Ingjerd Schou of the Norwegian Parliament and other leading European and national, as well as local personalities contributed to this event.

The Law Faculty at the University of Oslo is organising their annual Ryssdal-seminar on 4 November (mainly as a webinar and mainly in Norwegian). One of the issues to be discussed, is the ECHR’s 70 years.

The President of the Court Robert Spano (in English) and Erik Møse, previous judge to the Court will deliver a speech, www.jus.uio.no/pluricourts/english/news-and-events/events/2020/ryssdalseminaret-2020-program.pdf.

The University of Bergen in co-operation with the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM) is organising a seminar (webinar) on the meaning of the ECHR for Norway on 4 November. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ine Eriksen Søreide will deliver a speech. Previous and current Norwegian judges to the Court will also participate. The seminar will be in Norwegian (only). [www.nhri.no/kalender/jubileumsseminar-emks-betydning-for-norge](http://www.nhri.no/kalender/jubileumsseminar-emks-betydning-for-norge).

**Poland**

*Specific seminar*

The XIV Warsaw Human Rights Seminar will be devoted to the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights and the discussion on the achievements and challenges of the Convention system. A post-conference publication will be issued in Polish and English. Postponed until 2021.

Warsaw Seminars are a series of meetings devoted to human rights. They have been organised for 13 years by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in co-operation with national and foreign institutions. The seminars provide a multidisciplinary forum for discussion and sharing experience concerning the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the European Court of Human Rights caselaw. The meetings are an opportunity to promote standards of human rights protection and to inspire actions aimed at improving compliance with these standards.

**Portugal**

*Specific seminar*

Considering the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights, the National Defence Institute of Portugal (IDN) is planning to organise, in 2020, a Conference on Human Rights and National Defence. In this context, with the objective of promoting reflection and debate on issues in the field of national security and defence, IDN will hold, in partnership with the Municipality of Leiria, another edition of the Decentralized Security and National Defence Days this time in Leiria. This initiative foresees holding, among other events, a Conference on “Human Rights and Defence-70 years of the European Convention on Human Rights”, chaired by the Minister of National Defence. The purpose of this Conference, in addition to celebrating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the European Convention on Human Rights, is to uphold relevant civil society initiatives related to the promotion of a culture of security and defence and is part of the intention of IDN to bring the debate on security and defence issues to a more diverse audience, namely entities and institutions representing civil society of the District of Leiria.

The Portuguese Air Force also intends to promote a Conference on the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the ECHR, November/December 2020.

*Other*

The Regional Directorate for Culture of the Algarve, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights, launched the project DIVAM – Dynamizing and Enhancing the Monuments of the Algarve, with the motto, “Human Rights, Equality and Non-Discrimination”. The deadline for applications ends on 29 February. Applications were received from 31 associations, for a total of 43 projects and 7 monuments. The projects presented are related to several artistic areas and target the general public and specific groups, such as the school audience. The project rules can be assessed at : <http://www.cultalg.pt/files/divam/Normas_DiVaM_2020.pdf>.

**Russian Federation**

*Commemorative stamps*

Federal State Unitary Enterprise Russian Post is exploring the possibilities to issue commemorative stamps

*Specific seminar*

The Conference co-organised by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of Russia and the Commission for human rights in the Russian Federation, April 2020 (to be confirmed).

**Spain**

*Other*

Publication on the ECHR and human rights-related work of the Council of Europe with various contributions, including from Judges at the ECtHR and other personalities.

**Switzerland**

*Other*

En date du 9 janvier 2020, un colloque intitulé « La CEDH : un instrument de référence quotidien pour l’Office fédéral de la justice » a été organisé à Berne à l’occasion des 70 ans de la CEDH. Ouvert à l’ensemble des collaborateurs de l’Office, ce colloque visait à encourager le partage d’expériences professionnelles liées à la Convention, qu’il s’agisse de l’application du droit, de l’activité législative ou de la rédaction d’avis de droit. La présence de la juge élue au titre de la Suisse, Mme Helen Keller, a permis aux participants d’avoir une meilleure connaissance du travail quotidien effectué par les juges de la Cour et des difficultés auxquelles ils sont confrontés.

**Turkey**

*Translation of ECHR texts*

Guides on articles, admissibility criteria, thematic information notes issued by the Court, judgments of the Court in respect of Turkey and other important judgments regarding other countries have been translated into Turkish and thus an awareness has been raised concerning the Convention, the Court and the functioning of the Court.

*Other*

Members of the supreme judiciary have carried out visits to the European Court of Human Rights.

A special diligence has been shown to the pending files under enforcement procedures before the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe at the 70th anniversary of the Convention. In that connection. the number of the files before the Committee of Ministers has been reduced to 1861 in 2012, 1255 in 2018 and 687 in 2019, which was the lowest number since 2012, with a decrease in the rate of 46%.

**3. Activities in Council of Europe Offices, Programme Offices and Liaison Offices**

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| Ankara | * Virtual open day of the Office, with particular focus on the ECHR, targeting invitees from universities, relevant public professionals, civil society representatives and project stakeholders (10 December, dates tbc, online).
* Translation into Turkish and publication of various recommendations and resolutions of the Committee of Ministers as well as of a number of guides, factsheets and handbooks.
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| Baku | * Several HELP-programme trainings in co-operation with the Azerbaijani Bar Association for lawyers admitted to the Bar (October, dates tbc).
* Several HELP-programme trainings in co-operation with Academy of Justice for judges or judges-to-be, which will draw some attention to the Convention (organised in co-operation with DGI) (dates tbc).
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| Belgrade | * Visit by ECtHR President Sicilianos in Serbia (also marking 70 years of ECHR) (1-2 March).
* Georgian Chairmanship and CoE office Belgrade activity on juvenile justice (dates tbc).
* Georgian Chairmanship and CoE office Belgrade activity on Human Rights and Environment with Ms Maya Bitadze, Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi, in co-operation with the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities of Serbia (dates tbc).
* Series of monthly lectures on Human Rights today with Chairmanships (Greece and Germany) in co-operation with the Open Society Foundation Serbia and the Kolarac Endowment (Summer 2020-Summer 2021).
* German Chairmanship priorities event on Youth and Roma (ERIAC) and human rights (Nov 2020-May 2021).
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| Chisinau | * Thematic summer school on Article 5 (training of trainers), with the National Institute of Justice (13-15 July).
* HELP course for judges and prosecutors on Alternative Measures to Detention with the National Institute of Justice was launched online on 3 April 2020; the topic of the 70th anniversary will be addressed at a concluding event (30 September, online).
* HELP course for lawyers on the Right to Liberty and Security with the Moldovan Union of Lawyers and their Training Centre was launched online on 8 April 2020; the topic of the 70th anniversary will be addressed at a concluding event (30 September, online).
* Activity with the Ombudsperson on its role on the protection of human rights is postponed until autumn, the project plans to present the survey on the perception of the institution and present the role of the Convention in the work of the Ombudsperson (1-2 December, dates tbc, online).
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| Moscow | * A joint thematic event with the Embassy of Greece in the Russian Federation dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights on the occasion of the Chairmanship of Greece in the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe is planned in autumn.
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| Sarajevo | * Event in partnership with the MFA open to media – including an exhibition of children’s drawings with the theme human rights / different articles from the Convention. Possible involvement of the segregated schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina, targeted through Horizontal Facility project (dates tbc).
* Organisation of a public lecture for law students in Bosnia and Herzegovina related to ECtHR and ECHR by Judge Vehabovic (dates tbc).
* Translation of the Council of Europe’s ongoing campaign for the 70th anniversary into the local languages and launch of the campaign on social media (facebook and twitter).
* Interview/Op-ed in local media on execution of ECtHR judgments highlighting the interrelation between EU accession process and obligation to comply with ECtHR judgments.
* Annual Conference “Human rights protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, organised by the University Dzemal Bijedic/Law Faculty, Mostar to mark Human Rights Day (December 2020).
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| Tirana | * Event to mark the 70th anniversary of the ECHR (November-December, dates tbc).
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| Venice | * “70 anni di diritti umani in Europa” (70 years of Human Rights in Europe): Conference to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights at Cà Dolfin, Venice, in co-operation with the Human Rights Centre of Ca’ Foscari University (Cestudir) and the Venice Bar Association; speakers: Guido Raimondi, former judge and former President of the European Court of Human Rights; Raffaele Sabato, Judge to the European Court of Human Rights; Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Venice; Andrea Saccucci, Lawyer (6 November, hybrid).
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| Yerevan  | * Project on Human Rights and women in the Armed Forces:
* Round table discussion on the main challenges during the re-examination and re-opening of the cases (related to the human rights violations in the armed forces) following the ECtHR judgments (10 March);
* Training for judges, military prosecutors, investigators and police representative on the specificities of investigation of cases on alleged violation of human rights in the armed forces defined by the European Convention on Human Rights (12 March).
* Presentation to the Human Rights Defender's Office of 30 copies of two books on the European Convention on Human Rights written by prominent lawyers and scientists in the area of the European human rights law (March).
* Online round table discussion for the Office of the Representative of the Republic of Armenia with the Office of the Governmental Agent of the Czech Republic for an exchange of best practice in the field of execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights inter alia in the field of human rights in the armed forces (22 May).
* Project on Support to the judicial reform – enhancing the independence and professionalism of the judiciary in Armenia:
* Round-table discussion on the reopening of civil and administrative cases by domestic courts based on the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights with the participation of CoE international consultants and Armenian judges examining civil and administrative cases (September);
* Round-table discussion on the application of Protocol No 16 of ECHR with the relevant national counterparts (September).
* Translation into Armenian of a Compilation of Venice Commission Opinions and Reports on States of Emergency (CDL-PI(2020)003).
* Drafting of a “Methodology on identifying systemic patterns of human rights violations” and “Comparative analysis on the existing inter-sectoral bodies in other Council of Europe member States responsible for addressing systemic patterns of human rights violations, inter alia in the armed forces” which were posted online and provided to Armenian counterparts.
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1. Contributions are presented in the language in which they were submitted. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)