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## Seminar on preventing and combating anti-Muslim racism and discrimination

### Challenges and solutions

7 June 2022, 9:30-13:00 (Council of  
Europe, Agora building, room G03)

### Programme

9:30-9:40 **Welcome on behalf of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers by Ambassador Breifne O'Reilly**

**Welcome by Rabbi Mendel Samama, responsible for European relations, Strasbourg**

**Introduction by Daniel Hölting, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Antisemitic, anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes (moderator)**

9:40-9:55 **Keynote presentation. Domenica Ghidei Biidu, Bureau Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance: *The ECRI General Policy Recommendation on preventing and combating anti-Muslim racism and discrimination***

9:55-10:05 **Ambassador Mehmet Paçacı, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims. *Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims – the approach of the OSCE***

10:05-10:15 **Ambassador Ismat Jahan, Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Mission to the European Union. *Fostering cross-cultural and cross-religious cooperation: Building Trust, not Walls***

10:15-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee break/**Press conference** with Domenica Ghidei Biidu, ECRI and Daniel Hölting, Special Representative

11:30-11:40 **Zara Mohammed, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain. *Representing British Muslims and promoting positive engagement***

11:40-11:50 **Aiman Mazyek, Chairman of the German Muslim Council. *Combatting anti-Muslim sentiment in Germany and working with government institutions***

11:50-12:00 **Professor Matthias Rohe, Director Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure, Expert on the legal status of Islam in Germany and Europe. *The Independent Expert Commission on anti-Muslim sentiment in Germany: Tasks and perspectives.***

12:00–12:10 **Khalifa Beltaief, Representative of l'Amitié Judéo-Musulmane de France. *Example of a grassroots initiative to counter prejudice and foster interreligious dialogue among young people***

12:10-12:55 Discussion

Closing remarks – End of seminar

*Lunch by invitation of the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe*